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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Ali M. Mustapha, PE, F.NSPE, F.ASCE

It is very important for all of us as professional engineers and land surveyors to be familiar with the LAPELS Board Laws and Rules and informed about changes to these Laws and Rules. The updated versions of both documents are posted on the LAPELS website (www.lapels.com). Also, all changes are posted on the website and are published on the State register for review and comments by the registrants of the Board. A summary of all future revisions will be printed in the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal* which is the official Board's quarterly newsletter. I would like to encourage our registrants to visit the website for the latest information and updates or to contact the Board's Executive Director, Ms. Donna Sentell, Board's Office staff, and the Board Members. All of us are committed to serving and helping you safeguard life, health, and property and promote the public welfare.

At the May 2011 meeting, the Board voted to reduce the biennial renewal fees for all registrants of the Board (individuals and firms) by thirty (\$30.00) dollars for a two-year period. The new renewal fee will be effective for the upcoming renewal cycle that ends September 30, 2011. This was a historical decision that was debated by the Board members for over a year and required a detailed analysis of the Board's revenues and expenses for the past ten years. Your Board has been fiscally responsible, and this has resulted in a surplus budget to allow us to consider reducing the renewal fees for all registrants. Special thanks to my colleague Roger Danzy, PE, Vice Chairman of the Board for performing the complex analysis of the Board finances that justified the reduction in the renewal fees.

Another fee structure for the PE's and P.L.S.'s who qualify for the retired status was approved by the Board in May of 2010. The new fee structure allows an individual who elects the retired status to request waiver of payment of the renewal fees if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Licensee has been licensed by the Board for at least thirty five (35) consecutive years
- Licensee is seventy (70) years of age
- Licensee has not been disciplined by any jurisdiction
- Licensee has not committed any violations of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(3), (4), or (5)
- Licensee is of good character and reputation

I would like to encourage all the individuals who elect the retired status on their renewal to request the waiver of the renewal fees. Please refer to Rule 2103 of the Board's Rules for more information on the retired status.

I am sure all of you know that the Board has a contract agreement with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) to develop and administer the Professional Exams for the Professional Engineers and the Professional Land Surveyors and the Fundamental Exams for the E.I.'s and L.S.I.'s. These exams are eight-hours written multiple choice exams that are offered twice a year except for the new sixteen-hour Structural Exam. Two years ago, the licensing Boards that are members of NCEES, including

LAPELS, voted to begin a transition to administering the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams to computer-based testing (CBT) format. It is anticipated that the first CBT exams will be administered in mid-2013. Pearson VUE, a global leader in CBT, was selected by NCEES for the delivery of these exams. The CBT exams will be offered at the Pearson VUE professional testing centers in the State and not at the local universities' campuses. More than 50,000 examinees take these two exams a year. There is no question the change to CBT is long overdue, and it will improve the delivery and security of these exams. However, a major disadvantage of the conversion to CBT is the increase in the exam fees from \$125.00 to \$250.00 for the FE exam takers and from \$170.00 to \$250.00 for the FS exam takers. The LAPELS Board is very concerned that the doubling of the exam fees might have a detrimental impact on college students' desire to take the exam. Also, this may ultimately result in a reduction in the number of individuals pursuing licensure, which could increase the number of unlicensed engineers working in the industrial, government, and education fields. LAPELS sent a letter to the NCEES Board in support of the transition to Computer Based Testing with a request to consider ways to minimize the increase in the cost for administering these exams.

Congratulations are in order for my friend and colleague John W. "Billy" Moore, PE, on his election to the **Fellow NSPE** membership grade. Mr. Moore is a Past President of the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) and a Past President of the Louisiana Section of ASCE. He is the Owner and President of Moore Engineering Enterprises and is a Senior Project Manager with Cardno TBE. Billy was appointed to serve a six-year term on the LAPELS Board that began on April 1, 2011. Thanks for your contributions and service to the engineering profession, LAPELS Board, LES, ASCE and your distinguished civic services to the community and mankind. Congratulations again for your election to the elite fellow member status.



Ali M. Mustapha, PE,
F.NSPE, F.ASCE
Chairman



LAPELS Board and Staff Members attend the LES Tri State Meeting.
(l-r) Roger Danzy, PE, Ali Mustapha, PE and Joe Harman, PE

DISCIPLINARY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Justin Owens, Compliance Investigator



Justin Owens
Compliance Investigator

The Board continues to investigate alleged violations of the laws and rules which regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in Louisiana. Substantiated violations result in disciplinary or enforcement action being taken either through a Consent Order or by Board Decision following a formal hearing at which the respondent is adjudged guilty of one or more violations. Below is a summary of the disciplinary/enforcement actions taken by the Board since the previous issue of the Journal.

MULTIPLE LAWS AND/OR RULES:

Jeffrey M. Moody, P.L.S., a licensed land surveyor (PLS-4666), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana with an expired license in violation of La.

R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16); and (b) aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12). Mr.

Moody's license was in an expired status from April 1, 2010 through October 7, 2010 and during that time he practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying in Louisiana. Mr. Moody aided or assisted Moody Surveying, L.L.C. in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. Mr. Moody has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein he acknowledged violations of the above laws and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$287.80; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$180; to successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; to be issued a letter of reprimand from the Board; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

PRACTICE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE:

Moody Surveying, L.L.C., a licensed land surveying firm (VF-552), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana with an expired license in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) and (b) practicing and/or offering to practice land surveying in Louisiana without a supervising professional whose license is in an active status in violation of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2305. The firm's license was in an expired status from April 1, 2010 through October 29, 2010, the firm's supervising professional's license was in an expired status from April 1, 2010 through October 7, 2010, and during that time the firm practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying in Louisiana. The firm has entered into a Consent Order with the Board, wherein it acknowledged violations of the above laws and rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$500; to pay administrative costs of \$287.80; to pay past unpaid renewal fees of \$180; to have its supervising professional successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz; and to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website, the printing of a summary of this matter by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter by name to NCEES.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LAPELS Board Meeting Dates

2011

July 25 – 26, 2011
September 19 – 20, 2011 at UNO
November 21 – 22, 2011

2012

January 18 – 19, 2012 (Lafayette)
March 19 – 20, 2012
May 21 – 22, 2012
July 16 – 17, 2012
September 17 – 18, 2012 (location TBA)
November 19 – 20, 2012
(*subject to change*)

EXAMINATION DATES

October 28 – 29, 2011
April 13 – 14, 2012
October 26 – 27, 2012

Please visit <http://www.lapels.com/Exschedule.html>
for exam schedules and <http://www.lapels.com/Exreexresched.html> for exam requirements and <http://www.lapels.com/Exdeadlines.html> for exam deadlines.

RENEWAL UPDATE

Victoria Hatton, Director of Enforcement



Victoria Hatton
Director of Enforcement

It's renewal time again. If your license is due to expire on September 30, 2011, you've most likely received your renewal notification letter by now.

Since we began on line renewals in 2006, almost 70% of our licensees take advantage of our easy and efficient online renewal capabilities.

However, there are exceptions to renewing on line. For example, you will be unable to renew on line, if:

- you are being audited for compliance with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements,
- you are changing your status, or
- you are renewing your firm's license.

Those of you being audited must submit a completed CPD Log (available at www.lapels.com) with the required documentation along with the completed invoice and renewal fee.

If you want to change your status, you must print the renewal invoice available online, indicate your status preference, attach any applicable supporting documentation and mail it to the office with a check payable to LAPELS for the renewal fee.

Firms must also access the renewal invoice online, have the firms' supervising professional(s) sign the form, then mail it to the office with the requisite renewal fee.

If you do renew on line, you'll be prompted through a series of questions before you are allowed to complete the renewal process. This is to ensure you complete all of the required questions before completing the renewal.

For those who wish to print your renewal and submit it by mail, please remember all questions must be answered and you must submit your payment with your invoice. If we receive an invoice with unanswered questions, the invoice and renewal will be returned to you.

We process an average of 5,000 renewal invoices per biennial cycle. The ease of utilizing the online system is the most efficient method of renewing and we encourage all of you to take advantage of this option. The online renewal system will also assess the late fees of 50% beginning on October 1.

Chairman Mustapha mentions in his article the \$30 waiver the Board is implementing with the September 2011 renewals. The chart below indicates the savings to our licensees.

Licensees & Certificate Holders	Original Renewal Fee	Amount of Renewal Fee Waived	Fees Today	
			If received on or before September 30, 2011	If received after October 1, 2011 (50% late fee applies)
PE - Active	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
PLS - Active	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
PE - Inactive	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
PLS - Inactive	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
PE - Retired*	\$60	\$30	\$30	\$45
PLS - Retired*	\$60	\$30	\$30	\$45
PE - Expired	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
PLS - Expired	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
EF - Engineering Firm	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
VF - Land Surveying Firm	\$120	\$30	\$90	\$135
EI - Intern	\$60	\$30	\$30	No late fee
LSI - Intern	\$60	\$30	\$30	No late fee

*Retired professionals – for those that qualify for the special retired status, all renewal fees are waived:

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- Licensee is seventy (70) years of age
- Licensee has not been disciplined by any jurisdiction
- Licensee has not committed any violations of La. R.S. 37:698(A)(3), (4), or (5)
- Licensee is of good character and reputation

NEW REGISTRANTS

Licensed/Certified for the Period of 4/16/11 to 7/12/11

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Abdelmessih, Hany Iskandar
Alford, James Vernon
Ally, Ashley Ann
Alter, Jacob Castagna
Anderson, Webb McDermott
Arends, Scott Michael
Ariatti, Robert Joseph
Barnes, David Kenyatta
Barrios, Johan Catherine
Behzadi, Bijan
Bello, Ayobamidele Ganiyy
Benfield, Jacob L.
Bennett, Steven Kenneth
Bergeron, Michael Alton
Bernard, Lewis Jacob-Lyn
Bey, Kamel M.
Bickford, Megan Lynn
Bingol, Yilmaz
Blackwell, Matthew Ryan
Blalock, Mark R.
Boan, Bruce Vinson
Bohne, William Louis
Bomar, Michael Brent
Borcherding, David Thomas
Bordelon, Danielle Shea
Brahm, Joseph John
Brandao, Edgardo Pindaro
Brannon, Anthony Price
Breidenthal, Matthew Lauren
Brewer, Richard Byron
Bridges, Cierra Davida
Bridwell, Jeremy Jensen
Brignac, Robert "Bobby" Ray
Briones, Rolando H.
Brown, Bryan Paul
Bruno, Daniel Jacob
Burns, Mitchell Dexter
Caldwell, Kenneth Richard
Capps, Brian Edward
Castelli, Donna Marie
Chang, Jui-Chen
Chen, Xingwei
Chepkoi, Kipkoeh Kipkoros
Chorkey, Martin Alan
Christopher, Bradley P.
Coleman, Christopher D.
Colwart, Eric Michael
Comerio, Anthony Kirk
Constantini, Paul Louis
Cooper, Alben Paul
Corey, Daniel Garland
Courter, Brent L.
Courville, Justin Robert
Cox, Jerry Lee
Cranford, Michael Shane
Crookshank, Joshua Adam
Culver, Adam Matthew
Curtis, Stanley Ray
Davis, Elizabeth Alice
Davis, Jefferson Allen
Davis, Ray W.
DeArmas, Seth Jerrad
Deaver, James Edward
Debaillon, Rene Michael
Degedy, Ashraf Safwit
Dhaka, Anupam
Diggins, David Andrew
Dixon, Larry Dean
Doan, Bachvan Thi
Domingue, Derek Lynn
Doyle, Ross Gerard
Droubie, Mark Robert
Dunn, John Mikel
East, Bradley Lamar
Ebersole, Daryl Lynn
Esche, Steven Todd
Esteven, Roy Gary
Ferguson, Duane Robert

Flum, David Lloyd
Fontenot, Justin Gabriel
Fortner, Norman Ballard
Foster, Ryan Michael
Frelot, Terry Lynn
Fuentes, Alejandro
Gaudet, Sidney Anthony
Gayneaux, Joseph Wade
Giroir, Craig Joseph
Gohres, William Robert
Gonzalez-Posada, Joseph Luis
Gooding, Cinnamon
Grifka, Jesse Duane
Grzych, Jason Michael
Guidry, John Paul
Halsted, Stephen Charles
Hammond, Audrey Elizabeth
Hannoun, Imad Awni
Hardert, Mitchell Thomas
Hays, Deyona Elaine
Hebert, Josh Evan
Hebert, Kirby Joseph
Hebert, Mary Elizabeth McKenzie
Hebron, Brandon Scott
Hemeter, Jesse F.
Henderson, Cynthia Joan
Henneke, Gene Allen
Henson, Jessica Lynn
Higgins, Michael David
Hirschmugl, Genevieve Elizabeth
Humphries, William Derek
Hurdle, Robert L.
Isenhower, William Martin
Jacobs, Michael Chadwyck
Jaramillo, Alexander Matthew
Jernigan, Nathan Grant
Jimenez, Jose Antonio
Johnson, Warren David
Jones, Richard Terrance
Jones, William Joseph
Jozity, Daniel Robert
Judy, Robinson Hunter
Kane, Michael W.
Kapisis, Tommy James
Kelsey, Douglas D.
Kelts, Troy Daniel
Kerne, Ross Jacob
Kirk, Steven J.
Kolli, Naresh
Konecni, Scott Michael
Kuehl, Bradley John
Kurz, George Adam
Lal, Manmohan Sohan
Lane, Zachary Paul
Langer, James Alvin
LeBlanc, Joshua Paul
Lenoir, Jeremy Stephen
Leonard, Michael Scott
Lewis, David D.
Long, Lee Doyle
Losee, Richard Shedd
Lovuola, Victor Joseph
Mackey, Ronald Lester
Mader, Mark Andrew
Maderazo, Benjamin Matthew
Maenza, Jason David
Magee, James Joseph
Mahaffey, Riley Jay
Manor, Steven L.
Marks, Albert E.
Marmande, Mitchell John
Matthews, Bruce James
Matzan, Eric M.
Mayeux, Keith Andre
McCaskie, Stephen L.
McCormick, Patrick Roy
McDonald, Edward Joseph
McGuire, Stephen John
McReynolds, John E.

Miller, William Luke
Moore, Joshua Joseph
Moquia, Antonio B.
Morrison, Donald Vinson
Moss, Sarah Elizabeth
Murphree-Roberts, Michael Scott
Neal, Mark Jason
Nelson, Stephen Swanson
Nichols, Howard Francis
Norton, Occie Aaron
Oakes, Frank O'Neil
Oexeman, John Albert
Offerle, Thomas P.
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Olivier, Albert Phillip
Olson, Michael Lee
O'Quin, Casey Eugene
Ososkie, John Joseph
Overall, Devon Trenton
Overheul, Rachel Immich
Pacheco, Alexander J.
Page, Robert Errol
Pant, Rohit Raj
Parker, Matthew Keith
Patel, Mittul M.
Poole, Gregory Benton
Purvis, Brad H.
Ramage, Brooke Elliott
Rawls, John Remington
Reneau, Christopher Lynn
Richards, Joel March
Richardson, Stephen David
Robertson, Nicholas Juann
Robinson, Paula Myers
Rodriguez, Lester
Rosenberger, Leland Wayne
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Schaller, Brian C.
Schroeder, Danielle Vanessa
Schwartz, Zina Islam
Sherrill, Broutin Marcus
Shewalla, Mahendra
Skaggs, Robert Wayne
Skidmore, Kenneth Ray
Slagle, Charles Brian
Smith, Mark Francis
Smith, Sean Michael
Smith, Wesley Paul
Srinivasan, Arun Kumar
St. Pierre, Jessica Calix
Stark, Timothy Dwight
Starkovich, Ken Andrew
Steele, Paul Everett
Stetka, Deborah Marie
Stevenson, Dennis Charles
Stewart, William Jordan
Stewart, William Shawn
Stiver, John Maury
Suknik, Arthur Lewis
Tapley, Jeffrey Bancroft
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Tassin, Scott Patrick
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Thomas, Joseph Curtis
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Toups, Adam Michael
Trahan, Annie Kaye
Traub, Kurt Michael
Travassos, Aaron Joseph
Trove, Erick Edward
Unger, Steven Eugene
Vanicor, Clifton Joseph
Wagner, Candida Carrillo
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Wall, Charles Alan
Weaver, Earl Wilson

Weber, Douglas H.
Weres, John Steven
Wheeler, Christina Rae
White, Thomas Charles
Whittam, Gary Edward
Widboom, Anthony Alexander
Wilkes, Lucian Waller
Wilkie, Jennifer A.
Winkler, Brian Dale
Wood, Michael Robert
Woodard, Travis Paul
Woods, Renate' Lynn
Yung, Adelino
Zandi Atashbar, Hossein
Zeng, Lixiao

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Acuff, Kristi LeAnn
Adams, George Guy
Aleti, Ashok Reddy
Allen, Brian Christopher
Ammon, Brandon Scott
Anderson, Jeffery Ray
Andreoli, Meaghan Elizabeth
Armondin, Matthew Charles
Arnone, Joshua Joseph
Bajaj, Shoib
Ballew, Dustin Michael
Bandza, Simonas
Barlow, Lucas Wade
Bazur-Persing, Kyle Eugene
Beane, Samuel Sidney
Beard, Nicholas Alan
Bedgood, Joshua Donovan
Blanchard, Mark Joseph
Blessing, Adam Michael
Blubaugh, Paul Michael
Board, Jennifer Anne
Bonnette, Jennifer M.
Bordelon, Jared Mark
Boudreaux, Reese Michael
Bounds, Justin Michael
Bourgeois, Benjamin Germain
Bousaleh, Mohammed Saleh
Bowman, Kimberly Sue
Bray, David Joseph
Briede, Allison Anderson
Brown, Kresten Thomas
Browning, Ben Tyler
Burford, Todd Andrew
Burns, Cecilia Xuan
Cancienne, Jacques Albert
Chebole, Veeravenkata S. Murthy
Checkan, Geoffrey Thomas
Childress, Stephanie Ann
Christensen, Laura Anne Anderson
Chukwu, Chukwudi Samuel
Clark, Benjamin Michael
Clarke, Mallory Elizabeth
Collins, John Steven
Comeaux, Mallory Marie
Cook, Avery Lavern
Couvillion, Kalan Paul
Crader, Cory Scott
Das, Ritabrata
David, Layne Joseph
David, Salem Kalil
Davis, Brendon Michael
Davis, Troy Francis
Dees, Joseph Hunter
Deville, Jonas Trent
Dillenkoffer, Bryan Michael
Dixon, James M.
Donovan, Kevin Patrick
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Egan, Mary Elizabeth
Ekstrom, Richard Paatrick Georg
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Ewing, David Clinton
Fairchild, Joshua Brett
Faltermann, Kathryn A.
Farr, Alexander Derek
Fauchaux, Richard Paul
Felder, Ryan James
Fenet, Chance Wade
Ferdous, Md Rubiat
Fike, John Rivers
Foreman, Christopher Michael
Frischhertz, Jonathan Stephen
Fry, Mark B.
Fuller, Camp Carter
Fussell, Jonathan Darrell
Garcia, Ricardo Jose
Gardner, Robert M.
Gary, Louis Phillip
Gaspard, Joshua Jude
Gates, Joseph Owen
Gidlow, Joshua Jake
Giglio, Christopher Michael
Gilbert, John Nicholas
Gilbert, Nicholas Alexander
Gilliam, Stefanie Renee
Girouard, Natalie Marie
Glynn, Anna Lisa
Grant, Douglas McKinley
Guillory, Jacob John
Guinn, Jenae Marie
Habib, Syed Faisal
Hamblin, Vincent R.
Hampton, Tyneka Dion
Harris, Eugene A.
Harrison, John Mitchell
Hasuly, Anne Elizabeth
Helou, Robert W.
Hensgens, David B.
Herman, Matthew Walter
Hextall, Ruth Sarah
Hildebrand, Patrick Thomas
Hoang, Chau Minh
Hook, Brittany Marie
Hosli, Colin A.
Hughes, Brennon Gilbert
Hurst, Steven M.
Hutchinson, Joshua Troy
Jeffery, Jeremy Allen
Jerolleman, Donald Francis
Johnson, Kristin Marie
Johnson, Leonard
Johnston, Heather
Jones, Adam Hall
Jones, Russell William
Juarez, Marco Jose
Juneau, Andrew Joseph
Keigley, Hayden Kyle
Keller, Gerald James
King, Lindsey Marie
Kingsdorf, Benjamin Robert
Koffsky, Christina Marie
Kong, Weishi
Kowalski, Ross Martin
Krad, Belal
Kudla, James Ian
Kurt Harmon, Jasmin Franziska
Labro, Kristopher L.
LaCoste, Cameron Geoffrey
Lagarde, Lee Anthony
Lail, Dustin Arnold
Lanclos, Divina Jane
Landry, Jace Philip
Laperouse, Peter Edmond
Larkins, Chad Anthony
Laster, Jeremy Dejuanete
Leary, John Hartson
LeBas, Andrew Michael
Leblanc, Jennifer Katherine

Leblow, Corey Andrew
Lessing, Karl Alan
Lester, Ryan S.
Lipoma, Patrick Anthony
Livingston, Jacob Brad
Loe, Ellen M.
Lognion, Alison Claire
Loup, Jared Scott
Luna Loya, Maria Cristina
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Martin, Jackson Ross
Martinez, Stevie Layne
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Mathews, David Brian
Mathews, Edwin Roy
May, Brian Anthony
McCain, Matthew Lee
McCoy, Brooke Renae
McDonald, Rosstin Jeff
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PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE

David E. Kunz, PE

The Louisiana Engineering Society has a 113 year history of providing leadership to the profession of engineering and to the individual professional engineer. Many engineers have served as president of our Society over those years, most of whom I do not know or will ever know. Since my introduction to the LES about 13 years ago I have become acquainted with many of the immediate past leaders and have seen a similarity in the unselfish act of devoting their valuable time and resources to furthering the advancement of the engineering profession. In June 2010 our Society was most fortunate to begin the 2010-2011 year under the leadership of Susan Richard, PE. Most of you probably already know that Susan was the first woman president of our Society; however, unless you've had the fortunate opportunity to serve on the Board of Direction with her you may not know how truly fortunate the LES has been as a result of her service. Always fair, decisive, positive, supporting, caring, honest, etc., Susan's tenure as LES President has benefitted our Society in ways only she could achieve. I mentioned recently at our Annual Meeting in Sandestin that Susan brought about an atmosphere unlike any I have been associated with during my membership with LES...an atmosphere that I enjoyed and will greatly miss. On behalf of the LES, I want to thank Susan for her commitment to our Society and her devotion to the advancement of the LES and the engineering profession. All engineers in the State of Louisiana owe her our sincere appreciation for a job well done! I look forward to her continued guidance as we begin another year of service.

For me personally it is a great privilege to be given the opportunity to represent the interests of not only the membership of the Louisiana Engineering Society, but all Louisiana licensed professional engineers and engineer interns who currently reside and/or practice in this state. I have been somewhat vocal to the Chapter and State LES leadership during the previous years as a member of the LES but now I have been given the opportunity to listen to the thousands of voices and help continue to steer the LES and the engineering profession in the direction its many members desire. In my experiences the LES has always been tireless in representing the interests of the engineering profession and I hope I can continue to contribute to the efforts of the many professional engineers who have held this position over the last 113 years.

I cannot continue without thanking the numerous volunteers and supporters of LES who have worked hard over the years to make the LES the strong organization that it is today. Our Board of Direction is comprised of professional engineers who are dedicated to our Vision Statement and Mission Statement, and I feel truly fortunate to have such a diverse group of engineers available to help steer the LES, and me, forward. As is the case with many of them, my employer has not only supported my desire to be involved with the LES but has gone a step further and encouraged my involvement with both professional and technical societies alike. I realize that this may not be the case with many engineering firms or employers; therefore, I feel truly fortunate to be a part of a business organization that

values the engineering profession as much as they do.

There are several issues currently at the forefront of the LES and our profession that need to be addressed. Legislative issues, licensure issues, membership issues, and a vast array of other topics that will not only shape the direction of the engineering profession, but could have an impact on the professional engineer themselves. You may be called upon at some time to express your opinions, to serve on a committee, or to attend a meeting or hearing on our behalf. In order to better serve the desires of our membership we need your input and continued commitment on such matters and hope you will respond favorably to those requests. At the same time, the Board of Direction is dedicated to serving you and needs to hear from you concerning the issues that are important to you. We understand the responsibilities that everyone has outside the workplace and their profession...home, family, relationships, etc...and we each value such responsibilities in a different light. Ultimately, we all need to enjoy what we're doing and work towards securing our future in a manner which makes our lives and careers more enjoyable. The LES hopes to address the matters that will secure such futures and is here to serve you, every member, every day.

The Annual Engineering Conference and our Annual Meeting was recently held in June in Destin, Florida. We were pleased to experience a turnout which greatly exceeded last year's and hope that the conference was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. We appreciate everyone who attended and thank the efforts and hard work of LES Executive Director Brenda Gajan and her staff for making this a successful conference. The conference was enjoyed by more than 150 attendees from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to whom we are sincerely grateful for their attendance. We would also like to thank many exhibitors and sponsors who supported the conference by devoting their time and finances to the event. Those who attended had the chance to obtain up to 12 hours continuing education and enjoy the amenities that the facility had to offer as well as network with their colleagues.

One of the continually persistent threats to our society and the engineering profession is the membership numbers of the LES. The Board of Direction is constantly addressing this issue and this year is no exception. In looking back at the comments made by Susan Richard, PE, last year in her Presidential Privilege it reminds me that this is probably the most important issue to secure the future of our Society. The strength of our Society is proportional to our membership numbers, the larger the membership the greater a voice we have with all matters concerning our profession. If you are currently a member of LES then you have taken the first step in ensuring that your voice be heard on matters that are important to you. Are you



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a member? Do you know if you're a member? If you assume that because you are reading this article or that because you received this magazine in the mail that you are a member you might be surprised. The Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal is mailed out quarterly to over 15,000 engineers, surveyors and firms that are registered in the Louisiana. Our membership has been holding relatively constant over the past several years at around 1,600 members. Your support of the engineering profession through your membership in LES remains invaluable to our profession.

When I graduated with a degree in engineering I did not know what the LES was or what it could do for me. It wasn't until I realized that my peers and colleagues were members of LES did

I begin researching the LES and begin to understand the benefits associated with membership. Just as I pursued licensure as a Professional Engineer because I thought it was the right thing to do after obtaining my degree, I also joined the LES because I thought it was the right thing to do. If you want to make a difference, get involved. If you want to have your voice heard on matters of the engineering profession that are important to you, get involved. Don't assume that your interests are being addressed and don't ride on the coat-tails of others hoping your concerns will be addressed. Join the LES today if you're not already a member by contacting the LES Office (225-924-2021), email (les@les-state.org), visiting the LES website (www.les-state.org), or by contacting any of the members of the Board of Direction.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Shreveport

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MEMBERSHIP: NOT JUST A NUMBERS GAME

Joey Krefft, PE

It's my privilege to continue to serve as our state's Membership Committee chairman. As such, I'd like to undertake some creative methods of not only recruiting new members to the local chapters but also retaining current ones by providing incentives and reasons how membership benefits them. With the help of the other nine committee members, we shall devise strategies to boost our rolls, which will help financially by increasing paid dues and, hopefully, the public's awareness of us by having more folks involved in their local communities by participating in chapter activities. We'll continue the free six-month membership offer to entice prospects, but new ideas are always welcomed and encouraged from any society member because one of this committee's goals is to ensure your LES membership is a worthwhile personal and professional investment.

During the 2011/2012 year, the society will administer a new survey to dropped members to study why they dropped and to determine how we can better retain current members and successfully re-recruit former ones. As an incentive to complete the survey, all participants will be eligible to win the free 2013 JESC registration that is to be awarded the second half of 2012. We anticipate these surveys being very helpful in developing new benefits of membership.

Following is the state membership breakdown as of June 30 (parenthetical values are for July 2010 and 2009, respectively):

Alexandria – 104 (110, 106); **Baton Rouge** – 407 (402, 417); **Bayou** – 90 (91, 90); **Lafayette** – 226 (217, 249); **Lake Charles** – 77 (68, 91); **Monroe** – 86 (88, 89); **New Orleans** –

398 (400, 416); **Shreveport** – 133 (135, 133); **Non-Resident** – 90 (94, 111); **Total** – 1,611 (1,605, 1,702).

As can be seen, no chapter has quantitatively grown, and only Monroe and Shreveport have not lost over the last two years. Statewide, our society is down more than five percent from 2009, so rather than seeing stagnation or slight decreases, I'd like to see steady increases by about three to five percent annually, so equipped with some creative retaining and recruiting ideas and help from the local chapters, I don't see why we can't achieve this goal.

Numbers solely don't tell the story, though, so not only do we need to boost membership but we also need to promote and increase membership involvement. Activating more than the usual suspects for local and state participation will strengthen our society and enhance its image and visibility in different ways than just amassing sheer numbers, so committee members and chapter presidents, let's work together to increase meeting attendance and event volunteering, whether it be planning, fund raising, or event-day working. I welcome the opportunity to add to the benefits of LES membership.

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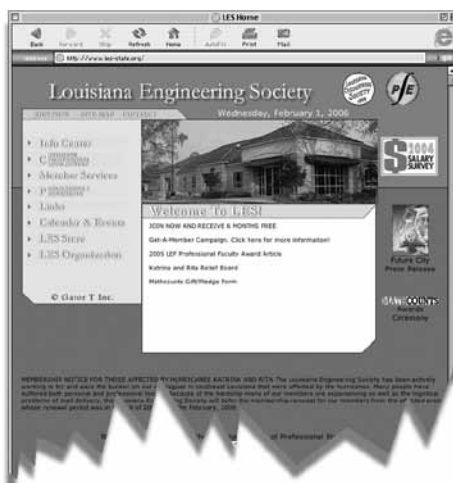
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August, 2011

- 12 16th JESC Planning Meeting - Lafayette
- 12 Honors & Awards nominations begin

September, 2011

- 6 Licensing Ceremony at Noon - Alexandria, LA
- 7 Shreveport Chapter Meeting
- 7 Licensing Ceremony at 11:45 am - Shreveport, LA
- 8 Monroe Chapter Meeting
- 8 Licensing Ceremony at Noon - Monroe, LA
- 9 LES Board Meeting - Shreveport, LA
- 12 Life Safety Code Seminar - Shreveport, LA
- 13 Licensing Ceremony at 11:30 am - Lake Charles
- 14 Life Safety Code Seminar - Marksville, LA
- 15 Licensing Ceremony at 11:30 am - Baton Rouge
- 15 Licensing Ceremony at 6:00pm - Thibodaux, LA
- 16 Life Safety Code Seminar - Covington, LA
- 19-20 LAPELS Board Meeting - UNO
- 21 Licensing Ceremony at 6:00 pm - Metairie, LA
- 27 Licensing Ceremony at 11:45 am - Lafayette, LA

October, 2011

- 7 16th JESC Planning Meeting - Baton Rouge
- 15 Deadline for copy, Louisiana Journal, November issue
- 15 JESC agenda and registration form published in magazine

ALEXANDRIA CHAPTER

By Kenneth Kerry, PE

It is a new year at the Alexandria Chapter. I would like to introduce the other new chapter officers. These are:

President:	Kenneth Kerry, PE
1st Vice President:	Rajesh Krithivasan, PE
2nd Vice President:	William Luke Miller, E.I.
Secretary-Treasurer:	Jennifer A. Gemar, PE

The Alexandria Chapter meetings will be held at 12 noon at Southern Creations. The dates are as follows: September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, January 3rd, March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us.



BATON ROUGE CHAPTER

By Eric Erikson, PE

The Baton Rouge Chapter is coming off a great year, in no small part due to the leadership of our past president, Jim Ferguson, PE. We hope to continue the momentum that Jim has established as we embark on a new year.

The summer months have been spent bringing the newly elected officers up to speed on our upcoming events. The 2011-2012 Baton Rouge Chapter officers are:

Eric Erikson	President
Michael Thomassie	President Elect
Christopher Knotts	Vice President
Jacob Loeske	Secretary / Treasurer
Michael Somme	Young Member Chairman
Greg Wiley	1st Director
Chad Bacas	2nd Director

In addition to planning our usual activities, The Baton Rouge Chapter is excited to host the Joint Engineering Societies Conference that will be held in Lafayette on January 19-20. Planning has already begun and we look forward to a successful conference.

The Baton Rouge chapter will be joining ASCE on August 18th at Drusilla's Seafood for a joint luncheon meeting which will feature Jerome Zringue, Deputy Director of the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration as the keynote speaker. Additional lunch meetings are planned for upcoming months. Chapter newsletters will be emailed in the first week of each month, and will have details of upcoming meetings and events.



LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

By Angie Dore, PE

I am looking forward to another exciting year for the Lafayette chapter. The officers for the 2011 – 2012 year are:

President:	Angie Dore, PE
1st Vice President:	Kim Hitt, PE
Secretary/Treasurer:	Glenn Landry, PE

Also, mark your calendars and plan to attend the chapter meetings. The dates are as follows: September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, December 9th, March 27th, April 24th and our Crawfish Boil in May.



MONROE CHAPTER

By David A. Gremillion, PE

I am looking forward to another exciting year for the Monroe chapter. The officers for the 2011 – 2012 year are:

President:	David A. Gremillion, PE
1st Vice President:	Ronald J. Riggin, II, PE
2nd Vice President:	Michael N. Pippen, PE
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jim Ellingburg, E.I.
Past President:	Joshua D. Hays, PE

Also, mark your calendars and plan to attend the chapter meetings. The dates are as follows: September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 8th, April 12th and May 10th.



NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER

By Travis St. Pierre, PE

I am looking forward to another good year for the New Orleans chapter. The officers for the 2011 – 2012 year are:

President:	Travis St. Pierre, PE
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2nd Vice President:	Lee Alexander, PE
Secretary:	Arda Albiyik, PE
Treasurer:	Bodin Hugger, PE
Director:	Robert Mejia
Director:	Clark Fuller

Also, mark your calendars and plan to attend the chapter meetings. The dates are as follows: September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 21st, January 18th, February 15th, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th.



2010-2011 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ronald J. Rodi, PE, Chairman

This year's regular session was not as active in terms of engineering related issues. The top issue pertained to proposed changes to a law enacted through the 2010 Regular Session involving the disposition of fees and commissions. Other bills tracked this session included continuing attempts to extend the authorization of Design-Build procurement and other public contracting issues. Following is a summary of the bills that were tracked and the current status:

Instrument Status

HB132	Failed Final / Passage in House Summary: FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Provides for the expansion of authority for the State Fire Marshal
HB182	Signed by Governor Summary: PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Extends the length of time (one more year) for City of New Orleans to utilize design-build contracts for public projects damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
HB362	Signed by Governor Summary: BUILDING CODES: Revised Occupancy Classifications and Minimum SF requirement which require the use of design professionals
HB365	Signed by Governor Summary: PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Revises Uniform Bid Form requirements and related public bid provisions
HB449	Signed by Governor Summary: PUBLIC MEETINGS: Provides that discussions regarding the award of a public contract must be held in an open meeting

HB543	Failed Passage in Senate Committee Summary: PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Authorization for ports to use the design-build method on certain construction projects
SB242	Signed by Governor Summary: PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Repealed requirements for filing of affidavits in regarding to fee disposition, and enacts new requirement relative to contract amendments, change orders and splitting of profits, fees, and commissions in public contracts.
SB250	Failed Passage in Senate Committee Summary: PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Allows agencies to reject bids from entities convicted of or found to have committed any unethical or discriminatory practice or conduct by a state or federal agency.

It's important to note that legislators mentioned the number of calls and emails they received on key issues. Our members should always remember they can influence the outcome and actively engage in the process while not being at the Capitol.

Gerald Simmons continues in his role as our legislative advisor, and was, as always, instrumental in tracking the various bills, providing valuable advice on legislative strategy and setting up meetings with legislative leaders. This was particularly important in discussing our concerns on the fee disposition issue with Senator Conrad Appel. Also, LES continues to work closely with the Louisiana ACEC and others in the design profession on related issues.

Brenda, Cathy and Jason also continued to provide the important link in communications with the Board of Directions and the general membership as well as assisting in compilation of materials and related information.

LES 2012 HONORS & AWARDS

LES will honor eight engineers who have achieved high levels of professionalism, technical ability or civic support. The desire of the Society is not only to recognize the distinguished service of these individuals, but to also encourage and inspire other engineers to take a greater interest in their specific field. Please give serious thought to nominating someone in your professional area of expertise for one of the awards listed below. Nominations should be made through your local chapter and are due to the State Office by November 4, 2011. The eight categories are:

- 1) **A.B. Paterson Medal for an Engineer in Management**
- 2) **Andrew M. Lockett Medal for Civic Activities**
- 3) **James L. Todd Technical Accomplishment Medal**
- 4) **Leo M. Odom Award for Service to the Profession**
- 5) **Charles M. Kerr Public Relations Award**
- 6) **F. Hugh Coughlin Young Engineer Award**
- 7) **Waldemar S. Nelson President's Award**
- 8) **Dudley Hixson - Bobby Price National Professional Achievement Award**

LOUISIANA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION

Chris Richard, PE



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The Louisiana Engineering Foundation is entering the home stretch in our fund raising campaign. As you know, we began raising funds to retire the debt on the Louisiana Engineering Center in the fall of 2008. With two years remaining in the campaign, we have been able to reduce the balance on the building from \$485,000 to approximately \$155,000. At the same time, we have been able to establish over \$160,000 dollars in eight endowed scholarships. These scholarships have already been given to deserving engineering students in Louisiana. In a couple of months, we will be sending out letters again asking for your help in retiring the building debt and funding scholarships to help those deserving engineering students through their studies. We will also be sending out reminders to those that

have pledged donations to fulfill their pledge. Please consider helping by donating to the Louisiana Engineering Foundation. No donation is too small.

While we have over 16,000 engineers and firms registered in Louisiana, a relatively small number have participated. We want to thank all those that have given and encourage those that haven't to be a part of this very worthwhile cause.

The Foundation would like to express our sincerest gratitude to those that have given to the campaign.

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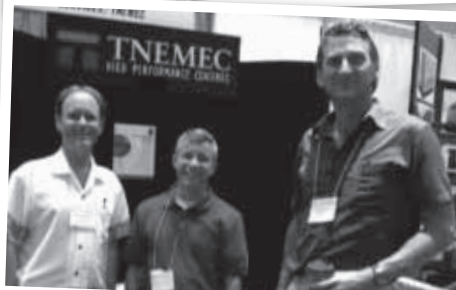
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ACEC/L GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

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Steven B. Loeb

In the past several months, the ACEC/L Board of Governors has asked that I prepare several white papers on issues important to the profession. Below is a synopsis:

I. ISSUE: What are “design professional services” under the “Hammett Act” ?

The “Hammett Act” (La. R.S. 38:2318.1) provides that all public entities shall “select providers of design professional services on the basis of competence and qualifications.” Consideration of price or price-related information as a factor in selection is prohibited except for design-build contracts. The term “design professional services” is not well defined in the law. To determine whether services are professional in nature, courts look to the character of the services and whether special knowledge and expertise are required. Where the service is performed by an “engineer” but could have been performed by an un-licensed individual without any engineering training, and the service did not require judgment unique to the field of engineering, courts have held that these are not considered “design professional services.”

The Louisiana Engineer Licensing Law defines the “practice of engineering” to include “consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, designing, or inspection of construction” in connection with any public or private project where the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, and property is involved, “when the service requires the application of engineering principles and the interpretation of engineering data.” The law also states a person “shall be construed to practice engineering” when such person represents himself to be a professional engineer or who does perform a service “recognized by educational authorities as engineering.”

Federal law is much more clear. Under the “Brooks Act” (40 USC Chapter 10) and Federal Regulations (48 CFR 2.101), professional design services include:

studies, investigations, surveying and mapping, tests, evaluations, consultations, planning, program management, conceptual designs, plans and specifications, value engineering, construction phase services, soils engineering, drawing reviews, preparation of operating and maintenance manuals, and other related services.

The only “educational authority” found providing a helpful definition is the NCEES “Model Law” (endorsed by ANSI), which contains the same definition as the Brooks Act. Absent adoption of more specific regulations by LAPELS, or statutory amendments, the determination of what is and what is not a “design professional service” will remain to be decided

by the courts on a case-by-case-basis. However, a good faith argument can be made to enforce the Hammett Act when, for example, a public entity is requesting price proposals and the solicited services include the coordination of technical submissions prepared by design professionals, preparation of scope documents, development of design options, or value engineering.

II. AASHTO Uniform Audit & Accounting Guide

<http://audit.transportation.org/pages/default.aspx>

The engineering consultant is responsible for preparing an acceptable compensation analysis in compliance with the criteria established by FAR 31.205-6. State DOTs are required to accept the engineering consultant’s analysis, if deemed to be compliant with the Techplan and Information Systems criteria. State DOTs are not permitted to impose any additional state limitations, unless mandated by State law. However, if the engineering consultant does not prepare an acceptable analysis, State DOTs may use the NATIONAL COMPENSATION MATRIX (NCM) as a tool for determining the reasonableness of claimed compensation costs.

State DOTs must review and approve overhead rates submitted by engineering consultants. The engineering consultant bears the burden of establishing the accuracy of the overhead rates and that direct costs were properly removed from the indirect cost pool. The overhead audit report should include disclosure notes regarding the audited direct cost rates and a listing of cost categories that the engineering consultant charges directly to contracts.

The AASHTO Audit Subcommittee and ACEC Transportation Committee worked together to develop the following guidance, which was later incorporated by FHWA into the Administration of Engineering and Design Related Services Contracts—Questions and Answers prepared by the FHWA and available on the Internet at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/172qa.cfm#r39>.

III. New FAR Rule: Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 3, Subpart 3.10

If the value of the Federal contract is expected to exceed \$5 million, and the performance period is 120 days or more, unless the contract is for the acquisition of a commercial item or will be performed entirely outside the United States, then within 30 days after contract award, the Contractor shall

have a written code of business ethics and conduct; and make a copy of the code available to each employee engaged in performance of the contract.

The Contractor's written document shall provide for:

- the exercise of due diligence to prevent and detect criminal conduct; and promote an organizational culture that encourages ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law
- timely disclose, in writing, to the Office of the Inspector General, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, whenever the Contractor has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor has committed any violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations; or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733)
- establishment of an employee hotline for whistle-blowers, display compliance posters in each worksite publicizing the hotline, and publicize the hotline on company web pages
- implementation of an approved awareness program within 90 days of the contract award to train employees.

IV. ISSUE: Is a private design professional bound by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics when providing services to a public entity?

YES. By performing typical contract administration services on a public project such as site observations to evaluate the progress and the quality of the contractor's work, verification of pay requests, and making recommendation regarding change orders, the designer is considered a "public employee" for the limited purposes of the scope of the contract, and is subject to the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Ethics Board has ruled that these activities are directly related to a governmental function, namely the expenditure of public funds.

Whether compensated or not, a person performing a governmental function is held to be a public employee under La. R.S. 42:1102(18)(c). *Total Benefit Services, Inc. v. City of New Orleans*, 2002-0697 at p. 2 (La.App. 4 Cir. 4/11/02), 819 So.2d 1067, 1068. A private corporation awarded a State contract to conduct a feasibility study was held to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics for Public Employees. The feasibility study constituted performance of a "state function" within the meaning of the Code of Governmental Ethics. *Commission on Ethics for Public Employees*

v. IT Corporation, 423 So.2d 695 (La.App. 1 Cir. 1982), *after remand* 453 So.2d 251 (La.App. 1 Cir. 1984), *affirmed* 464 So.2d 284 (La. 1985).

The Louisiana Ethics Board has ruled that typical contract administration services are a "governmental function" and thus, the designer is deemed a "public employee" under the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board has also ruled that an independent private contractor who provided technical advice to a public agency with respect to FEMA assistance, is considered a "public servant" as that term is defined in the Ethics Code.

This concept has found its way into the January 2011 edition of the Facility Planning & Control GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO DESIGNERS, which states in part that **"Designer and its principal owners are considered Public Servants under the Code of Governmental Ethics for the limited purposes and scope of the Design Contract with the State on this Project"** (see Ethics Board Advisory Opinion, No. 2009-378 and 2010-128).

VI. ISSUE: When must an individual Professional Engineer register as a "lobbyist" when making contacts with a public body or public servant.

In general, a person must register if:

- he is employed for the purpose of lobbying and lobbying constitutes 20% or more of the person's time, but only if such person also makes **direct contact** with a legislator **for the purpose** of influencing the passage or defeat of any legislation;
- he acts in a representative capacity and gives a gift or payment of money **for the purchase of food, drink, or refreshment** for a legislator or for a public servant, for the purpose of "lobbying"
- he acts in a representative capacity **and** makes a gift, payment of money, or anything of value **in excess of five hundred dollars in the aggregate within any calendar year to a "local" governmental official** (effective on January 1, 2011) **or in any amount to a State Executive Branch employee** for the purchase of food, drink, or refreshment to influence any act in the nature of policymaking, rulemaking, adjudication, licensing, regulation, or enforcement; relative to contracts, requests for proposals, development of specifications, or to affect the passage, defeat, or implementation of any rule, regulation, legislation or ordinance.

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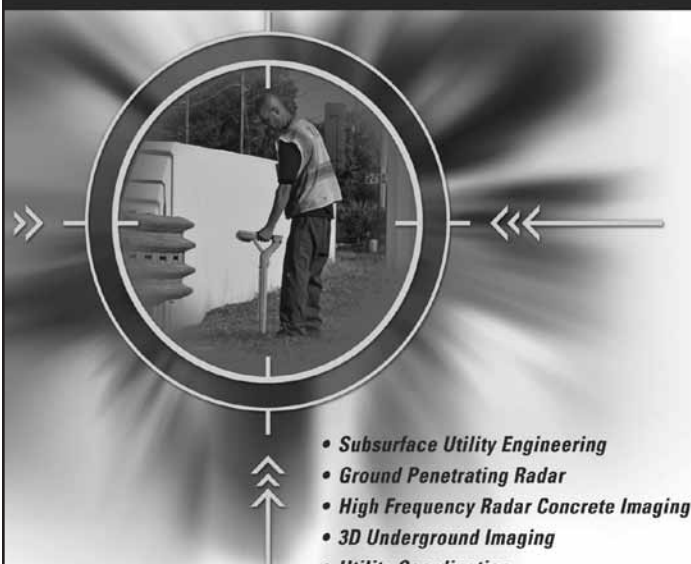
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