



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
**OFFICE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
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The Board of Electrical Examiners of the City of Binghamton have the following concerns regarding the application of Jamba Electric for a New York State approved Apprenticeship Program due to discrepancies on the application and compliance issues on the jobsite.

1. Jamba Electric has been in business for over 15 years with no employees other than the owner. The Board is concerned about the likelihood that Jamba Electric can provide a meaningful prospect of future employment for employees currently working as "apprentices". Concern is based on anecdotal knowledge about the number of people employed by the firm previously. Payroll history may clarify this issue.
2. Jamba Electric needed apprentices for a job in the City of Binghamton who per City Code need to be in a New York State approved Apprenticeship Program. It seems unlikely that the owner of Jamba Electric was unaware of this regulation when he started the job in November of 2013. Formal application for an apprenticeship program, motivated by Code enforcement, did not occur until April of 2014.
3. The pay rates listed on the application do not match the rates, as reported in a certified payroll, currently being paid to apprentices working at the permitted job site [REDACTED]. According to reported payroll data, the apprentices are being paid less than the amount listed on the application.

For these reasons the Board of Electrical Examiners of the City of Binghamton feel this application for an Apprenticeship Program in the State of New York for Jamba Electric should be denied.

Sincerely,
Board of Electrical Examiners of the City of Binghamton

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