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Mr. Donald McPherson
City of Portland
Planning & Urban Development
Inspections Division
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

Re: University of Southern Maine
25 Bedford Street Renovation
Portland, ME
Project No. 11711
Ceiling Roof Assembly

Dear Donald:

This letter, regarding the above project, is in response to an inquiry regarding the ceiling-roof assembly proposed as a part of the renovations to 25 Bedford Street. As noted on drawing AS0.1 "Life Safety Plan" we have reviewed the building as a type 5 unprotected (type 5 000-NFPA, type VB-IBC) construction due to the existence of wood framing in the building including the roof structure. Accordingly, from International Building Code (2009 edition) Table 601, the required fire resistant rating of the roof construction is 0 hours.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or need further assistance.

Sincerely,
Harriman



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