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May 27, 2011

Ms. Beth Chapman Secretary of State State House Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Ms. Chapman:

We are enclosing, for your files, a copies of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Report of the Board submitted to the Governor this date.

Yours very truly,

Regina A. Dinger Executive Director

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Enclosure

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April 13, 2011

To His Excellency Honorable Robert J. Bentley Governor, State of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Governor Bentley:

We hand you herewith the Seventy-Fifth Annual Report of the Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as provided for under Title 34, Chapter 11, <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Ulrich, Jr., Chair, 2009-2010 Alabama State Board of Licensure

For Professional Engineers and

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Land Surveyors

#### SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

#### BY THE

# STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

The Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is organized under the provisions of the Alabama Law regulating the Practice of Engineering and Land Surveying, Chapter 11, Code of Alabama 1975. Section 34-11-30 provides that the Board shall have the duty of administering the provisions of the Licensure Law, and shall consist of five professional engineers and two professional land surveyors, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from three persons nominated by a committee. Members of the Board serve for staggered five year terms.

Members of the Board, the dates of expiration of their terms of appointment, and their classifications during the year were:

Aloysius Reisz	April 22, 2010	Professional Engineer
Don T. Arkle	April 22, 2011	Professional Engineer
William C. Ulrich, Jr.	April 22, 2012	Professional Engineer
C. Michael Arnold	April 23, 2013	Professional Land Surveyor
W. Gerald Wilbanks	April 22, 2014	Professional Engineer
Daniel S. Turner	July 31, 2014	Professional Engineer
Phillip E. Santora	July 31, 2014	Professional Land Surveyor
Earl R. Foust	April 22, 2015	Professional Engineer

Mr. Foust was appointed on April 22, 2010 to replace Mr. Reisz. Mr. Foust was sworn in to Board Position on May 13, 2010.

The following officers having been elected on July 23, 2009, served for the State fiscal year 2009-2010: Mr. William C. Ulrich, Chair, Mr. Don T. Arkle, Vice-Chair, and Mr. C. Michael Arnold, Secretary.

The following officers were elected on July 16, 2010 for the State fiscal year 2010-2011: Mr. C.Michael Arnold, Chair, Mr. William C. Ulrich, Vice-Chair, and Mr. W. Gerald Wilbanks, Secretary.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors held seven regular meetings to review applications, consider complaints and to conduct other regular business.

Statistical information regarding the Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, Engineer-Interns, Land Surveyor-Interns, Certificates of Authorization, Examinations, and Enforcement is submitted on pages 2-6 of this report.

A complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board during the fiscal year 2009-2010 is submitted on pages 7-9.

### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

	PE	PLS	TOTAL
APPLICATIONS Received and Processed By Examination By Comity	276	27	303
	528	0	528
	804	27	831
LICENSURES Certificates Issued By Examination By Comity	204	30	234
	605	0	605
	809	30	839
RENEWALS Renewals Processed Reinstatements Processed	13,356	1,277	14,633
	47	<u>4</u>	51
	13,403	1,281	14,684
IN GOOD STANDING 10/01/09 GAINS Licensed Reinstated Suspension Lifted	13,802 809 47 0 856	30 4 0 34	15,104 839 51 0 890
LOSSES Deceased Lapsed (Did Not Renew) Suspended Revoked	(34)	(4)	(38)
	(538)	(16)	(554)
	(2)	0	(2)
	(2)	(3)	(5)
	(576)	(23)	(599)
IN GOOD STANDING 09/30/10	14,082	1,313	15,395
Increase (Decrease)	280	11	291
Current Status of Licensees Active Inactive Retired	13,132	1,220	14,352
	301	39	340
	649	54	703

## **ENGINEER INTERNS / LAND SURVEYOR INTERNS**

	Engineer Interns	LS Interns	Total
APPLICATIONS Received and Processed	378	15	393
CERTIFICATIONS Certificates Issued During the Year	473	14	487
RENEWALS Renewals Processed	1,370	23	1,393
In Good Standing 10/01/09	1,525	30	1,555
GAINS Certified Reinstated	<b>4</b> 73 0	14 0	<b>487</b> 0
LOSSES Deceased Licensed as PE / LS Did not Renew	0 (167) (58)	0 (10) (4)	0 (177) (62)
In Good Standing 09/30/10	1,773	30	1,803
Increase (Decrease)	248	0	248

#### **CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION**

	ENGINEERING	LAND SURVEYING	TOTAL
APPLICATIONS Received and Processed	247	33	280
CERTIFICATIONS Certificates of Authority Issued	236	30	266
RENEWALS Renewals Processed	1,905	401	2,306
CERTIFICATES CURRENT OCTOBER 1, 2009	2,059	424	2,483
GAINS New Certificates Reinstatements	236 4 240	30 2 32	266 6 272
LOSSES Lapsed - Did Not Renew Revoked	(154) 0 (154)	(20) 0 (20)	(174) 0 (174)
CERTIFICATES CURRENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2010	2,145	436	2,581
Increase (Decrease)	86	12	98

### **EXAMINATIONS**

	Number Given	Number Passed	% Passed	Number Failed
Engineering Examination I Fundamentals of Engineering 8 Hour Written	848	485	57%	363
Engineering Examination II Principles and Practice 8 Hour Written	433	204	47%	229
Land Surveying Exam I Fundamentals of Land Surveying	44	19	43%	25
Land Surveying Exam II Principles and Practice 8 Hour Written	39	19	49%	20
Alabama Land Surveying Exam III History & Law plus Public Domain 2 Hour Written	32	22	69%	10

### October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

### **ENFORCEMENT**

•	LICENSEES	NON-LICENSEES	EXAMINATION APPLICANT	TOTAL
Number of Complaints				
Received 10/01/09 - 09/30/10	30	17	2	49
Pending from Previous Year	<u>42</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52</u>
Total	72	27	2	101
Formal Hearings Conducted	2	1	0	3
Informal Hearings Conducted	0	0	0	0
Negotiated Settlements	20	10	0	30
Complaints/Investigations Closed				
Informal Action				
No Action Required	21	8	1	30
Letter of Caution	9	1	. 0	10
Letter of Reprimand	2	0	0	2
Complaint Withdrawn	0	. 0	0	0
Formal Action	28	12	. 1	41
Total Closed	60	21	2	83
Complaints/Investigations Pending Action by Board, Investigator and/or Attorney General as of September 30, 2010	12	. 6		18

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

# October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010 Balance Sheet (Cash Basis) September 30, 2010

#### Unaudited

	Special Revenue Fund 0359	General Asset Account	Total Memorandum Only
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$351,743.57		\$351,743.57
Office Furniture and Equipment		\$214,502.06	\$214,502.06
	\$351,743.57	\$214,502.06	\$566,245.63
FUND EQUITY			
Investment in General Fixed Assets		\$214,502.06	\$214,502.06
FUND BALANCE			
Revenue Deferred for October Exams	\$128,415.00		\$128,415.00
Reservation of Appropriation Authority for Unpaid Items At Year End	\$144,593.23		\$144,593.23
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$78,735.34		\$78,735.34
	\$351,743.57	\$214,502.06	\$566,245.63

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

# and Changes in Fund Balance, Special Revenue Fund 0359 October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 Unaudited

Re	ve	nı	ues

Revenues			
Renewal Fees	680,451.50		
Penalties	103,990.50		
Reinstatements	18,900.00		
Application/Licensure Fees	71,060.00		
Examination Fees	268,280.00		
Interim Permits	0.00		
Fines	24,705.40		
Cost of Board Actions	2,477.61		
Less Civil Penalties	(12,505.40)		
Sale of Rosters	425.00		
Sale of Labels	1,650.00		
Duplicate Certificates	0.00		
Sale of Surplus, Misc.	100.00		
Returned Check Charge	450.00		
Less Returned Checks	100.00		
Total Receipts		\$1,160,084.61	
Plus FY 2009 Deferred Revenue	•	107,870.00	
Less FY 2011 Exam Receipts D	eferred	(128,415.00)	
Total FY 2010 Recognized Revenu		, ,	\$1,139,539.61
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Expenditures	•		
Personnel Costs	448,147.76		
Employee Benefits	160,516.83		
Travel-in-State	18,156.05		
Travel-out-of-State	28,254.21		
Repairs and Maintenance	1,233.47		
Rentals and Leases	113,739.14		
Utilities and Communications	38,994.68		
Professional Services	301,384.28		
Supplies, Mat, & Oper Expenses	57,858.22		
Transportation Equip Operations	566.49		
Transportation Equip Purchases	0.00		
Other Equipment Purchases	542.64		
Total Expenditures		\$1,169,393.77	
Identified FY 2010 Encumbrance	es	144,593.23	
Total FY 2010 Expenditures & Enc	umbrances		\$1,313,987.00
Revenues Exceed Expenditures			
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance I	During the Year		(\$174,447.39)
Fund Balance October 1, 2009		•	\$172,559.02
Plus FY 09 Encumbrances Not Used			80,602.23
Plus Sale of Surplus			21.48
Fund Balance September 30, 2010			
runu balance September 30, 2010			\$78,735.34

#### Statement of Changes in General Fixed Assets October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

#### Unaudited

	Balance October 1, 2009	Additions	Reductions	Balance September 30, 2010
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$224,381.40	\$542.64	\$10,421.98	\$214,502.06
Total	\$224,381.40	\$542.64	\$10,421.98	\$214,502.06

I, C. Michael Arnold, Secretary of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Financial Statement is a correct statement of the finances of this Board for the period shown:

C. Michael Arnold, Secretary 2009 - 2010

ATTEST:

William C. Ulrich, Jr., Chair 2009-2010

Sworn to and subscribed before me this The 13th day of April, 2011

Notary Public