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Date: May 1, 2003  
 To: Berlyn Miller  
 From: Mollie Miller  
 Re: Professional Engineer Seal requirements

Berlyn, listed below are twenty-five states that I have researched to determine each states requirements and process with respect to licensed Professional Engineers obtaining their official seal. With the exception of Nevada, the remaining twenty-four states stipulate the following regarding Professional Engineers obtaining their seals.

- "Each professional engineer registered in their respective state shall, upon registration, obtain a seal or stamp of a design authorized by the board". This is followed by the specific criteria each state has regarding required information on the seal.

Louisiana provides a list of vendors and states that "the Board does not endorse or guarantee the work of any particular vendor. Any vendor listed in the Yellow Pages under "Rubber Stamps" should be able to make a stamp or seal.

Nevada is the ONLY state that stipulates that where the registrants are required to purchase their seals. In Nevada's website under FAQ, the second question asks, Where do I purchase a new stamp? Answer: You must order the new stamp from our Board Office; click here for the order form.

The following are the list of states researched:

Alaska	Kentucky	Rhode Island
California	Louisiana	Texas
Colorado	Michigan	West Virginia
Connecticut	Mississippi	Utah
Florida	Montana	Washington
Georgia	Nevada	
Hawaii	New Hampshire	
Idaho	New Mexico	
Indiana	North Carolina	
Iowa	Oklahoma	

## History of dealing with the BOE

- A-1 Rubber Stamp & Engraving found out by accident that there was a new regulation regarding Professional Seals. Mollie Miller, President and owner of A-1 Rubber Stamp & Engraving, Inc. called the BOE office in August of 2002 to inform them that an Engineer, a customer of A-1 R.S. had requested that their name on the seal be made different from the name that was on their certificate. Mrs. Miller told the BOE that this Engineer went to another manufacturer and had it made the way he wanted which was different then his certificate.

Unfortunately, the BOE was more interested in telling A-1 R.S. that they would be in violation of this new regulation then they were with the information that was given to them by a conscientious manufacturer.

If A-1 hadn't called to enlighten the board about this engineer, A-1 would never have known that there was a new regulation that would prohibit them from manufacturing a product that they have been manufacturing since 1975. The BOE does not notify companies of any changes whom manufacturer or sell stamps.

- When Mrs. Miller became aware of the change in August of 2002, she went to great lengths to work with the BOE in determining how she could become "approved"; as the owner of a small business she knew losing this market would create a substantial loss. She received no cooperation from the BOE who informed her that "it was law and she could no longer manufacture Engineering Seals and there was nothing she could do".

Mrs. Miller felt that this regulation or the interpretation of this regulation was discriminatory by choosing only one vendor and by not utilizing a competitive process. Mrs. Miller also believed that that the BOE was interfering with the customers right to use the vendor of their choice by mandating that the customer had to purchase their seals and pay their established price, which was higher then A-1 R.S. & Engraving, Inc.

Since the BOE refused to try and work with Mrs. Miller, she contacted the Attorney Generals office for guidance and was put in touch with Mr. Bruce Robb. Mr. Robb facilitated conversation between Ms. Noni Johnson and Mrs. Miller but the BOE was uncooperative and unresponsive. Mrs. Miller notified Mr. Robb that Ms. Johnson had not responded and again communicated Mrs. Millers message to Mrs. Johnson who finally agreed to let A-1 R.S. submit a prototype of their seal

After receiving the prototype stamps, Mrs. Johnson sent a letter to Mrs. Miller stating that their prototype had been reviewed and approved by the BOE office but that stamps still needed to be purchased through the BOE office. When Mrs. Miller asked Mr. Robb what this meant, the question was referred back to Ms. Johnson who informed Mrs. Miller that if her customers wanted to use her company, they would have to request her company in writing when they ordered their seal. The BOE would then fax the order to A-1 R.S. who would make the seal, ship the seal to the customer and the invoice to the BOE. A process that had previously taken one to two days, had now turned into a minimum of seven to ten working days depending on how fast the BOE turned around the request for a seal.

Mrs. Miller questioned how the BOE was handling the difference in the cost of the seal charged by the BOE and their vendor from what A-1 charged the BOE; she was never given an answer. Mrs. Miller assumes that the customer is paying the cost of the BOE's vendor but billed a lesser amount by A-1 R.S.

This issue has been going on since August of 2002. To date A-1 R.S. has received only four orders from the BOE, they don't know if the BOE isn't giving A-1 R.S. the business or if the process is simply too cumbersome for their customers to continue to do business with A-1 R.S.

Mrs. Miller questions the authority of any Licensing Board to interfere with free enterprise and their right to do business by mandating one vendor will receive all of the work, when an open bid process has not been followed.

A-1 Rubber Stamp & Engraving Inc. was started by Mrs. Miller family in 1975, this is a sampling of their customer base:

- Clark County Agencies
- McCarren Airport
- F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- Department of Energy
- D.E.A. (Drug Enforcement Administration)
- All District Courts in southern Nevada
- Immigration & Naturalization Service
- Nevada State Welfare
- Multiple Banks and Title Companies
- Most Gaming Properties in southern Nevada
- GES
- St. Rose Dominican Hospital
- Office Supply Stores and Printers

## Berlyn Miller

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**From:** Mollie Miller [mcmiller@bigplanet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 1:34 PM  
**To:** Berlyn Miller  
**Subject:** FW: Nevada Engineer's Stamps

Berlyn, I just received this message from Lisa Moraca, the buyer for Mendenhall Smith; the following are her comments regarding having to go through the BOE to purchase their Engineering seals.  
Mollie

Wk: 702-876-1495  
Email: mcmiller@bigplanet.com

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lisa Moraca [mailto:lmoraca@mendenhallsmith.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 1:19 PM  
**To:** mcmiller@bigplanet.com  
**Subject:** Nevada Engineer's Stamps

A-1 Rubber Stamp  
3111 S. Valley View Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Dear Molly,

As you are aware, we have done business with your firm since 1997. During this time we have never had even the slightest discrepancy in workmanship or fees. We really appreciate your excellent service!

Now, in September 2002, we were required to obtain our engineer's stamps from the State Board. This was a long and arduous process. Stamps were not provided in a matter of days, as does your firm. Spelling mistakes were made on Kirsten Nalley's stamp. Not to mention the COST: \$144 for 4 stamps.

One big issue I have is, since I was required to go through the Board to obtain stamps, WHY did they not double check our engineer's records (ie. expiration dates, validity) before sending our order to their stamp company? What are we paying for? Certainly not for any service from the Board. As it was, we received two additional engineer's stamps with incorrect expiration dates. Then had to wait again for corrected stamps.

I do not believe the Board should make it their business to endorse specific stamp companies. They must have better things to do with their time.

Again, Molly, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE. We look forward to a long business relationship.

Lisa Moraca  
Business Manager  
Mendenhall Smith  
702-367-6725

## Berlyn Miller

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**From:** Mollie Miller [mcmiller@bigplanet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 1:37 PM  
**To:** Berlyn Miller  
**Subject:** FW: pe stamps

Berlyn, the following comments came to me from Valerie Langer, Buyer for G.C. Wallace regarding her having to deal directly with the BOE rather than A-1 Rubber Stamp and Engraving, Inc.  
Mollie

Wk: 702-876-1495  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Valerie Langer [mailto:VLanger@GCWallace.Com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2003 1:19 PM  
**To:** mcmiller@bigplanet.com  
**Subject:** pe stamps

Thank you for your efforts in assisting us to solve the problems now associated with acquiring PE stamps.

Personally, customer service is very important to me and I tend to choose vendors who are able to get us what we need quickly and accurately. A1 Rubber stamp has done that for us. (Usually filling all orders in 24 hours.)

Getting the PE stamps from Northern Nevada unfortunately takes two to six weeks since we now first have to fill out a form and then mail a check and unless we request A1 (our local vendor), wait until the stamp is made and mailed to us. We also saw a sharp rise in the price of the PE stamp from what we paid a year ago.

I appreciate being able to get our PE stamps from A1!

Valerie Langer  
Purchasing Clerk  
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G.C. Wallace, Inc.  
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