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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Bill 59/House Bill 867, which amends Tennessee Code Annotated § 62-2-102 to exempt certain signs from the requirement to have plans and specifications prepared by a registered architect or engineer, has passed in both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on May 21, 2009 (2009 Public Acts, Chapter 268). Subsection (b) of the amended statute reads as follows (the language that has been added is underlined):

- (b) It is unlawful for any person other than a registered architect or engineer to prepare plans and specifications for any building or structure other than the following:
- (1) Structures classified as “business,” “factory-industrial,” “hazardous,” “mercantile,” “residential” and “storage” occupancies, as such occupancies are defined in the 1985 edition of the Standard Building Code, which are:
 - (A) Less than three (3) stories in height; and
 - (B) Less than five thousand square feet (5,000 sq. ft.) in total gross area;
 - (2) One-family and two-family dwellings and domestic outbuildings appurtenant thereto; or
 - (3) Farm buildings not designed or intended for human occupancy.
 - (4) (A) Signs that do not exceed either of the following limits:
 - (i) Any portion of the sign is twenty feet (20') or more above the ground level; or
 - (ii) Any portion of the sign is fifteen feet (15') or more above the ground level, if the sign has more than one hundred twenty square feet (120 sq. ft.) in total sign face area.
- (B) The provisions of subdivision (b)(4)(A) shall not apply if, in the opinion of the local government building official, failure of the support system for the sign is likely to cause harm to people or property.

POLICY REVISION

At the February 19, 2009, Board meeting, the Design Competitions policy was broadened to include Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ). The text of the revised policy follows:

DESIGN COMPETITIONS/REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)/REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

A person who is properly registered or licensed as an architect, engineer or landscape architect in another jurisdiction but who is not registered in Tennessee may participate in a design competition or submit RFPs or RFQs in Tennessee so long as prior to participating in the design competition or submitting RFPs or RFQs, the person files an application for registration (without the application fee and supporting documentation) with the Board and certifies therein his or her intent to complete the application process and obtain registration in Tennessee prior to executing any contract that may result from the design competition, RFP or RFQ. In no event may a person who is not registered by the Board enter into a contract to provide architectural, engineering or landscape architectural services in Tennessee. ■

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING EXAMINERS AWARDS GRANTS TO SEVEN TENNESSEE UNIVERSITIES

The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners has awarded grants totaling \$200,000 to seven state-funded universities. These grant funds allow Tennessee colleges to purchase essential and modern instructional, computer and laboratory equipment to enhance education for students in accredited architectural, engineering, and interior design programs.

“The Board appreciates the opportunity to assist in providing state-of-the-art instructional equipment for architecture, engineering and interior design students. Education lays the foundation to developing the knowledge and skills needed to practice a profession and protect the public, so this program is an integral part of the Board’s mission to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare,” said John Cothron, Executive Director of the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners.

Receiving grant funds this year are:

- Middle Tennessee State University--\$3,617 to the College of Education and Behavioral Science for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase a laptop computer, projector and replacement printheads and ink cartridges.
- Tennessee State University--\$18,919 to the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science. Funds will be utilized to purchase computers for the mechanical engineering laboratories.
- Tennessee Technological University--\$33,505 to the College of Engineering. Funds will be utilized to purchase a distillation column for the Chemical Engineering Department, a hydraulic compression frame and attachments for the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, and to upgrade the Energy Systems Laboratory in the Mechanical Engineering Department.
- University of Memphis--\$18,934 to the College of Engineering; \$2,128 to

the College of Communication and Fine Arts for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase acoustic transducers, microphones and an acoustic enclosure for the College of Engineering and drafting table straightedges for the interior design program.

- University of Tennessee-Chatanooga--\$19,711 to the College of Engineering and Computer Science; \$2,447 to the College of Health, Education and Professional Studies for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase a general process gas analyzer system and signal conditioning modules for the Mechanical Engineering laboratory, which will support efforts to educate students who may work for automotive companies in Tennessee, and a color printer for the interior design computer laboratory.
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville--\$43,808 to the College of Architecture and Design; \$40,609 to the College of Engineering. Funds will be utilized to purchase a color imaging system, large format color scanner, large format LCD displays, graphics cards, and computer software for the College of Architecture and Design and a driving simulator for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Advanced Driving Simulator Laboratory.
- University of Tennessee-Martin--\$16,322 to the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Funds will be utilized to purchase a shake table and universal power module for the Structural Dynamics Laboratory.

Grant funding is provided from the Board’s revenues or reserve funds. The Tennessee General Assembly and Governor Bredesen authorized funding for the grants (2008 Public Acts, Chapter 1203, Section 50). The Board has awarded over \$1.4 million in grant funds since the inception of the program in 2002. ■

NCEES REVISING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING EXAM

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) will introduce a new 16-hour Structural PE exam in April 2011. The exam will replace the current Structural I and Structural II exams, which will be administered for the last time in October 2010.

NCEES Director of Exam Services Tim Miller, P.E., explained the need for the revision: “NCEES currently offers two 8-hour structural exams, and some licensing boards also use state-specific exams. NCEES wanted to provide one exam that could be used by any state requiring specialized structural licensure, even a state with high-seismic activity.”

To develop the new exam, NCEES surveyed licensed structural engineers from across the United States to find out what knowledge areas are most relevant to current professional practice. NCEES brought together representatives from state licensing boards and national structural engineering organizations to analyze the survey results and set the specifications, or content areas, for the new exam.

Miller is confident that the exam will be an effective measure of minimal competence for any state. “We’ve gone through a deliberate and rigorous process to develop the specifications, and the state boards that currently license structural engineers have been included in this process,” he said.

The new 16-hour Structural exam is divided into two 8-hour components, which will be offered on successive days. The Vertical Forces component focuses on gravity loads and incidental lateral loads. The Lateral Forces component focuses on wind and earthquake loads.

Each component of the exam has a

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ANSI RECOGNIZES NCEES MODEL LAW ENGINEER STANDARD

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has been granted its first approved standard with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

The standard, the Model Law Engineer (MLE), outlines the requirements for attaining licensure as a professional engineer. It is used by NCEES as a guideline for its member licensing boards, which grant licensure to engineers and surveyors in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. Prior to being approved as a standard by the ANSI Board of Standards Review, the MLE was published on the NCEES home page and in ANSI's Standards Review and open to public comment. ANSI is the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

"With the MLE now being an ANSI-recognized standard, NCEES is in an excellent position to promote licensure as the best way to ensure professional competence," said Jerry Carter, NCEES executive director. "We look forward to promoting the use of this standard across industry, government, and academia. This will lead to greater uniformity in credentials and enhanced protection for the public."

The MLE standard describes the minimum criteria for licensure as a professional engineer. The criteria are divided into education, professional experience, and examinations. The full text of the MLE standard can be downloaded at www.ncees.org/ncees_mle_standard.pdf.

NCARB ANNOUNCES MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is updating the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture. The new program requirements, which will be rolled out as "IDP 2.0," will help ensure that interns acquire the comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice and will make reporting experience fundamentally easier.

The changes to the IDP have been developed in response to the *2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture*. In April 2007, NCARB invited more than 50,000 architects from across the United States and Canada to participate in this study. A record 9,835 practicing architects responded by completing an extensive electronic survey to identify the tasks, knowledge, and skills that recently licensed architects, practicing independently, need to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The results of this study were used as a basis for IDP 2.0, the most significant update to the IDP since its inception over 30 years ago.

The proposed changes to the IDP offer many benefits to interns by allowing them to complete some of the training requirements during periods of unemployment, expanding the definition of "direct supervision," and simplifying the reporting process. These changes will be rolled out in three phases over the next two years.

IDP 2.0 Phase One

The first phase of IDP 2.0, to be implemented on 1 July 2009, will allow interns—whether employed or not—to earn training units by completing LEED accreditation and by completing specified architecture-related certificate programs offered by the Construction Specifications Institute. They will also be able to earn training units by reading the NCARB *Professional Conduct* monograph and passing the related quiz.

IDP 2.0 Phase Two

Phase two of IDP 2.0, scheduled for implementation on 1 January 2010, is contingent on the passage of Resolution 2009-04 at the Annual Meeting in June 2009. If a majority of NCARB's Member Boards does not pass the resolution, the implementation of phase two will be delayed.

In the second phase of IDP 2.0, the definitions of "direct supervision" and "registered architect"

will be updated to reflect current architectural practice. The new definition of "direct supervision" will allow IDP supervisors to supervise their interns through a mix of personal contact and remote communication (e.g. e-mail, online markups, webinars, and internet). The new definition of a "registered architect" will allow a person registered to practice architecture in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction to serve as an IDP supervisor. That means that registered architects will be able to supervise interns within their office even if they are not registered in the jurisdiction where the office is located. In addition, both interns and supervisors who are "independent contractors" will be able to participate in the IDP in accordance with the revised definition of direct supervision.

Phase two will also change the IDP Training Requirement from "700 Training Units" to "5,600 Training Hours." The actual number of hours required to satisfy the IDP Training Requirement remains the same, however, interns will no longer have to convert the hours they spend in each training area into training units. This should make reporting work experience easier and more accurate.

IDP 2.0 Phase Three

The third phase of IDP 2.0, scheduled for implementation on 1 January 2011, will align the current IDP training areas with the new experience areas required for the competent practice of architecture as identified in the *2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture*.

The IDP was created in 1976 by NCARB and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to provide emerging architects with a structured transition between education and registration. The program established specific training requirements and provided a uniform system for documentation and assessment of internship activity. Over the past four years, NCARB has committed more than 17,000 volunteer hours, 1,200 Board of Director hours, and 12,000 staff hours, and AIA has committed more than 1,100 director hours and 4,000 staff hours toward strengthening the IDP and making it more user-friendly.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes to the IDP, please contact Harry Falconer, Director of the Intern Development Program, at 202-454-2235. ■

NCARB TAKES ACTION AGAINST EXAM CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT VIOLATORS

The Architect Registration Examination (ARE) is designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing a psychometrically justifiable and legally defensible process that measures the level of competence necessary to practice independently. The exam has multiple divisions that test a candidate's ability to perform many of the tasks an architect encounters in practice. To become licensed, a candidate must fulfill education and experience requirements, and pass all divisions of the ARE.

NCARB takes upholding the integrity of the ARE very seriously—for the benefit of the profession and in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Candidates who sit for the ARE agree to the rules by which it is administered. These rules, clearly spelled out in the *ARE Guidelines*, include: test center regulations, grounds for dismissal, the Confidentiality Agreement, and the NCARB Board of Directors' Policy on Disclosure and Cheating. The consequences of violating the rules are clearly stated in the Confidentiality Agreement that candidates must accept prior to taking every ARE division.

Recently, eight ARE candidates had their testing privileges suspended and scores canceled for posting exam content and/or questions on the internet. The disclosure of the ARE content diminishes the reliability and defensibility of the exam and ultimately undermines the integrity of the process. All disciplinary actions become a part of each individual's permanent NCARB Record.

When candidates disclose exam content, NCARB works with the Council's test development consultant to determine the impact on the exam. If NCARB finds that it is necessary turn off substantial amounts of content, our ability to continuously deliver the ARE is jeopardized. The Council also faces significant financial ramifications because of the need to replace the exposed content and retain attorneys to defend the exam's copyright and integrity.

Due to the actions of several of the candidates noted above, NCARB has turned off selected content in one division of the ARE. Should additional content be disclosed, NCARB will evaluate the impact and will consider extending the mandatory six-month waiting period between failed divisions until such time the content can be replaced. ■

Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

Garry M. Batson, P.E. #20373
Brentwood, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Practiced on an expired license. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-306(b).

PENALTY: \$2,000 civil penalty; take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

FINAL ORDER: April 23, 2009

David W. Hilsdon, P.E. #14143
Millington, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Practice outside area(s) of competence. Rule 0120-2-.03.

PENALTY: Agreement not to seal architectural drawings in the future; take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

FINAL ORDER: April 23, 2009

Carl E. Mason, Jr., P.E. #21902
Stone Mountain, Georgia

VIOLATION: Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

PENALTY: Indefinite suspension until such time as respondent provides proof of payment in full.

FINAL ORDER: December 11, 2008

Angelia H. Parham, P.E. #100307
Roswell, Georgia

VIOLATION: Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

PENALTY: Indefinite suspension until such time as respondent provides proof of payment in full.

FINAL ORDER: February 19, 2009

IN MEMORIAM

The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their professions:

ARCHITECTS

Grams, Larry L., #19420
Jennings, Curtis R., Jr., #102483
Jones, Randolph, #100857
Owens, Kenneth, Jr., #12853
Tynes, Russell E., #8073

ENGINEERS

Bailey, William C., #14641
Cauthen, Melton D., #11469
Fortune, William A., #2364
Hixon, Roy, #4236

Kelly, Philip J., #23555
Perry, Hal G., #6066
Pittman, Kavanaugh B., Jr., #8558
Reed, Paul M., #112400
Reynolds, Richard S., Jr., #537
Sood, Ravinder K., #6458
Stevens, Samuel S., #10095
Storm, Jack S., Jr., #4652
Walkner, Joseph Louis, #111350
Wilson, Robert Carol, #22051

If you have a name that should be recognized in this section, please contact the Board office. ■



Information On Examinations



The Board would appreciate your sharing information about these professional examinations with interns in your office.

ARCHITECTURE

Information about the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and free practice software are available at the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB's) web site: www.ncarb.org. NCARB launched ARE 4.0 on July 1, 2008. Candidates testing under ARE 3.1 have until June 30, 2009 to complete ARE 3.1 before they are transitioned to the updated exam.

Interns wishing to sit for the ARE before completing the Intern Development Program (IDP) must file an application with the Board and request that NCARB transmit a record summary to the Board office confirming that they have enrolled in IDP. Applicants applying for early ARE eligibility must also submit transcripts. Upon completion of IDP, a complete NCARB record must be transmitted to the Board and references must be submitted before registration may be granted.

Exam Results (11/13/08-5/8/09)

ARE 3.1

	Total	Pass
Bldg. Planning	37	23
Bldg. Technology	42	25
Constr. Doc. & Svcs	12	12
Gen. Structures	15	10
Lateral Forces	20	12
Mat. & Meth.	10	7
Mech. & Elec.	19	11
Pre-Design	19	16
Site Planning	36	20

ARE 4.0

Constr. Doc. & Svcs	14	9
Prog., Planning & Practice	12	7
Structural Systems	11	5
Bldg. Design & Const. Sys.	16	11
Schematic Design	11	7
Site Planning & Design	14	9
Building Systems	18	12

ENGINEERING

• Fundamentals of Engineering Examination—

Application Deadlines:

	Seniors*	Non-seniors**
Spring Exam	February 1	January 1
Fall Exam	September 1	August 1

*Engineering students with senior status in the engineering curriculum.

**Those who have already been awarded an undergraduate degree in engineering.

The FE exam will be administered in Chattanooga, Cookeville, Franklin, Knoxville, Martin, and Memphis on:

October 24, 2009

April 17, 2010

• Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations—

The application deadline for new applicants for the spring Principles and Practice of Engineering (P&P) exam is December 1. The fall deadline is June 15. Exam applicants must have the required years of experience prior to filing the application. All supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) are due in the Board office within thirty (30) days after the application deadline. The exam will be given in Franklin, Knoxville, and Memphis on:

October 23, 2009

April 16, 2010

To facilitate scheduling of the P&P exams, retake requests and fees should be received by the Board office by February 1 for the spring exam and September 1 for the fall exam. Registrants wishing to take other exam disciplines must submit an application to add an exam discipline (available at the Board's website) with the appropriate exam fee by January 1 for the spring exam and August 1 for the fall exam. The examination fee is currently \$245, and the Structural II exam fee is \$735. Those wishing to take the Structural II exam must already be registered either by taking the Civil or Structural I exams as the basis for registration.

For information regarding exam study materials, which calculators are permitted in the examination room, and exam specifications please visit the NCEES website (www.ncees.org).

Exam Results (October 2008)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Fundamentals of Engineering	305	196	64%
Principles and Practice of Engineering			

Chemical	6	5	83%
Civil	115	51	44%
Control Systems	5	3	60%
Electrical & Computer	24	13	54%
Environmental	9	4	44%
Fire Protection	5	3	60%
Industrial	8	5	63%
Mechanical	24	15	63%
Nuclear	1	1	100%
Structural I	23	12	52%
Structural II	3	2	67%
All Disciplines	223	114	51%

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The multiple-choice sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE)—Sections A, B and D—are now computerized and are administered separately from the graphic portions of the examination by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). In order to take the multiple-choice sections of the examination, exam candidates must register directly with CLARB at www.clarb.org. Candidates may take the examination at any of the approved CLARB testing centers. Additional information regarding the computerized sections, including current fees and exam dates, is available at CLARB's website.

The graphic portions of the examination—Sections C and E—will continue to be administered in Nashville, Tennessee by the Tennessee Board with examination fees paid directly to the Board. The dates for the administration of the graphic sections of the LARE are as follows:

December 7-8, 2009

June 7-8, 2010

The application deadline for the June exam is January 15, and the deadline for the December exam is June 15. All supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) are due in the Board office within thirty (30) days after the application deadline. Retake requests for the graphic sections must be received by March 30 for the June exam and by September 30 for the December exam.

The exam fees for the graphic portions are as follows:

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Examinations ...cont.

	December 2009
Section C	\$276
Section E	\$276

Exam Results (12/08)

	Total	Pass
Section C	6	5
Section E	9	2

INTERIOR DESIGN

The Interior Design Qualification exam will be given on:

October 2-3, 2009
April 9-10, 2010

To obtain an application for the exam, call the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) at 202-721-0220, or visit www.ncidq.org. The application deadline for the spring exam is December 1, and the deadline for the fall exam is June 1.

NCIDQ has announced changes to the multiple-choice sections of the exam, which will take effect in 2010. The change will require those who have not previously passed both multiple choice sections to complete both by the end of 2009 or retest. For more information on these changes, which resulted from a recent practice analysis, visit the NCIDQ website.

National Exam Pass Rates (10/08)

Section I (Principles and Practices of Interior Design)	71%
Section II (Contract Documents and Administration)	66%
Section III (Schematics and Design Development)	66%

NEW REGISTRANTS

The Board and staff congratulate the following registrants who passed their respective professional examinations and were registered between July 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008.

ARCHITECTS

(Architect Registration Exam)
David Andrew Bakewell
Noel Jeffrey Bendure
Kenneth James Burgun
Richard Wesley Coleman

Amber Lynn Fournier
Christine Anne Rose Hill
Neeraj Kumar
Peter Jonathan Ludman
Ryan Reagan Nicholson
Melissa Jill Parker
Sarah Katherine Perkins
Frank Joseph Rosato
Richard Anthony Vogler
William Sidney Wedgeworth
Erica Leigh Weeks
Richard Ryan Wiggs

ENGINEERS

(Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations)

Aaron Bradley Abel
Robert Allen Albritton
Paul David Anderson
Robert William Bailey
Jeremy Don Bedford
Eric Eugene Beier
Richard Joseph Botto
Nathaniel Woodson Bowe, III
Terry Wayne Boyd
Jason Edward Bridwell
Eric Michael Brown
Jeremy David Burchfield
Ronnie Sterlin Canups
Cullen Eugene Cavin, III
Grant Tilbury Cherrington
Roy Benjamin Conley, II
Brandie Celeste Cookston
Gary Lynn Ealey
Benjamin Thomas Edgar
James Hamilton Everett
Jason Patrick Firman
Christopher Lance Fittro
John M. Goertz
Berani Antoine Halley
Charles Herbert Hamblin, Jr.
Kevin William Hampel
Glenn Alan Harper
Kevin Richard Heindselman
Debra Donne Higgins
Jeffrey Kimball Hitchcock
Steve Ross Hooper
Mary McDowell Hoskins
Raymond Isaac
Matthew Thomas Johnson
James Douglas Kelley
Brian Patrick King
Tasha Kenyatta King
Karl Joseph Knott
Heather Michelle Kraus
Matthew David Lackey
Brian Christopher Laine
Michael Charles Lamountain
Theo Lee Laughner
Lee Alan Lewis
Aaron Ray Love
Daryl Lance Lowe
Ryan Thomasson Malloy

James Edward Malone
Paul Edward Massingill
Antoine Jason Maycock
Ryan Darrell McDaniel
James Robert Micka
Ronnie Wayne Moore, II
Peter James Harold Nielson
Jack Joseph Parker
Michael Darren Patrick
Benjamin Paul Putnam
Kristin Lea Qualls
Michael Richard Radcliffe
Jenniver Queen Retherford
Ryland Brice Revelle
Brooklyn Tara Russell
John David Shockley
Leonard Mann Slack
Daniel James Sours
Baxter R. Stroud
Gary Wayne Talley, Jr.
Stacy Hudgins Turner
Kreis Wetherington
Brian Howard Whitaker
Brian J. Wolf
Joshua Shane Work
Anthony Christopher Yanessa
Jonathan Larry Yeager

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

(Landscape Architect Registration Exam)

Marie M. Burgess
Helen Marley Fields Slutz
Madalene Ann Houchin

REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

(National Council for Interior Design Qualification Exam)

Dean Allen Bakkum
Ashley Nicole Buckholtz
Amy Catherine Burton
Erin Amelia Carnes
Jessica Munson Ellis
Juanita Michelle Godby
Jennifer Michelle Gordon
Monika Kandace Maehlmann
Tracy Gregory Malone
Heather Osteen Mathias
Marlisa Horn Pierce
Lisa Sundahl Platt
Marjorie Ann Roysdon
Caryn Sue Satovsky Siegel
Melissa C. Sims
Katie Lynne Vance
John Emmet Weber
Jessica Fay Zelesky ■

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has developed the IDP Supervisor Guidelines to assist supervisors in the crucial role they play in the careers of interns in the Intern Development Program (IDP). The guidelines are available to download on NCARB's web site,

<http://www.ncarb.org/forms/superguide.pdf>.

Also, the IDP Guidelines have been redesigned and are available at

http://www.ncarb.org/forms/idp_guidelines.pdf.

NCARB has released two new continuing education monographs, titled *Healthcare Facilities* and *Heating and Cooling Design for Buildings*. *Healthcare Facilities* focuses on key trends in healthcare architecture that provide patients and staff with a fully supportive environment. *Heating and Cooling Design for Buildings* is a valuable resource for architects interested in designing buildings that rely on renewable energy sources. Excerpted from Wiley's latest edition of *Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Building* (MEEB 10), the monograph presents the latest in the theory and practice of environmental control system design. Visit NCARB's website (www.ncarb.org) for more information.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) has launched a new feature on its website (www.ncidq.org)—the QSearch. This online registry is a free, public database that provides a listing of NCIDQ Certificate holders. NCIDQ established this registry to further its mission of public protection by allowing the public to know which interior designers have earned the NCIDQ Certificate. ■

Registrants Renew Online

Active and inactive registrants can now renew their license online at www.tennesseeanytime.org/cirens. You will need your registration number and mailing address zip code to log in to the system. Please take advantage of this time-saving and convenient service.

NCEES Revises Exam...cont.

breadth module that contains questions covering a comprehensive range of structural engineering topics. Each component also has a depth module that focuses more closely on a single area of practice. Examinees will choose whether they want to concentrate on buildings or bridges for this module.

To pass the exam, examinees must pass both the Vertical Forces and Lateral Forces components, but these components may be taken and passed in different exam administrations.

The specifications for the new exam are posted on the NCEES Web site (www.ncees.org). NCEES will also publish a book of sample questions and solutions in 2010 to familiarize examinees with the new exam's format and content areas.

"The changeover is still two years away, but it's an important transition," Miller said. "We want to give people as much advance notice as possible." ■

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The Board's annual Planning Session is scheduled for October 21-23, 2009, at Lipscomb University in Nashville. An open forum will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, October 23, as part of the Board meeting. All registrants, building officials, and other interested parties are invited to attend. More details will be posted on the Board's website in the coming months.

The Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga was recently awarded a \$7,500 prize by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) for their Intermodal Transit Center submission. The NCEES Engineering Award recognizes engineering programs that demonstrate meaningful partnerships between professional engineers and students, and is open to all engineering programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). A total of 28 submissions were judged by NCEES members and representatives from academic institutions and professional engineering organizations. The \$25,000 grand prize was awarded to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of Florida A&M University—Florida State University. For more information, visit

www.engineeringaward.com.

Several rule changes were approved by the Board at its February 19, 2009, rulemaking hearing regarding education and experience requirements for engineers and landscape architects, professional conduct, sealing design calculations, education requirements for registered interior designers, and continuing education. The rulemaking hearing rules will be posted on the Board's website after they have been reviewed by the Attorney General's office and filed with the Secretary of State. The rules will take effect 75 days after they are filed with the Secretary of State. ■

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