

License Status for IEM

IEM does not presently possess any contractor's license from the State of Louisiana. IEM did apply with the Board on February 17, 2017 for a Residential License. The Board was informed that IEM did not possess a contractor's license in any other state. This would require the qualifying party for the company to take the Business and Law examination and the Residential Construction Building exam. It is my understanding that IEM has taken and passed the Business and Law test. IEM has requested an exemption for the testing for the Residential Building exam. This is presently pending on the agenda of the March 16, 2017 Board meeting.

It is the opinion of this office that the Board should find that IEM did not have an active Residential Contractor's License at the time of the submission of the bid to the RFP. A Residential Construction License is required to perform at least a portion of the

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work, and such failure to maintain such active license is a violation of the Contractor's Licensing Laws. This opinion is based upon the lack of federal law or regulation that would exempt the RFP Contractor from maintaining a Louisiana Contractor's License. If there is any such exemption, we would request that your office provide statutory references. This opinion letter has been submitted to the Board for its consideration at the March 16, 2017 meeting. If you are in disagreement with any of the conclusions set forth in this letter, please respond in writing no later than close of business on March 13, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely



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