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**MICHAEL McDUFF**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**State of Louisiana**  
**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS**  
August 17, 2012

Janet Baumberger  
Administrator  
Office of Board Services  
Residential Builders Commission  
110 Centerview Drive  
Post Office Box 11329  
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Dear Ms. Baumberger:

It is my pleasure to inform you that during the meeting yesterday, our Board approved the reciprocity agreement between our states for Residential Contractor's licensing exams. The contractors from both South Carolina and Louisiana should benefit greatly from this agreement.

I have enclosed the agreement signed by our Board chairman, Mr. Byron Talbot.

Thank you for your work on this and for helping to facilitate this process so smoothly.

We will be keeping in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Traylor", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Doug Traylor  
Director of Examinations and Assessment

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA AND LOUISIANA  
ESTABLISHING EXEMPTION OF EXAMINATION  
FOR ELIGIBLE LICENSEES**

Pursuant to statutory authority vested in each State, the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission and the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors do hereby enter into the following agreement establishing criteria and requirements for issuance of contractor's license(s) through reciprocity:

1. The South Carolina Residential Builders Commission agrees to waive the normally required written examination and any mandatory waiting period and issue a South Carolina Residential Builder's license to any applicant:
  - (a) whose Louisiana license was issued on the basis of the applicant's qualifying party having taken and passed the normally required written examination, administered by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, for Business and Law and for Residential Building Contractor, and who holds a current active Residential Building Contractor's license issued by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; and
  - (b) whose qualifying party passes the South Carolina Code of Laws Take Home Exam examination sent to that qualifying party by the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission.
  - (c) who did not obtain a Louisiana license through any reciprocity agreement between the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors and any other state; and
  - (d) who is chartered or headquartered in the State of Louisiana, or in the case of a sole proprietorship or partnership is a resident of Louisiana; and
  - (e) who has held a license with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors for the past three years and has not been penalized by that Board for violations of the law during that time period; and
  - (f) who submits proper license verification by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; and
  - (g) who meets all other requirements of the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission for the issuance of a contractor's license.
  
2. The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors agrees to waive the normally required written examination and any mandatory waiting period and issue a Louisiana contractor's license in the equivalent classification(s) to any applicant:
  - (a) whose South Carolina license was issued on the basis of the applicant's qualifying party having taken and passed the normally required written examination for Business Management and Law for Residential Builders (or who has received credit in lieu of this by having taken the Business Management and Law for Commercial Contractors examination for the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board) and having taken and passed the normally required Residential Builder's examination administered by the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission, and who holds a current Residential Builder's license issued by the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission; and
  - (b) whose qualifying party passes the Law, Rules and Regulations of the Board examination sent to that qualifying party by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; and
  - (c) who did not obtain a South Carolina license through any reciprocity agreement between the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission and any other state; and
  - (d) who is chartered or headquartered in the State of South Carolina, or in the case of a sole proprietorship or partnership is a resident of South Carolina; and
  - (e) who has held a license with the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission for the past three years and has not been penalized by that Board for violations of the law during that time period; and
  - (f) who submits proper license verification from the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission; and
  - (g) who meets all other requirements of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors for the issuance of a commercial contractor's license.
  
3. The provisions of this reciprocal licensing agreement shall become effective on August 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect until such time as either the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission or the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors advises the other state agency through written notice of its intention to terminate the same. Such written notice must be filed with the other state agency at least ninety days prior to the date the respective state agency intends to terminate this agreement. No new license applications shall be accepted or processed pursuant to this Agreement following the 90<sup>th</sup> day of notice of cancellation. Any individual granted a license pursuant to this Agreement while in force shall not be affected by subsequent cancellation of this Agreement. However, individuals shall continue to meet renewal requirements for licensure to maintain issued license(s).

ATTESTED:

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL  
BUILDERS COMMISSION



8/5/12

Date

ATTESTED:

LOUISIANA STATE LICENSING BOARD  
FOR CONTRACTORS



Byron Talbot, Chairman

Date