

## OPIC Participates in Event to Help Consumers Spot Insurance Fraud

AUSTIN, TX - OPIC's Executive Director, Deeia Beck, joined with professionals from AAA Texas and members of the Roofing Contractors Association of Texas to offer tips on avoiding roof repair scams. The group offered several tips for consumers repairing damage after a hail storm including:

- Call your insurance company immediately after a loss to determine if the damage is covered by your policy.
- Ask contractors for references, estimates, and warranties to be placed in writing before agreeing to any major repairs.
- Beware of contractors that only accept cash payments or require that you pay for the entire project up front.

In her remarks Mrs. Beck said, "While there are many reputable roofing contractors throughout the Lone Star State, some individuals will try to take advantage of homeowners, particularly after severe storm damage. The tips offered here today will empower homeowners to choose reputable roof contractors and avoid unscrupulous ones."

