



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2019-038172
CILB

DONALD EVERETT BATESON,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER ON WAIVER

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (hereinafter “Petitioner”) issues this Final Order against Donald Everett Bateson (hereinafter “Respondent”) as follows.

1. An Administrative Complaint was filed in this case on December 12, 2019, alleging that Respondent violated certain provisions of chapter 489, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. The Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and a cover letter were mailed to Respondent via Certified and regular U.S. Mail on February 14, 2020. Proof of mailing by Certified and regular U.S. Mail is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. The Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, an Explanation of Rights, and cover letter were served on Respondent via Certified U.S. Mail on February 20, 2020. Proof of service by Certified U.S. Mail is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

4. The Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter informed Respondent that a written response to the Administrative Complaint, including the right to request a hearing, was due within 21 days of actual service of the Administrative Complaint. See section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, and rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code.

5. Petitioner made all reasonable efforts to provide actual notice to Respondent.

6. Petitioner informed Respondent that the failure to file a timely response to the Administrative Complaint shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.

7 Respondent has not filed a timely response to the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has not submitted any evidence or made any allegations that would support the application of the doctrine of equitable tolling.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint, the evidence of Petitioner's reasonable attempts to provide actual notice to Respondent, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

8. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.

9. Respondent must pay a total administrative fine of \$10,000.00 pursuant to the penalty/disciplinary guidelines of rule 61-5.007, Florida Administrative Code.

10. Pursuant to section 455.227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that "the department... may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case, excluding costs associated with an attorney's time," Respondent must pay costs of \$449.38

11. Payment of the fine and costs by check or money order issued to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation must be received by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Revenue Unit, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202 within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Final Order. **Your case number(s) must be clearly referenced when making payment.**

12. This Final Order is effective on the date it is filed with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as indicated on the first page of this Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 4 day of June, 2020.



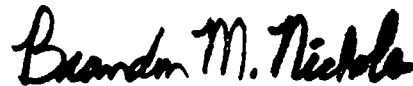
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Unless expressly waived, any party adversely affected by this Final Order may seek judicial review by filing an original Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and a copy of the notice, accompanied by the filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal within 30 days of the effective date of this order, in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, and section 120 68, Florida Statutes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

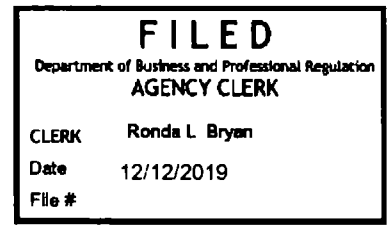
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order on Waiver was provided to Respondent at 8461 Lake Worth Road #419, Lake Worth, Florida 33467, by regular U.S. Mail this 8th day of June, 2020.



OFFICE OF THE AGENCY CLERK

Copy(s) Furnished to:

Maureen White, Chief Attorney - ULA



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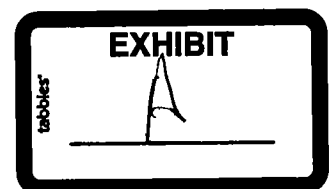
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Petitioner”) files this Administrative Complaint against Donald Everett Bateson (“Respondent”) and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of construction contracting pursuant to section 20.165, Florida Statutes, and chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes.
2. Petitioner has jurisdiction over the unlicensed practice of construction contracting pursuant to sections 455.227, 455.228, and 489.13, Florida Statutes.
3. At no time material hereto was Respondent duly registered or certified to engage in the practice of construction contracting pursuant to chapter 489, Florida Statutes.
4. At no time material hereto was HI Tech Aluminum & Window LLC., an entity properly qualified under the provisions of chapter 489, Florida Statutes
5. Respondent’s last known address is 8461 Lake Worth Road #419, Lake Worth, Florida 33467.
6. On or about April May 02, 2019, Respondent, D/B/A HI Tech Aluminum & Window LLC., offered, contracted, or performed regulated construction contracting services,



including but not limited to, install hurricane shutters, at 7391 West Mercada Way, Delray Beach, Florida 33446.

7. Respondent offered, contracted, or performed the regulated services at issue for compensation.

8. Respondent presented as his own, CGC1511532, a valid State of Florida contracting license belonging to Gonzalo Planas.

COUNT I

9. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs one through seven as though fully set forth herein.

10. Section 489 13(1), Florida Statutes, provides “any person performing an activity requiring licensure under [chapter 489, part I, Florida Statutes] as a construction contractor is guilty of unlicensed contracting if he or she does not hold a valid active certificate or registration authorizing him or her to perform such activity...”

11. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent violated section 489.13(1), Florida Statutes, by performing an activity requiring licensure under chapter 489, part I, Florida Statutes, as a construction contractor without the requisite license.

COUNT II

12. Petitioner realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs one through five, and eight as though fully set forth herein

13. Section 489 127(1)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that “no person shall present as his or her own the certificate or registration of another.”

14. Section 455 227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, provides “violating . . the applicable professional practice act...” shall constitute grounds for which disciplinary actions may be taken.

15. Based upon the foregoing, Respondent violated section 455.227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, by presenting as his own the license of another in violation of section 489.127(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that a Final Order be entered imposing one or more of the following: an administrative fine, assessment of costs related to the investigation, and/or any other relief the Department is authorized to impose pursuant to chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereunder.

Signed this 14th day of November, 2019.

HALSEY BESHEARS, Secretary
Department of Business and
Professional Regulation

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Please be advised that mediation under section 120 573, Florida Statutes, is not available for administrative disputes involving this type of agency action.

Please be advised that Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in the administrative complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015, *Florida Administrative Code*. Rule 28-106.111, *Florida Administrative Code*, provides in part that if Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of an agency pleading, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to section 455.227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the Board, or the Department when there is no Board, may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case excluding costs associated with an attorney's time, against Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.

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