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Licensing Changes

As you may be aware, new legislation recently passed regarding contractor licensing in the State of Ohio. H.B. 487 passed and will be effective March 30, 2007. What does this mean for you? In simple terms, **license holders can now take any approved course and receive credit for it.** This differs from the previous rule that a license holder had to take courses approved for the trade or one of the trades he held a license in to receive credit. An individual who holds only one license may take an approved course for a different trade or license and receive credit. An example would be a HVAC license holder attending a course approved only for Plumbing; he will receive credit for his attendance. This same example will apply no matter what licenses are held by the individual. However, the rule for electrical license holders attending five hours in electrical code each year remains the same. Anyone who holds an electrical license must still attend five hours in electrical code each year.

Also, beginning with ACCA Central Ohio's April 2007 meeting all license holders will be required to show their current Ohio License before they will be permitted to sign the OCILB CEU attendance form. This action is being taken due to the fact that many times contractors (across the state; not necessarily Central Ohio) call the OCILB office and find that their license has expired. They tell the OCILB that they have been taking classes every year. However, they did not complete all of the requirements to renew – fees, insurance, DMA form. By requiring physical proof of your license before signing for CEU credit, the contractor would know if their license is expired.

If you would like to avoid showing your license at each meeting, each year supply the ACCA office with a copy of your license for us to keep on file.

Palmer Donavin Celebrates 100 Years

To celebrate their 100th year in service, Palmer Donavin won't be holding a gala. They aren't going to release balloons or hand out t-shirts. They have decided instead to give back to the community by building a facility that will help persons with developmental disabilities for the next 100 years and beyond.

The Palmer Donavin house will be a state-of-the art respite care facility that will serve up to eight persons with developmental disabilities. The site of the facility will be McDowell Road in Grove City. The facility will be donated to Franklin County Residential Services, a not-for-profit corporation that provides residential and supported living services.

Respite care services allow family members of persons with developmental disabilities to take a break from their day-to-day care duties. These services are helpful when families face personal emergencies, or simply need to relax.

The facility will include amenities such as an activity center, a meditation room and outside recreation areas. Estimated cost to build the facility is approximately \$750,000.

It is expected that the facility will be completed in the fall of 2007 in conjunction with the company's 100th Anniversary.

ACCA members who wish to support the Palmer Donavin House may make a financial contribution; a form is available at www.palmerdonavin.com.