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NOTICE

DATE: April 16, 2009

TO: Applicants

FROM:  Wayne A. Francis, Acting Building Official
Building Services Division, Planning and Growth Management Department

SUBJECT: LIMITED ENERGY SYSTEMS (LOW VOLTAGE) 61G6-7.001(4)
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The attached memorandum from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, dated February 16, 2009, concerns limited energy (low voltage) systems. As a result of this direction from the DBPR, it is necessary for Hillsborough County Building Services Division to more closely monitor the permitting, installation, and licensing requirements for these types of installations.

Hillsborough County Building Services Division is currently modifying its permitting and inspection processes to facilitate the implementation of this monitoring and this requirement will become **effective June 1, 2009**.

State Law requires that only licensed entities install Limited Energy Systems and that they must conform to the National Electric Code (NEC); the current code is the 2005 edition. The 2008 NEC adopted by the State of Florida goes into effect on July 1, 2009.

Attachment

Charles W. Drago, Secretary

Charlie Crist, Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Building Code Administrators and Officials

FROM: Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

SUBJECT: Low Voltage/ Limited Energy Work

DATE: February 16, 2009

The Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board has received inquiries from entities in Florida on the subject of the low voltage or limited energy electrical category. The board regulates the category of limited energy work in the state and does issue a specialty license for this electrical category to eligible individuals who have met certain licensing requirements. The scope of the specialty license allows the contractor to perform electrical work of not more than 98 volts as defined in Rule 61G6-7.001(4), Florida Administrative Code, and the authority to issue licenses is vested in the board by Section 489.501, Florida Statutes. Any electrical work pertaining to limited energy will require the work to be permitted upon proof of licensure to the building department by the contractor.

However, the limited energy specialty license does not preclude additional licenses of higher categories issued by the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board from performing limited energy work. As an example, in addition to the Limited Energy Specialty License, category ES 069 or ET 069, the following higher category electrical/alarm licenses can also perform limited energy work:

- Certified Electrical Contractor (EC)
- Registered Electrical Contractor (ER)
- Certified Alarm Systems Contractor I (EF)
- Certified Alarm Systems Contractor II (EG)
- Registered Alarm System Contractor I (EY)
- Registered Alarm System Contractor II (EZ)

If you have any questions, you may review the statutes and rules at the following link: <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/elboard/statutes.html>, or you may contact our customer contact center at 850.487.1395 for assistance.