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TO ALL ELECTRICIANS WHO PERFORM WORK IN THE STATE OF IOWA:

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The new law, 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 897, which establishes licensing of electricians and electrical contractors by the State of Iowa, is effective January 1, 2008. With some exceptions, anyone practicing as an electrician in the State of Iowa will be required to be licensed by the State Electrical Examining Board.

The law provides for licensing in the following categories: Master Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electrician, and Unclassified Person (Electrician's Helper). For Master Electricians and Journeyman Electricians, the law distinguishes between licenses based on a written supervised examination and experience (Class A) and licenses based on experience only without a written supervised examination (Class B). Class A licenses may also be issued based on possessing a current valid local license which was issued on the basis of a supervised written examination. The law also provides for Iowa licenses to be issued based on reciprocity with other states, but these provisions will not be implemented until a future date.

Please note that, if you have a current license issued by a political subdivision (city or county) you may continue to work, within that city or county only, without a state license. As of January 1, 2008, in order to do electrical work legally outside of any city or county which has issued you a license which is currently valid, you must have submitted an application for a license, along with payment of the required fee, to the Electrical Examining Board. This includes areas which previously have not required licensing,

Enclosed you will find an application and application instructions for the electrician license.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Remember that, as of January 1, 2008, you must have submitted an application in order to perform electrical work outside of any political subdivision which has issued you a current, valid license. Also note that licenses will not be issued until some time after January 1. Once you submit your application with the required fee, you will receive written acknowledgement that your application and fee have been received, which can be used to demonstrate that you have applied and paid the fee.

The Electrical Examining Board is developing the administrative rules that will set out the full requirements and procedures for obtaining an electrical license. Those Rules, along with other important information, will be available on the following website: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/electrician/index.shtml>.

Questions regarding this program may be emailed to elecinfo@dps.state.ia.us or you may call this toll-free number: 1-866-923-1082.

Sincerely,

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