

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:

FALATI CONSULTING, LLC

RESPONDENT

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CASE NO. 2024-30

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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Falati Consulting, LLC [hereinafter “Respondent”], by and through its duly authorized undersigned representative, hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana. Respondent subsequently became licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF-7899, effective August 23, 2024.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of information and/or documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed violations of the Board’s laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that between at least February 2022 and August 22, 2024 Respondent admittedly offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana and provided engineering services on at least thirteen (13) projects in Louisiana.

The investigation also disclosed that on or about July 19, 2024 Respondent submitted to the Board an application for engineering firm licensure, in which Respondent admitted that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), prohibit practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:700(H) permits the Board to take enforcement action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), upon a finding of

guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), La. R.S. 37:700(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** until August 23, 2024 Respondent was not licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana and **(b)** between at least February 2022 and August 22, 2024 Respondent admittedly practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure.

By letter dated October 7, 2024, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), relative to practicing and/or offering to practice engineering without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further enforcement action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of its own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 49/100 (\$1,281.49) Dollars and **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that its conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that it will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of its right to an informal conference, to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in its own behalf, it hereby waives this right and its right to appeal, and it states

affirmatively that it has been afforded all administrative remedies due it under the law.

Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive its right to an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on its behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that **(a)** it fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** it has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with it by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and **(c)** the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified checks payable to the Board in six (6) installments as follows:
 - a. An initial payment of Three Hundred Seventy-Five and No/100 (\$375.00) Dollars shall be due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
 - b. The remaining balance of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five and No/100 (\$1,125.00) Dollars shall be payable in five (5) installments of Two Hundred Twenty-Five and No/100 (\$225.00) Dollars each, beginning thirty (30) days after the signing of this Consent Order and every thirty (30) days thereafter until paid in full; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 49/100 (\$1,281.49) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified checks payable to the Board in six (6) installments as follows:

- a. An initial payment of Three Hundred Twenty and 39/100 (\$320.39)

Dollars shall be due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

- b. The remaining balance of Nine Hundred Sixty-One and 10/100 (\$961.10)

Dollars shall be payable in five (5) installments of One Hundred Ninety-Two and 22/100

(\$192.22) Dollars each, beginning thirty (30) days after the signing of this Consent Order and every thirty (30) days thereafter until paid in full; and

3. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and

4. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: June 16, 2025

BY: Donna D. Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

FALATI CONSULTING, LLC, Respondent

DATE: 5/6/25

BY: Matthew J. Falati
MATTHEW J. FALATI, P.E., Manager

Witnesses to the signature of
Falati Consulting, LLC

[Signature]
Print Name: Shawn Desjardins

[Signature]
Print Name: Seamus Connolly

Approved by:



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