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Re: I87-121 (R87-138)

Dear Mr. White:

You have asked whether the Registrar of Contractors has the authority to require qualifying parties of contractor license applicants to pass a business management examination as a condition of licensing.

To receive a license, a contractor's qualifying party must pass the written examination required by the Registrar of Contractors. A.R.S. § 32-1122(F)(2). That section provides:

F. Prior to issuance of a license, the qualifying party shall:

. . . .

2. Successfully show, by written examination, if required, qualification in the kind of work for which the applicant proposes to contract, his general knowledge of the building, safety, health and lien laws of the state, administrative principles of the contracting business and of the rules and regulations promulgated by the registrar of contractors pursuant to this chapter, demonstrate knowledge and understanding of construction plans and specifications applicable to the particular industry or craft and of the standards of construction work and techniques and practices in the particular

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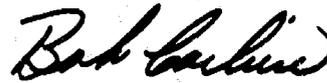
industry or craft and demonstrate a general understanding of other related construction trades, in addition to such other matters as may be deemed appropriate by the registrar of contractors to determine that the qualifying party meets the requirements of this chapter. The registrar shall maintain multiple versions of examinations for each type of license which requires an examination.

(Emphasis added).

A business management examination which tests the qualifying party's general knowledge of administrative principles of the contracting business is authorized expressly by A.R.S. § 32-1122(F)(2). Moreover, that statute also authorizes the Registrar to include such other matters as may be deemed appropriate.

Based upon the foregoing, we conclude that the Registrar of Contractors may require qualifying parties of contractor license applicants to pass a business management examination pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1122(F)(2) as a condition of receiving a license.

Sincerely,



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