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Mr. Ben Henson
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K Street, N.W., Suite 310
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RE: Alabama Appraiser Licenses

Dear Mr. Henson:

Earlier this year Alabama removed a statutory CE requirement unique to Alabama appraisers by amending an administrative regulation. Dennis Greene, filed a complaint with the Attorney General who opined to Dennis that this change required legislative action and that the Alabama Board was not in compliance with its enabling legislation. Until we can amend our enabling statute, we must require Alabama appraisers to take a 15-hour USPAP in addition to the 7-hour USPAP mandated by AQB. We have a large number of trainee appraisers who did not complete our trainee orientation course which is mandatory CE for renewal of those licenses. Additionally, we have had numerous requests for extensions from appraisers who have been effected by Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina.

On September 23, 2005, the Board voted to extend the renewal period for all Alabama appraisers to March 31, 2006. This will allow appraisers of all classifications who are due to complete a 15 hour USPAP course with exam, allow the Board to offer the Trainee Orientation Course to the Trainees and accommodate those appraisers facing hardship with all their CE compliance as a result of the hurricanes.

We will require appraisers to pay the licensing fee and will issue a letter to the appraiser extending the term of the existing certificate. All CE must be completed and submitted to the Board by March 31, 2006. No additional extension will be granted. Any appraiser not in compliance on April 1, 2006 will be "Inactive" and we will notify ASC.

We realize there will be billing issues for the !ashington Registry fee that may need to be addressed. We will deal with those after we return from AARO.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lisa C. Brooks
Executive Director

Enclosure