State Board Accepts Settlement Agreements

At its meeting on November 17, 2010 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from Robert E. Larson, P.E., Gregory M. Super, P.E., William A. Boyer, P.S., Don D. Barber, P.E., P.S. and Amity Engineering.

Larson, a resident of West Chester, Ohio, failed to respond to two separate requests to submit his continuing education documentation for 2008, 2009 and 2010 during the Board's annual audit. Ohio law requires that professional engineers and professional surveyors must respond within 30 days to the Board's request for information. Larson agreed that he failed to respond to the Board and failed to complete the continuing professional development as required in violation of R.C. 4733. Larson entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed that he would voluntarily surrender his professional engineer registration.

Super, a resident of Mentor, Ohio, entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $2000.00 fine and receive a written reprimand. During the Board's annual audit of the continuing professional development requirement it was discovered that Super had not completed the 15-hour annual requirement yet indicated on his annual renewal that he had completed the requirement for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. After notification from the Board, Super completed the coursework deficiency.

Boyer, a resident of Dayton, Ohio offered to provide engineering services in Ohio at a time when William A. Boyer & Associates did not have a certificate of authorization to provide engineering services in Ohio. In order to avoid further administrative action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 Boyer entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to remove the term engineering from all advertisements and correspondence and will not offer or provide engineering services.

Barber, a resident of Newark, Ohio, was indicted in Licking County Ohio Common Pleas Court on one count of Theft in Office, a third degree felony. The indictment was based on an Ohio Inspector General investigation related to allegations of misuse of time, falsification of records, misuse of state property and misuse of position while serving as Deputy Director of Ohio Department of Transportation District 5. Barber has not been convicted and entered a pre-trial diversion program in lieu of conviction. In the agreement Barber accepted a reprimand and agreed to pay a $250.00 fine.

Amity Engineering of Mount Vernon, Ohio does not have a certificate of authorization to practice engineering in Ohio and, pursuant to R.C. 4733.16, is prohibited from using the terms engineer or engineering, or a modification of these terms, in the firm's name unless a certificate of authorization is granted by the Board. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Amity Engineering wherein the firm agreed to permanently remove engineering from its name and will not offer or provide engineering services until the firm has been granted a certificate of authorization from the Board.