State Board Accepts Settlement Agreements

At its meeting on July 16, 2013 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from AW Solutions, Inc., Technical Surveying Services, LLC, Theodore A. Lapponi, P.E. and Michael Fisher.

**AW Solutions Inc.**, located in Longwood, Florida, provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization with this Board. In order to avoid further action for violations of the Ohio Revised Code, AW Solutions, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering in Ohio, pay a $250.00 fine and receive a written reprimand. AW Solutions, Inc. was granted a Certificate of Authorization.

**Technical Surveying Services, LLC.**, located in New Philadelphia, Ohio, provided surveying services in Ohio at a time when the firm’s Certificate of Authorization was expired. In order to avoid further action for violations of the Ohio Revised Code, Technical Surveying Services, LLC entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of surveying, pay a $250.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

**Theodore A. Lapponi, PE**, a resident of North Ridgeville, Ohio, engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering on two (2) projects in Ohio at a time when his professional engineer registration was expired. Mr. Lapponi entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $250.00 fine and receive a written reprimand.

**Michael Fisher**, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, engaged in the illegal practice of engineering and plead guilty to one (1) count of forgery, a felony, for forging the seal and signature of an Ohio registered professional engineer on structural engineering plans. Mr. Fisher entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $500.00 fine, cease and desist from offering and providing engineering services and to not represent himself or any company to the public as qualified to offer, contract for, and/or provide engineering services on Ohio.

ABOUT THE BOARD
The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is the state agency that regulates and licenses the professions of engineering and surveying in Ohio. The Board has approximately 30,000 registered professional engineers and professional surveyors, 2,500 registered engineering and surveying firms and administers more than 2,500 licensing examinations yearly. The Board’s mission is to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the citizens of Ohio by providing effective licensure and regulation of professional engineers, professional surveyors and engineering and surveying firms.