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ATTENTION LICENSED ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

In an effort to streamline licensing procedures and to bring fees more in line with operating costs, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Board of Architecture are moving towards biennial renewal of licenses. The license for your South Carolina architecture firm is currently set to expire on December 31, 2008. **However, this letter serves as notice that the firm license renewal date has been extended until August 31, 2009, at no charge.** In about three weeks, we will mail you a new firm license with the expiration date of August 31, 2009. If you do not receive it by the end of November, please contact Alice Richardson at richardsona@llr.sc.gov.

Again, currently licensed architectural firms will NOT be required to renew the license by December 31, 2008, in order to continue practicing in South Carolina.

In August 2009, if you choose to continue practicing as a firm in South Carolina, you will be able to renew the license online for a two-year period. In July 2009, we will send you instructions for renewing online.

We also anticipate changing the annual renewal of individual architect licenses to a biennial period so that a renewal on June 30, 2009, would give architects a valid license until June 30, 2011. Continuing education requirements would be adjusted accordingly. More definitive information will be mailed to you next year about renewing individual architect licenses in South Carolina.

We hope you are pleased with these changes, and we welcome your feedback.

Please always ensure that we have the firm's current e-mail and mailing address by sending changes to archelp@llr.sc.gov.