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**TO: ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS**

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**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF 2010 ADA STANDARDS**

1. Effective April 18, 2011, the Alabama Building Commission will adopt, promulgate and enforce the *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design* as the accessibility code of the State Building Code.
2. Any project where the start of construction is scheduled to begin **on or after March 15, 2012** must comply with the *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*.
3. Any project where the start of construction is scheduled to begin **before March 15, 2012** may comply with either the *1991 ADA Standards for Accessible Design* or the *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*.
4. The 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design is the new standard adopted and enforced by the federal Department of Justice. The design professional is responsible for ensuring compliance with the applicable standard. **Approval of the plans by the Alabama Building Commission does not relieve the architect from compliance with the standard applicable at the start of construction.**