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**TO: CONTRACTORS, ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS**

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**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM ON ACT 2009-657 REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF**  
**FIRE ALARM CONTRACTORS**

Act 2009-657, which was signed by Governor Riley on May 21, 2009, requires fire alarm contractors to be certified by and to obtain a permit from the State Fire Marshal. The act provided a 36-month grace period before requiring full compliance which expires on July 31, 2012.

In accordance with §34-33A-9, the local building official is required to receive a copy of the State Fire Marshal's permit before issuing a license or building permit. **Beginning August 1, 2012, the Building Commission will require the general contractor to furnish a copy of the fire alarm contractor's State Fire Marshal's Permit to the Building Commission Inspector at the Pre-Construction Conference.**

Beginning August 1, 2012, and pursuant to §34-33A-11(b), the Building Commission will require architects and engineers to obtain a copy of the fire alarm contractor's State Fire Marshal's Permit when the general contractor submits the list of subcontractors for the contract. The architect or engineer shall reject fire alarm contractors that cannot provide a copy of the required State Fire Marshal's Permit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (334) 242-4082 or the State Fire Marshal, Ed Paulk, at (334) 241-4166.

cc: Mr. Ed Paulk, State Fire Marshal  
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