

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

**Complainant:** )  
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 Arkansas State Board of Licensure for )  
 Professional Engineers and Professional )  
 Surveyors )  
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**Respondents:** )  
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 Randy L. Ritchey, PE )  
 Steadfast, Inc )  
 12081 Centerpoint Church Rd )  
 Prairie Grove, AR 72753-8401 )  
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**Case #2011-12**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and Randy L. Ritchey (AR-PE #10875, hereinafter "Ritchey") and his firm, Steadfast, Inc. (hereinafter "his Firm,")agree as follows in full settlement of the charges in this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- F1. Ritchey is a Professional Engineer who became licensed in Arkansas on December 21, 2001.
- F2. Ritchey allowed his Professional Engineer license to lapse on December 31, 2009, and renewed it on April 21, 2010.

F3. Ritchey's firm, Steadfast, Inc., obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization to offer or provide engineering services in Arkansas on December 13, 2005, but allowed it to lapse on December 31, 2009, and it has not been renewed.

F4. On March 4, 2010, Ritchey performed an inspection of a residence on behalf of a builder and his attorney. During the inspection, Ritchey represented himself as a Professional Engineer, and provided a business card in the name of Steadfast, Inc.

F5. Ritchey placed his Professional Engineer seal on a report of the outcome of that inspection dated March 15, 2010. The report was in the name of Steadfast, Inc.

F6. Ritchey again inspected the residence on April 1, 2010, in preparation for a court appearance on April 8, 2010.

F7. Ritchey appeared in court on behalf of the builder of the residence on April 8, 2010, although he did not testify.

F8. Ritchey appeared in court a second time on behalf of the builder of the residence on March 11, 2011, and this time testified as an expert witness.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

C1. Ritchey's conduct as outlined in paragraphs F1-F8 constitutes four counts of practicing or offering to practice engineering in Arkansas, within the meaning of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-101(4)(B)(iv), without licensure by the Board, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-301.

C2. The conduct of Steadfast, Inc., as outlined in paragraphs F1-F8, constitutes five counts of providing or offering to provide engineering services in Arkansas without a valid Certificate of Authorization, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-303.

**ORDER**

For the violations described in the Conclusions of Law above, Ritchey and his firm shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of nine-hundred (\$900.00) dollars.

Installment payments may be made, but the full amount of the penalty must be paid within 180 days of service of this Order.

**AGREED TO BY:**

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of the Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012



(SEAL)

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 01-15-2022

**AGREED TO AND ORDERED BY:**

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Executive Director of the Board

**Certificate of Service**

I, James Atchley, Investigator of the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby swear and affirm that a true and correct copy of the attached was sent by U.S. Mail to the following addresses with proper postage affixed on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

Mr. Randy L. Ritchey, PE  
 Steadfast, Inc  
 12081 Centerpoint Church Rd  
 Prairie Grove, AR 72753-8401

*James H. Atchley*  
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 James Atchley, Board Investigator  
 Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional  
 Engineers and Professional Surveyors

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