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## South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Building Renovations and Reorganization



The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's office building at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia is undergoing renovations. During this time, many employees and their telephones are being relocated to other areas of the building.

Should you not be able to reach an LLR employee on the employee's direct number, call the program's main number, and leave a message for the employee. The Contractors Licensing

Boards main number is (803) 896-4634. You can also contact the employee by e-mail, and he or she will be in touch.

The Contractors Licensing Board is now part of the Office of Building and Business Services. The newly created Office of Licensure and Compliance will be handling all initial routine licensure/registration/certification. The Office of Licensure and Compliance will have a compliance component that will monitor Board orders.

### BOARD HISTORY

The South Carolina Contractors' Licensing Board was established in 1936. Under the S.C. State Government Restructuring Act of 1993, the Board works within the South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (LLR). LLR is responsible for providing support to the Board as it carries out its duties. LLR provides legal, legislative, public information, licensing, investigative and administrative services to the Board.

The purpose of the Board is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public through the regulation of businesses and individuals who identify, assess and provide contracting work to individuals or other legal entities through the administration and enforcement of ethics and regulations applicable to the Board. The primary function of the Board is to determine who is qualified for a license, who should be disciplined and the extent of the discipline.

### BEWARE OF EXCEEDING LICENSE LIMITATIONS

General and mechanical contractors in South Carolina have certain dollar value limitations on their projects unless they qualify for the unlimited group. The different group limitations are determined by the licensee's net worth, which is determined by a financial statement. Effective April 1, 1999, there are five groups for general and mechanical contractors, respectively. The groups are:

#### General Contractors

- group number 1, not to exceed \$ 30,000 per job
- group number 2, not to exceed \$100,000 per job
- group number 3, not to exceed \$350,000 per job
- group number 4, not to exceed \$750,000 per job
- group number 5, dollar amount is unlimited

### Board Members

**Daniel B. Lehman**

Board Position: Chair

**Kimberly L. Lineberger**

Board Position: Vice Chair

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Board Position: Member

**Douglas Greer, Jr.**

Board Position: Member

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Board Position: Member

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### **Mechanical Contractors**

- group number 1, not to exceed \$ 17,500 per job
- group number 2, not to exceed \$ 30,000 per job
- group number 3, not to exceed \$ 50,000 per job
- group number 4, not to exceed to \$125,000 per job
- group number 5, dollar amount is unlimited

These group limitations apply to the total cost of construction, which means the actual cost incurred by the owner, all contractors, subcontractors and other parties for labor, material, equipment, profit and incidental expenses for the entire project. This does not include the cost of design services, unless those services are included in a construction contract. It does not matter if the owner or the prime contractor is buying and paying for the materials. The cost of the materials is included in determining the total cost of the scope of work to be performed for each contractor license classification. Similarly, the group limitation for mechanical contractors is the actual cost of the mechanical work on the job authorized by the license.

Contractors holding a limited license should be extremely cautious in undertaking any project if the total cost of the project is close to the cap amount for their license limitation. During the course of construction, it is not uncommon for changes to be made or have additional costs, which could significantly increase the total cost of the project over the contractor's license limitation. Exceeding the license limitation could result in a complaint being filed with the board and disciplinary action taken against the licensee. It is strongly recommended that contractors who engage in work close to their license limitation consider upgrading their license limitation. Application revision forms may be obtained online at [www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/contractors](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/contractors)

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### **2009 Board Meeting Dates:**

**All meetings begin at 10:00 A.M. The location may be changed depending on the completion of renovations to the Kingstree Conference rooms.**

<b>January 15, 2009</b>	<b>Room 201-03</b>	<b>Kingstree Building</b>
<b>April 16, 2009</b>	<b>Room 201-03</b>	<b>Kingstree Building</b>
<b>July 16, 2009</b>	<b>Room 201-03</b>	<b>Kingstree Building</b>
<b>October 15, 2009</b>	<b>Room 201-03</b>	<b>Kingstree Building</b>

**You may obtain the *licensing information and forms application* from the Web site:**  
[www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/Contractors](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/Contractors)