

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-2296
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IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 2026-27

Cypress Engineering and
Development Group, LLC

RESPONDENT

Received

AUG 13 2026

By LAPELS

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Cypress Engineering and Development Group, LLC [hereinafter “Respondent”] hereby agree to the following:

Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF-5526; on May 6, 2014, however, the firm’s license was in an expired status from January 29, 2025 through July 1, 2025.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of information and/or documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed violations of the Board’s laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that on or about July 1, 2025 Respondent submitted to the Board an application for reinstatement of professional engineering firm licensure, in which Respondent admitted that it had engaged in the practice of engineering in Louisiana with an expired professional engineering firm license. The investigation also disclosed that between January 29, 2025 and July 1, 2025 Respondent admittedly offered to provide engineering services on approximately eight (8) projects in Louisiana, while its Louisiana professional engineering firm license was expired.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) prohibit licensees from practicing and/or offering to practice engineering with an expired license. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9), and (16), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire

membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) and La. R.S. 37:698(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** on May 6, 2014 Respondent was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, however, the license was in an expired status from January 29, 2025 through July 1, 2025; and **(b)** between January 29, 2025 and July 1, 2025, Respondent admittedly practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired firm license.

By letter dated July 2, 2026 the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16), relative to practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired firm license.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of Four Thousand and No/100 (\$4,000.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of Two Hundred Twenty-Four and 03/100 (\$224.03) Dollars and, **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), all identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16). Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of his right to an informal conference, to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf, he hereby waives these rights and his right to appeal, and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law. Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in

the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his rights to an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that (a) he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of Four Thousand and No/100 (\$4,000.00) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of Two Hundred Twenty-Four and 03/100 (\$224.03) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), all identifying Respondent by name; and
6. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 9/14/2026

BY: Donna D. Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

CYPRESS ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT
GROUP, LLC, Respondent

DATE: 7-31-2026

BY: David Minton
DAVID MINTON, Owner

Witnesses to the signature of
Cypress Engineering and Development Group, LLC

Ava Lankford
Print Name: Ava Lankford

Lauren Williams
Print Name: _____