STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 99-01

CODE: 1997 Washington State Energy Code (WSEC)

SECTION: 201 Small Business Definition

QUESTION: Section 502.1.5.1, Exception 2 allows the use of Table 10-6B

default values for vertical glazing produced by a company that qualifies as a "small business." Please clarify the definition of "small business" with respect to the total number of employees and revenue in a business versus the number of employees and revenue attributed only to window manufacture in the same business.

ANSWER: The small business definition is, "Any business entity

(including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership or other legal entity) which is owned and operated independently from all other businesses, which has the purpose of making a profit, and which has fifty or fewer employees, or which has a million dollars or less per year in gross sales, of window

products."

The qualifier "of window products" at the end of the definition restricts small businesses to the manufacture of windows. Thus, to qualify as a small business, the window manufacturer need only meet one of the two following criteria: 1) fifty or fewer employees involved in the manufacture and sale of window products, or 2) one million dollars or less per year in

gross sales of window products.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Medina