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ASPLS Members,

We have a very important meeting coming up on January 31st at 8:00 at the RSA building (100 N. Union St) in Montgomery. We need to get as many surveyors as possible to show up. Below is a link to the notice from the BOL.

http://www.bels.alabama.gov/pdf/publications/APA-2_14.05.pdf

Please keep in mind that there are 2 issues that are going to be discussed.

1 – the BOL voted to repeal QBS. This action will completely remove QBS from the admin code. WE SUPPORT THIS.

2 – the BOL voted to add replacement language for QBS. This language does have an exception that will cover some surveying projects, but as a general rule, we oppose QBS, so we do not support this.

TALKING POINTS

- QBS is a federal law under the Brooks Act and requires federal agencies to implement a QBS process for federal contracts. QBS is a state law under the Alabama Competitive Bid law that requires state agencies to implement a QBS process for state contracts. Removing QBS from the admin code will not affect federal and state law.

- The Board of Licensure has implemented a board rule that applies QBS to private contracts and requires the professional to implement a QBS procedure on the client who is not under the jurisdiction of the Board. This rule is difficult / impossible to implement and is completely unnecessary.

- QBS restricts free trade and violates Federal Anti-Trust laws.

- All licensed surveyors are qualified to perform survey work by virtue of being licensed. If a surveyor does not have the experience and/or education to perform a certain survey job, then section 330-X-14-.03 (Cannon II) of the admin code requires surveyors to only accept survey jobs that they have the education and/or experience to perform.

- QBS guarantees that the most unethical surveyor (the one who is not following the rules) will get awarded the project from a client who is shopping for a price. This does not happen at the federal and state level because the agency is the one who is responsible for implementing QBS.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I hope to see all of you in Montgomery on January 31st.

Sincerely,

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