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IS AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER REQUIRED FOR REROOFING PROJECTS IN TENNESSEE?

The Reference Manual for Building Officials and Design Professionals, December 2015 Edition, answers the question:

"Q. Is it necessary for a registered architect or engineer to prepare documents for a roof replacement on an existing building?

A. Yes. A qualified registrant is required for roof replacements or reroofs of all buildings of 5,000 square feet or more or greater than two stories in height. When a roof is replaced, structural loads during and after installation can change, energy requirements may be affected, drainage conditions can change, etc. Notwithstanding the above, a registrant is also required for public works projects under \$50,000 if the structural, mechanical, or electrical system of the project is altered."

However, a word of caution is necessary for both the A/E and the Public. Not all Architects and Engineers are created equal. Recognition is required on "...the part of the registrant of the limit of the registrant's professional competence and the voluntary limitation of professional assignments to activities for which the registrant is qualified by education or experience. The "Rules of Professional Conduct," which carry the enforcement of law, specify the proper conduct of practice, service in areas of competence, the need for objectivity and truth in public statements, the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and improper acceptance of work, and misconduct in practice."