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To: Landscape Architect Licensing Candidates

From: The Board of Registration for Landscape Architects staff

RE: Changes to the Landscape Architect Exam and Licensing Requirements

At their April 16, 2009 meeting, the Board of Registration for Landscape Architects took several actions that affect you:

- The Board adopted the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards' (CLARB) Standards of Eligibility for Council Certification as the requirements for licensing candidates with a degree. If you do not have a degree, you will follow the experience-only path outlined in the current state requirements.
- The Board delegated to CLARB the administration of the entire Landscape Architectural Registration Examinations (LARE). CLARB will create a regional test center and will administer LARE sections C & E starting in December 2009. Board staff has transferred your information to CLARB, who will be contacting you directly mid-summer.
- New exam candidates will now apply directly to CLARB, using the requirements for CLARB's Test Centers available online at www.clarb.org. If you do not meet CLARB's requirements (for example, if you do not have a degree), apply to the state Board office. Board staff will review your application and if you meet the state's requirements, staff will forward your approved application to CLARB so you may sit for the exam.

The Board intends these changes to benefit licensing candidates, streamlining the application processes for the examinations and licensing.

Other News:

On May 6, 2009, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law Substitute Senate Bill 5273, affecting the practice of landscape architecture in Washington State and how it is regulated by the Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects. Please see the question & answer sheet enclosed for further information.

Please contact our office if you have questions, (360) 664-1497 or landscape@dol.wa.gov.