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Governor Bobby Jindal Orders Homeowner Protections Under the Hazard Mitigation Program

On August 19, 2011, Governor Bobby Jindal released Executive Order BJ 11-18 covering homeowner protections under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The Executive Order directs the **Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC)** to conduct investigations and proceedings necessary to suspend or revoke licenses or issue cease and desist orders against any contractor or sub-contractor performing work funded by the Hazard Mitigation Program if they fail to demonstrate an ability to adequately meet all State expectations for participation in the Hazard Mitigation Program; fail to meet generally accepted standards of construction or expectations of the particular area of licensing expertise; violate any federal, state, or local building codes or ordinances; or ceases to possess the necessary qualifications of responsibility, skill, experience and integrity expected of a contractor or subcontractor engaged in work funded by the Hazard Mitigation Program.

Additionally, the Executive Order directs the Commissioner of Administration to:

- Implement a process that will empower homeowners to change contractors and complete their elevation projects in a timely and proper manner
- Inspect or investigate any residence involved in a complaint of deficient construction
- Suspend payments to contractors under any existing contract, and/or suspend contractors from entering into future contracts funded by the Hazard Mitigation Program if there was deficient construction and corrective action is not conducted in a timely manner
- Increase insurance requirements on contractors participating in the Hazard Mitigation Program to ensure that contractors and subcontractors are sufficiently insured
- **Notify the Contractor's Licensing Board of any finding that may be cause for suspension or revocation of a contractor or sub-contractor's license by the Board and file complaints with the Board to institute such proceedings**
- Ensure transparency in the program through publicly posting on the Internet and other publicly accessible places a list of contractors and/or sub-contractors who have been suspended or barred from participation in the Hazard Mitigation Program
- Educate homeowners, contractors, and sub-contractors on the Hazard Mitigation Program

The LSLBC is working diligently to ensure that the measures outlined by the Governor through this Executive Order are enforced.

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