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DATE: November 12, 2012

TO: Member Board Administrators and Testing Services

FROM: Tim Miller, P.E., Director of Examination Services

RE: Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Exams and Supporting Materials

This letter provides Member Boards and testing services with the 1-year notice required by the NCEES *Manual of Policy and Position Statements*, Exam Development Policy (EDP) 9.

October 2013 Exam Changes

No changes are scheduled for the October 2013 exam administration. However, October 2013 will be the last administration of the paper-and-pencil format of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams. Starting in 2014, these exams will be computer-based only. NCEES will send a separate notice to you early next year with additional information.

April 2013 Exam Changes

Remember that the following changes are scheduled for April 2013. All specifications and design standards are posted on ncees.org.

- **PS**—In April 2013, the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam will have new specifications and become a **closed-book** exam, as specified in EDP 3. When the first closed-book PS exam is administered in April 2013, it will contain NCEES supplied-reference material in the exam book, the way material is currently provided for Fundamentals of Surveying examinees. No other references will be allowed for PS examinees. A new edition of the NCEES *PS Sample Questions and Solutions* is available. It contains the new specifications and the supplied references.
- **PE Software Engineering**—The Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Software Engineering exam will be offered for the first time in April 2013.
- **PE Industrial**—The PE Industrial exam will have new specifications and move to a spring administration schedule in April 2013. October 2012 was the last time this exam was offered in the fall.
- **PE Civil**—The PE Civil exam will have revised design standards for the Construction, Civil Structural, and Transportation modules starting in April 2013.

NCEES Registration Deadlines

Registration for the April 2013 exams will be open **December 17, 2012—February 21, 2013**. *All examinees must be registered in the NCEES Examinee Management System by February 21, 2013. Board approvals and cancellations must be complete by March 4, 2013.*

If you have any questions about these changes or require additional information, please contact me.

C: NCEES Board of Directors

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