State Board Approves Four Settlement Agreements

At its meeting on September 27, 2012 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from Patrick Fiedler, P.E. and Fiedler Group, Douglas R. Alvine, P.E. and Alvine and Associates Inc., John M. Hortel, P.E. and Robert G. Compton, P.E.

Patrick Fiedler, P.E. and Fiedler Group of Los Angeles, California, offered and provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization. In order to avoid further administrative action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 Mr. Fiedler and the Fiedler Group entered into a settlement agreement wherein they agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a $500.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

Douglas R. Alvine, P.E. and Alvine and Associates, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, offered and provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when Mr. Alvine did not possess a certificate of registration and Alvine and Associates, Inc. did not possess a Certificate of Authorization. In order to avoid further administrative action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 Mr. Alvine and Alvine and Associates, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement wherein they agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a $500.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

John M. Hortel, P.E., a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio, aided and abetted a firm in its offering and providing of engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization. In order to avoid further administrative action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 Mr. Hortel entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a $250.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

Robert G. Compton, P.E., a resident of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering and represented himself as a professional engineer in Ohio at a time when Mr. Compton did not possess a registration with this Board to provide engineering services. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Mr. Compton wherein he agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering and pay a $1,500.00 fine for violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.