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Licensed Contractor
.....It's the Law!

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Trust, but Verify

On his desk in the White House, President Truman had a sign that famously stated, "The Buck Stops Here"! As a state licensed contractor, you should be aware that the law holds you accountable to contract exclusively with properly licensed contractors. According to La. R.S. 37:2158A(4), the board may revoke, suspend, refuse to renew a license, or issue cease and desist orders to stop work, or debar a person or licensee for "entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor involving work or activity for the performance of which a license is required..."

This prohibition not only applies to subcontractors that you may hire, but also to contractors that hire you. Even though you may not actually sign a contract, to verbally agree to perform work for an unlicensed contractor for a fee would still be considered a violation. Contractors found in violation of this statute may be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 plus \$500 court costs, as well as possible suspension or revocation of their contractor's license. The unlicensed contractor is liable to the State Licensing Board for up to 10% of the value of his contract plus court costs, and will, in most likelihood, be removed from the project.

Don't take a chance on unnecessary delays on your project, or put your license at risk. Take the time to know the status of contractors that you are working with. Our website provides easy access for current information on all state licensed contractors. If you still have any questions, contact the Compliance Division at the main office located in Baton Rouge for assistance. Don't find out the hard way that when it comes to licensing law in Louisiana, "the buck stops with you."

"Properly licensed and qualified contractors...It's the Law!"

For questions or further information, please visit our website at www.lslbc.louisiana.gov or contact us by phone at 225-765-2301 Ext. 213 or send an email to newsletter@lslbc.louisiana.gov.

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