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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2012

TO: Land Surveyors, Engineers and
On-site Wastewater Designers

FROM: George Twiss, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Survey Rules on Scope of Practice

The Board has been granted approval to proceed with development of rules that will better define the land surveying scope of practice under current law. The draft rules under consideration states:

Practice of Land Surveying. *The practice of land surveying, as defined in RCW 18.43.020(9) includes all activities where specialized knowledge and skill is needed for; (1) the establishment, re-establishment and recovery of corners, lines, boundaries, and monuments defining property locations. (2) The laying out and subdivision of land. (3) The survey of land areas for the purpose of determining the topography thereof, and (4) The making of topographical delineations and the preparing of maps and accurate records.*

Except for work under the authority of county engineers in chapters 36.80, 36.81 and 36.86 RCW, activities that must be accomplished by or under the direct supervision of a professional surveyor include, but are not limited to, the following as they relate to boundary and topographic surveying and mapping:

- (a) *Evaluation and interpretation of evidence.*
- (b) *Adjustment and authoritative interpretation of survey data*
- (c) *Certification of positional accuracy of maps or measured survey data.*
- (d) *Acquisition of field data required to authoritatively position the location of features.*
- (e) *Utilization of the principles of land surveying to determine the position of any monument or reference point which marks a property line, boundary, corner, right of way, easement or alignment of those lines, or setting, resetting, or replacing any such monument or reference point;*
- (f) *Setting, resetting or replacing of control points which orient construction or engineering projects in relation to property, easement, or right-of-way boundaries.*
- (g) *Directly or indirectly giving an authoritative reference or opinion as to the location of a property line, boundary, right of way, easement, or any corner position relating thereto;*
- (h) *The creation and modification of descriptions for use in legal instruments of conveyance of real property and property rights (easements) and the subdivision of land.*
- (i) *The creation of maps and geo-referenced databases representing authoritative locations for boundaries, the location of fixed works, or topography.*
- (j) *The establishment of ground control which determines authoritative elevations or boundaries in relation to photogrammetric or other active or passive remote-based sensing technology.*

Initially the Board will host a series of workshops around the state to enable anyone interested in these rules to participate in discussions about the final rule content. .

To ensure there is sufficient space to accommodate those in attendance please RSVP to engineers@dol.wa.gov and indicate the number attending and location.

We also suggest that you subscribe to the Board's ListServ at: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/engineerslandsurveyors/emallist.html> so you will receive all updates or schedule changes that may occur.

DATE	CITY	TIMES	FACILITY/ROOM
May 15	Sequim	5:00 – 8:30p	Holiday Inn 1441 E. Washington St. Sequim, WA 98382 360-681-8756
May 16	Silverdale	5:00 – 8:30p	Silverdale Beach Hotel 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd Silverdale, WA 98383 360-698-1000
May 22	Burlington	5:00 – 8:30p	Hampton Inn 1860 S. Burlington Blvd Burlington, WA 98233 360-757-7100
May 23	Lynnwood	5:00 – 8:30p	Embassy Suites 20610 44 th Ave West Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-774-0485
May 30	Olympia	5:00 – 8:30p	405 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia, WA 98502 Rm 2209
May 31	Tacoma	5:00 – 8:30p	LaQuinta Inn 1425 E. 27 th St Tacoma, WA 98421-2200 253-383-0146
June 6	Spokane	5:00 – 8:30p	Wingate /Windham Spokane Airport 2726 S. Flint Rd Spokane, WA 99224 509-838-3226
June 7	Moses Lake	5:00 – 8:30p	Holiday Inn Express 1735 E. Kittelson Rd. Moses Lake, WA 98837 509-766-2000
June 8	Pasco	4:00 - 7:00p	Tri-Cities Airport 3601 N. 20 th Ave Pasco, WA 99301 509-547-6352

June 12	Yakima	5:00 – 8:30p	Yakima Downtown Holiday Inn 802 E. Yakima Ave Yakima, WA 98901 509-494-7000
June 13	Wenatchee	4:30 – 7:30p	Red Lion 1225 N. Wenatchee Ave Wenatchee, WA 98801 509-663-0711
July 17	Vancouver	5:00 – 8:30p	Heathman Lodge 7801 Greenwood Dr. Vancouver, WA 98662 360-254-3100
July 24	Kelso/Longview	5:00 – 8:30p	Red Lion Kelso 510 Kelso Dr. Kelso, WA 98626 360-425-3296

NOTE: At any time during this period you are welcome to provide written comments to engineers@dol.wa.gov. If doing so, please note on the subject line, "Comments on Surveying Rules."

The comments received through this period will be considered in making improvements to the rule draft. Once that is completed the revised version will be posted on the ListServ with information on subsequent steps leading to possible rule adoption.