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Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors
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Dear Alaska Registrant;

The AELS Board has completed our review of submittals for those registrants who were randomly selected for review of their 2008-2010 Continuing Education (CE) activities.

We anticipated our “maiden” biennial review would be a learning process for our registrants as well as the board. And, so it has been.

Consequently, the board was quite lenient with our first-ever CE review for architects, engineers and landscape architects and the second for land surveyors. As an example, we permitted registrants to submit evidence of CE from the earlier 2006 -2008 biennial time frame provided the registrant could confirm attendance, course content and other criteria as noted in 12 AAC 36.510 (g) and 12 AAC 36.540.

We also think it is an opportune time to provide a critique of our findings as a “lessons learned” and a stern precaution that future evaluations will be “by-the-book”.

Several of the more frequently noted deficiencies were:

- Insufficient verification of attendance.
- Clarity of the course claimed and its value to the registrant as continuing education,
- The correct value of earned PDH’s (professional development hours).

The board was less tolerant with those who chose to submit less than sufficient CE credits for evaluation or failed altogether to respond to the audit requirements. Unfortunately, there are several cases where the Board will recommend that the Division suspend the license until they are in compliance with the CE requirements. They can also expect to be automatically audited during the 2010-2012 registration renewal period. This, in itself, is a one-time consideration.

In the future, registrants failing to comply with CE submittal criteria can expect their license to be lapsed. Those seeking reinstatement must obtain 24 PDHs during the 24 months immediately preceding the application for registration reinstatement.

The good news is that the vast majority of those registrants audited were well within the spirit of our Continuing Education program. To those registrants, the board extends our hearty congratulations.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Vern Jones, Executive Administrator, AELS, (907)465-1676.

Sincerely

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