



# SECB NEWSLETTER

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## 960 Certified in the Practice of Structural Engineering

The Structural Engineering Certification Board (SECB) has completed its third round of certifications. 960 Structural Engineers are now certified in the practice of structural engineering through the SECB.

**All 50 continental states**, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, are now represented through those granted certification. The mission of the SECB is being recognized across the country while proponents continue to spread the word.

The next round of review for the Structural Engineering Certification Board will be in June, 2006 for July, 2006 certification. All applications are due at the SECB office no later than June 8, 2006 to be reviewed for July certification.

## What benefits has SECB had thus far?

The professional liability agents network (PLAN) has educated its member agencies in the US, Canada & Puerto Rico about the merits of certification through the SECB. As a result, many professional liability insurance underwriters are now aware that firms with structural engineers certified in the practice of structural engineering should get favorable consideration at the time of their E&O Insurance renewal. *(The SECB website has more information on this issue).*

SECB's criteria for certification and requirements for continuing education are directly supportive of NCEES's Model Law- Structural Engineer. Since establishment of SECB, several states have actively engaged in the process of establishing structural engineering practice acts in their states, based on the model law.

## Re-Certification/Continuing Education

The SECB website has been updated with details on the Re-certification & Continuing Education requirements.

All engineers certified in the practice of structural engineering through the SECB will be required to fill out a continuing education form for each renewal period. This form, found on the SECB website, documents PDH's completed throughout the appropriate certification cycle. In addition, an engagement record covering the prior year will be required. Letters will be mailed out to all SECB members prior to their renewal date, requesting these forms be sent in with the annual renewal fee of \$100.

Re-certifications will be issued annually on the anniversary of the initial issuance of the Certificate. Applications for re-certification shall be evaluated for conformance by the Credentialing Committee and will then be forwarded to the Board for final disposition.

For this first renewal cycle only, PDH's will be accepted from January, 2005. Subsequent to the first renewal cycle, the required 15 PDH's must fall within the appropriate 12 month cycle.

Please visit the website for further information.

***Please use the SECB acronym to increase the awareness of SECB throughout the country.***

Thank you to all engineers certified in the practice of structural engineering for your involvement in this program. The support of individual engineers & employers is essential for the success of the SECB.