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### TEXT-TO-VERIFY: For Contractor Licensure Verification

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) is now launching an additional method for verifying licensure along with the La. Contractor mobile app. Text-to-Verify a text messaging service which allows a user (at no charge) to quickly and easily verify licensure of a contractor. The texting application, called Text-to-Verify, can be assessed just like texting a friend by using the toll free number 1-855-999-7896.

There are three types of searches available:

- Search by License Number
- Search by Company Name
- Search by Qualifying Party Name

Here is how Text-to-Verify works:

- On your mobile device open a new message
- Type in the toll free number 1-855-999-7896 as the recipient
- In the text box type either the License Number, Company Name, or Qualifying Party Name;  
(only use one of the search options per text)
- If your search does not find a licensed contractor, your results will indicate “No company was found.”

Search results are returned in real time and mirror the contractor search already available on the LSLBC website and through the LSLBC Mobile App (La. Contractor). Text-to-Verify benefits contractors, permit offices, the general public and homeowners who need to verify licenses quickly.

Through this texting application, our goal is to reduce unlicensed activity and increase awareness, as well as to provide a ready tool to consumers for quick license verification.

Verifying licensure can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of contractor fraud and can save you time, money and damages in the long run. Along with Text-to-Verify, you can always verify the license of a contractor in real time at our website or by downloading our mobile app, La. Contractor.

Licensing of contractors protects the general public and the integrity of the construction industry.

**“Properly licensed and qualified contractors . . . IT’S THE LAW!”**

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