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RE: Annual Report of Activities for 2015

Dear Sirs/Madam:

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors is pleased to present to you this report of its activities for 2015.

The Licensing Board is comprised of nine members, serving 5-year staggered terms. The Board currently employs 17 full-time persons. As charged by our governing legislation at Chapter §87 Article 1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the purpose of the Board is to regulate the practice of general contracting in North Carolina by evaluating licensure applications for specific criteria by granting licenses to qualified contractors. The Board also imposes disciplinary action in appropriate cases by suspending or revoking the licenses of general contractors who violate provisions of the Board's disciplinary statute. The Board receives no state funding to conduct its operations. Rather, the Board is receipt-supported, being funded entirely by application and licensing fees charged to contractors from North Carolina and other states.

Applicants must pass an examination before being licensed unless they are admitted by reciprocity. Once an examination has been passed, reexamination is not required unless a license has lapsed for a period of four or more years (N.C.G.S. §87-10(d)). All failing candidates are entitled to a review of their exam, thereby allowing the candidate an opportunity to determine which examination questions were answered incorrectly.

As of December 31, 2015, there were 32,469 general contractors licensed to operate in North Carolina. North Carolina's general contractor licensing laws provide that persons, firms or corporations who bid upon or who construct projects costing \$30,000 or more are first required to be licensed to practice general contracting.

In 2015, a total of 1,808 persons, firms or corporations applied to the Board for licensure and 1,024 examinations were administered. The overall pass rate for examinations

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given in 2015 was 56%. The Board granted 1,357 general contractors licenses to persons, firms or corporations in 2015.

For the year 2015, the Board received 335 sworn complaints regarding contractors. In 2015, the Board revoked or suspended 23 licenses, issued 48 formal reprimands, and obtained 23 injunctions in Superior Court against unlicensed contractors for the unlicensed practice of general contracting. In other formal administrative action by the Board last year, three applicants were either conditionally delayed or denied issuance or reinstatement of licensure or the authorization to take an examination.

The Homeowners Recovery Fund is administered by the Board to reimburse homeowners in North Carolina who have suffered a reimbursable loss in the construction or alteration of a single-family dwelling in this state. There were 29 Recovery Fund Hearings conducted in 2015 allowing eligible claimants to present claims before the Board for reimbursement. A total of \$471,500.00 was awarded to eligible claimants


Under separate cover we will be sending you a current CD list of licensed contractors and audited financial statements for fiscal year(s) ended December 31, 2014 and 2015, as they become available later during 2016.

In 2015 there were no new rules proposed or adopted by the Board. The Board began its scheduled Periodic Review & Expiration of Existing Rules process in October 2015 with expectation of being completed by June 30, 2016. The Board's current Laws & Rules can be found on the Board website at [www.ncibgc.org](http://www.ncibgc.org).

We hope that you have found this description of the Board's activities helpful.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



C. Frank Wiesner  
Secretary-Treasurer

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