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LOCAL BUILDERS WARN RESIDENTS ABOUT SCAM CONTRACTORS

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As Greater New Orleans begins the recovery after the devastating effects of the Hurricane Ida, local home builders are warning residents to be aware of scammers that may pose as legitimate contractors. The Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans (HBAGNO) encourages all residents to research contractors to avoid paying for substandard home repairs.

"Unfortunately, unscrupulous contractors show up after the floods and try to take advantage of homeowners to get them to pay for below average work or worse, they may not ever show up," said John Heald, HBAGNO President. "Before you hire a contractor, do your homework."

The HBAGNO recommends that homeowners research potential contractors:

- Find out if the firm has a permanent business address and a good reputation.
- Verify contractor's license with the Louisiana State Contractor's Office at https://lslbc.louisiana.gov/contractor-search/.
- Insist on a complete and clearly written contract.
- DO ask for references and DO NOT pay cash up front.
- Visit https://www.hbagno.org for a list of reliable "local" contractors in our membership directory.

The Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans is a non-profit organization, founded in 1941, dedicated to supporting quality, affordable housing and sensible regulation. Our membership is approaching 1,000 businesses across seven Parishes including St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Orleans, Jefferson, St. John, St. James, and St. Charles. The HBAGNO is a National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) affiliated home builder association that represents the largest network of craftsmen, innovators and problem solvers dedicated to building and enriching communities. We have three subsidiary organizations including the New Orleans Home and Garden Show, New Orleans Education League (501c3), and our PAC. We represent $1 million direct economic impact and tens of millions in indirect economic impact in our service area.

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