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# APPRAISER LICENSING & CERTIFICATION BOARD

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November 16, 2007

The Appraisal Subcommittee  
Mr. Ben Henson, Executive Director  
2000 K Street, NW, Suite 310  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Henson,

This is in response to your most recent communication dated September 5, 2007 in which we are submitting a summary of this Board's effort to comply with the ASC's recommendations of July, 2006. As of a meeting on October 23 the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board concluded that it has endeavored, to the best of its ability, to comply with the audited findings and recommendations in regards to those appraisers issued credentials based on ad valorem tax appraisal experience.

For your information, we are providing a spreadsheet that summarizes the current status of the thirty appraisers we initially determined to be within the targeted group. As a result of multiple communications to these folks and additional review of existing files and procedures, the Board has concluded that 22 of these 30 appraisers have either complied with the Subcommittee's recommendations and/or based on additional file information met the AQB's qualifying criteria. The remaining eight (8) appraisers, to our knowledge, continue to be directly involved with ad valorem tax appraising as elected assessors or as state agency employees having oversight and review of the county tax appraisal systems. This group of eight (8) appraisers were provided several options as a basis for addressing the audit concerns. The most pertinent option focused on Standard 1 & 2 appraisals. Three of the eight have now stipulated, by a mutual agreement, to permit the Board to over stamp their credentials with a statement "not eligible for federally related transactions" and further if at a future date he or she decides to engage in a FRT appraisal the appraiser will be required to submit two or more demonstration reports to the Board in compliance with Std. 1 & 2 and be personally interviewed by a

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panel of Board members to verify their competency to develop appraisals in compliance with Std. 1 & 2 as a condition for removal of the restriction.

To date there are five appraisers remaining who have failed to provide the Board with a response. The State Attorney General's Office has determined that there is no basis under state law to pursue any licensure action against these individuals because the credentials in question were issued in compliance with the state statutes and Board rules in effect at the time the credentials were issued.

The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board has, in good faith, exhausted every reasonable avenue to bring these credentials into conformance with the ASC's retroactive finding of non AQB compliance and recommendations set forth in the July 17, 2006 communications.

Respectfully,

Jim Martin  
Executive Director