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**TO: ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND CONTRACTORS**

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**SUBJECT: UPDATED GUIDANCE ON FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR PERMITS**

DCM's July 17, 2012 *Memorandum On Act 2009-657 Requiring Certification Of Fire Alarm Contractors* is superseded by this January 19, 2021 bulletin which includes updated references, terms, and details for projects under DCM's jurisdiction.

Act 2009-657, effective August 1, 2012, requires fire alarm contractors to be permitted through the State of Alabama Fire Marshal's Office. In accordance with §34-33A-9, if a fire alarm contractor is going to do work in Alabama, the contractor must deliver to the local building official a copy of their State Fire Marshal's Fire Alarm Permit. DCM requires the following:

**Plan Review**

For work involving fire alarm systems in Optional 65% Intermediate Plan Review submittals and in Final Plan Review submittals, the requirement for a fire alarm contractor to be permitted through the State of Alabama Fire Marshal's Office shall be included on plan notes and/or in the project manual.

**Bidding**

Pursuant to §34-33A-11(b), for work involving fire alarm systems, General Contractors must submit a copy of the fire alarm contractor's State Fire Marshal's Fire Alarm Permit at the same time as submission of the subcontractor and supplier list to the lead design professional, which is required within 24 hours after receipt of bids. The architect or engineer shall reject fire alarm contractors who cannot provide a copy of the required permit.

**Pre-Construction Conference**

For work involving fire alarm systems, General Contractors must provide a copy of the fire alarm contractor's State Fire Marshal's Fire Alarm Permit to the DCM Inspector at the pre-construction conference.

If you have any questions, please contact DCM's Plan Review Division at 334-242-4082 or [planreview@realproperty.alabama.gov](mailto:planreview@realproperty.alabama.gov).

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