

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Islamic Center of New Roof Replacement Project**

1. Why do it and why now?

The building inspector has warned us that the roof was in very bad shape when we bought the building in 2001. Almost nine years have passed. By the Grace of Allah SWT the roof has held so far but it has deteriorated to the point where it is just a matter of time. If it leaks we risk severe damage to the structure and the interior furnishing. In that case the cost run up will be in excess of \$200,000 and we may lose occupancy of the building. That would be disastrous to the community.

2. Why replace and not repair?

The existing roof is so old that spot repairing it will be throwing good money after bad. The old scaffolding will not support additional weight. Also, with a replacement roof we will put insulation that will provide energy savings. Our annual oil bill alone runs \$8,000. With insulation we can reduce this by almost 15-20%. Hence, we can recover the cost of the roof replacement within 30 years.

3. What will the project cost and how long will it take?

We have gotten several cost estimates since 2007. Based on these our best estimate is that the total project will cost about \$50,000. From start to finish we expect it to take 6-8 weeks. We plan to start right after Ramadan and complete the project by the end of November insha'Allah.

4. How are we funding the project?

The masjid belongs to the community. So, we have to fund it out of pocket. We want to raise the majority of the money over the month of Ramadan from sadaqah or donations from the community. If we cannot raise the entire amount then we will have to use the ICNL contingency funds. It is our full intention to start and complete the project this year as it is a critical need.

5. Who is in charge?

Br. Husein Pothiawala has assembled a very competent project management team that includes Br. Ammar Faraj, Br. Dauda Ladipo and Br Rab Nawaz. Br. Faraj is a construction professional and a licensed contractor. He will supervise the project ensuring the compliance of the contractual agreement parameters and will report to the project committee. Husein Pothiawala will be responsible for the overall project management, cost containment and report to the ICNL board.

**THE ICNL FUND-RAISER WILL BE HELD AFTER IFTAR ON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY TO
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