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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Officials and Design Professionals

FROM: Floyd Farmer, PE, ABA State Engineer 

DATE: May 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Act 1494 of 2009 Rules for Energy Efficiency and Natural Resource Conservation in Public Buildings

Act 1494 of 2009 authorized the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Energy Office to promulgate rules and standards for the implementation of energy efficiency and natural resource conservation in public buildings. The rules became effective January 1, 2011. Chapter 4 of these rules require certification that the plans and specifications meet the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) § 25-4-404. The following certification statement shall be placed on the title sheet of the plans and the cover of the specifications manual when plans are submitted to ABA for official plan review:

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, these plans
and specifications are as required by ACA 25-4-404.
Name/Signature/Title/Date*

Attached is a brief summary of projects subject to this requirement and a link to the Energy Office's rules. Please contact the Arkansas Energy Office at (501) 682-6103 if you have questions regarding these rules.

ACT 1494 applies to Major Renovations and Major Facility Construction of Public Buildings which entered schematic design phase after January 1, 2011.

1. If a facility is over 20,000 square feet and the renovation and construction cost is estimated to be over 50% of the insured value of the building or;
2. The facility is new construction over 20,000 square feet;

Your project must comply with the Rules for Act 1494 of 2009.

<http://arkansasenergy.org/media/333839/energy%20efficiency%20and%20natural%20resource%20conservation%20in%20public%20buildings%20rules%20final%2020101118.pdf>

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