

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
Edward Snodgrass, PE 10004  
Benchmark Design Group, COA 1122**

**ORDER**

The Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (“the Board”) held a hearing on January 14, 2020, to determine whether Edward Snodgrass, AR PE #10004, (“Snodgrass”) and Benchmark Design Group, COA 1122, (“BDG”) have violated Ark. Code Annotated §17-30-101 et seq. or the Rules of the Board. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Sara Farris. Edward Snodgrass appeared on behalf of himself and Benchmark Design Group. Based on the evidence presented, the Board finds as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Snodgrass was actively licensed from January 4, 2000, until he failed to renew his license on December 31, 2014.
2. BDG was actively licensed on December 6, 2004, until it failed to renew its COA; BDG became inactive on December 31, 2009.
3. Snodgrass is the President of BDG. Snodgrass is also the designated professional engineer in responsible charge of BDG pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-30-303(b)(1).
4. On November 26, 2014, Snodgrass signed and sealed a project in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on behalf of BDG while BDG’s certificate of authority was inactive.

5. On March 21, 2016, Snodgrass signed and sealed a project in Rogers, Arkansas, on behalf of BDG while Snodgrass' license was inactive and BDG's certificate of authority was inactive.
6. On May 3, 2016, Snodgrass signed and sealed a project in Fayetteville, Arkansas on behalf of BDG while Snodgrass' license was inactive and BDG's certificate of authority was inactive.
7. On March 5, 2018, Snodgrass signed and sealed a project in Bentonville, Arkansas on behalf of BDG while Snodgrass' license was inactive and BDG's certificate of authority was inactive.
8. On May 20, 2019, Snodgrass signed and sealed a project in North Little Rock, Arkansas on behalf of BDG while Snodgrass' license was inactive and BDG's certificate of authority was inactive.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9. Snodgrass' actions as set forth in Allegations of Fact 5-8 constitute four violations of Ark. Code Ann. §17-30-305(a)(1)(I), which permits the Board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue, restore, or renew a certificate of licensure of, or place on probation, fine, or reprimand a professional engineer who is found guilty of using a seal or practicing engineering while the professional engineer's license is nonrenewed or inactive;
10. BDG's actions as set forth in Allegations of Fact 4-8 constitute five violations of Ark. Code Ann. §§17-30-301(4) and 303, which prohibit a firm from engaging in the practice of engineering as a profession unless the firm has, *inter alia*, a certificate of authority.

11. Under Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305, the Board may impose a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each violation of the Board's statutes or rules.

**ORDER**

For the violations found by the Board and described herein, the Board imposes the following penalties:

A. For completing five (5) projects in Arkansas when one or both of their licenses was inactive, Snodgrass and BDG are fined \$1,200 per violation for a total fine of \$6,000; and

B. Snodgrass and BDG shall pay the total fine no later than March 14, 2020, which is sixty (60) days from the date of the hearing.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212 , Applicant may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in circuit court within thirty (30) days after the service of this Order.

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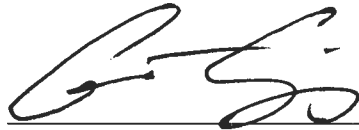
By:   
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Heather N. Richardson, Director

Date: 1/14/2020

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Grant Grigg, Chief Investigator of the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby swear and affirm that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was sent via regular mail AND certified mail, return receipt requested # 7002 0510 0001 8880 1078 to the following on this the 16 day of January, 2020.

Edward Snodgrass  
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Grant Grigg