April 1, 2020

**CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH LA R.S. 42:19**

In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 and 2020-33, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020 and March 22, 2020, respectively, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board’s inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law La. R.S. 42:19 as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30, the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board will provide for attendance at its Selection Board meeting on April 8, 2020, via teleconference because it is unable to obtain a quorum (4 of 6 members) if held in person. In addition, under Section 2 of JBE 2020-33, Governor Edwards ordered all public gatherings of ten (10) or more people to be suspended or postponed. Meetings of the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board is composed of the four (4) elected board members, the director of Facility Planning and Control, the three (3) user agency representatives, the legal consultant, the Selection Board secretary, and the secretary’s assistant; for a total of eleven (11) people. Because the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board selects designers for important construction and building maintenance projects, and these business functions are consistent with the CISA guidance for essential infrastructure, it is essential for the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board to continue to operate.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with Proclamation Numbers JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-33, the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board’s meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. will be held via teleconference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted to the Louisiana Selection Board website <https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ofpc/Selection%20Boards/Selection%20Boards.aspx>.