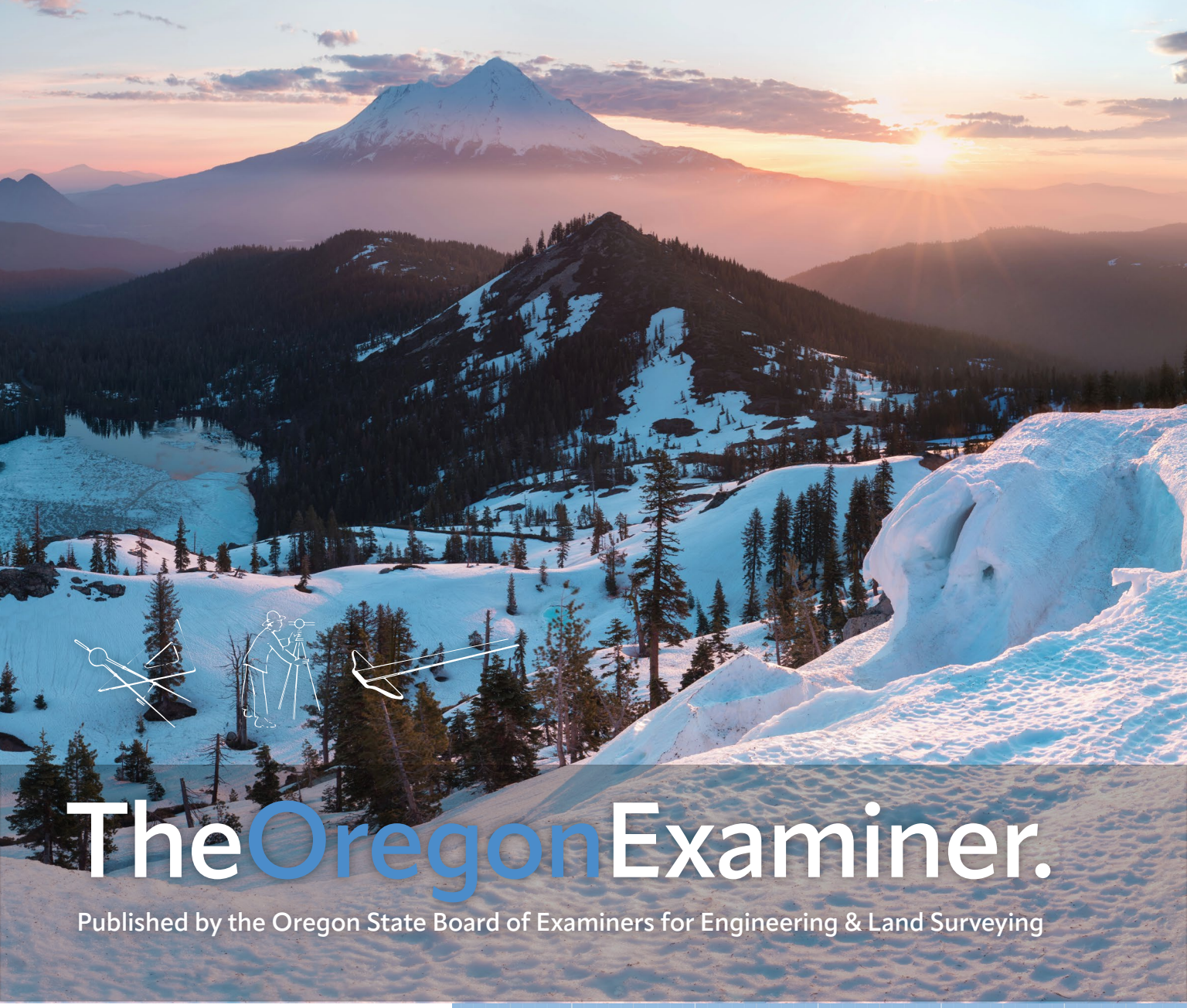


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Mission

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS) is to regulate the practice of engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping, and water right certification in the state as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health and property.

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On the cover: Mount Jefferson

Towering as the second-highest peak in Oregon at 10,497 feet, Mount Jefferson is a rugged stratovolcano that remains one of the most remote and challenging summits in the Cascade Range. Named by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806—the only volcanic peak they honored with a name—the mountain is uniquely defined by its "glacier-starved" appearance, where ancient ice has eroded its slopes into steep, crumbling ridges that demand high-level technical climbing skills. While its last major eruption occurred approximately 15,000 years ago, the area remains geologically restless; as recently as 950 A.D., volcanic activity was recorded at nearby South Cinder Peak. Today, the mountain serves as the centerpiece of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness, hosting five major glaciers and the breathtaking alpine meadows of Jefferson Park.

Upcoming at OSBEELS:

March 10: Board Meeting
April 1: Renewal opens on MyOSBEELS for last names S-Z
April 9 - 10: Committee Meetings
April 30 - May 3: NCEES Western Zone Meeting
May 12: Board Meeting

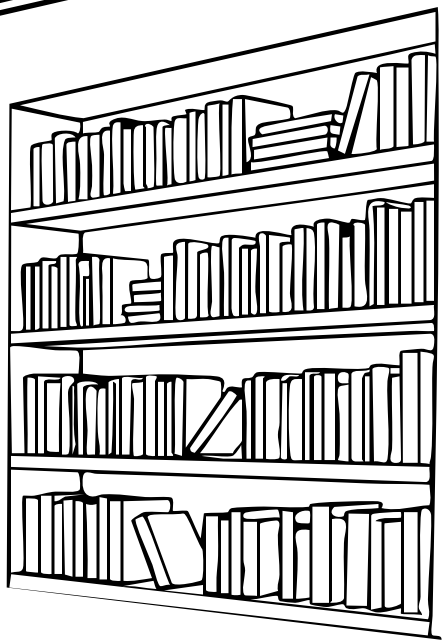
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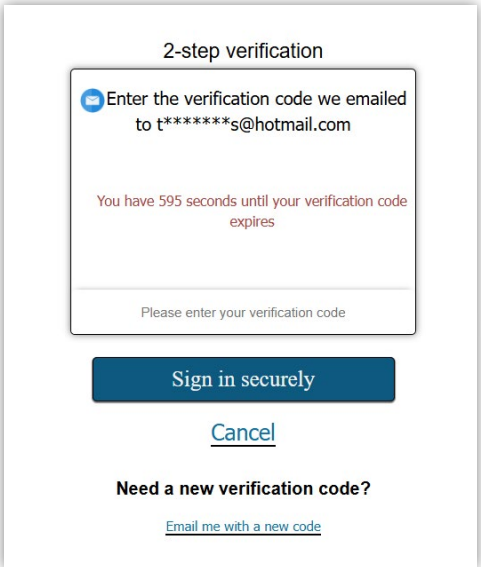
from the desk of Jenn Gilbert



We've heard your feedback and are pleased to share important updates to the MyOSBEELS system that adds a security layer and makes the verification process more efficient and accessible for our registrants.

First, a multifactor authentication security layer has been added to each user's login process. A 6-digit code will be sent to the email address on file and used to log into the system.
Users will have 10 minutes to verify their credentials.

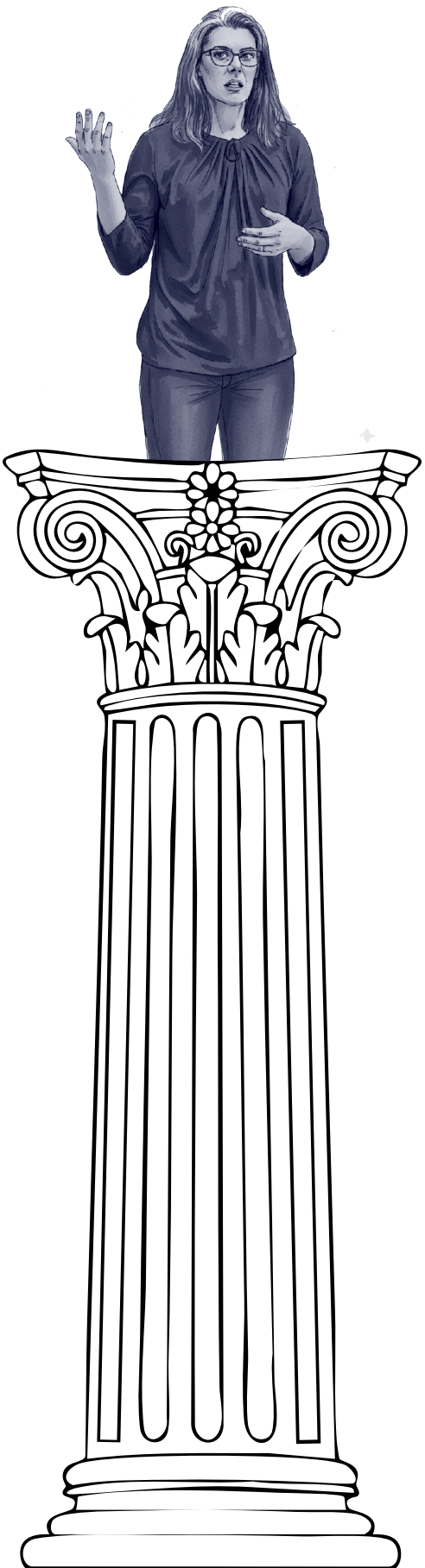
If you're unsure of the email address used to log into the system, please contact the OSBEELS office. You'll need to verbally verify your identity with OSBEELS staff based on information in your user profile. If you cannot access your email to get the verification code within the 10 minute timeframe, you should wait until you are able to do so.



Additionally, Verification Requests must now be submitted directly through your MyOSBEELS User Portal.

If you need to send verification of your registration or examination information to NCEES or another state board or entity, please submit a Verification Request through your User Portal and include the required fee. This user-friendly system streamlines the transmission and receipt of verifications between licensing boards.

Thanks again for your feedback and patience while we continuously work to improve services and reduce processing times.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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from the desk of Renee Clough, PLS, PE

"What do you do?" is a routine question and most of us have a routine answer. I recently realized the answer I was about to give was outdated. I ended up answering along the lines of "I mentor the people in my office who are early in their career". Since then, I have been reflecting on the variety of ways I have been mentored over the years.

There have been those who intentionally mentored me and those who never had any idea of their influence over me. We can all learn from a positive example – an example to follow – or a negative example – an example to not follow; I have been on the receiving end of both, but mentorship focusses on positive examples and guidance. Some businesses and professional organizations have formal mentoring programs. In my experience though most people receive mentoring through casual relationships with co-workers (current or former) and people they have met at other companies.

Mentoring doesn't just pass along knowledge and philosophies; it helps the less experienced person feel connected to the people around them and welcomed into the industry. If we don't give that sense of connection and belonging, people will go to other careers where they do get that.

Mentoring is an important way to recruit and retain new licensees and thereby protect the public by ensuring there are sufficient engineers and surveyors.

I challenge everyone reading this to seek out at least two opportunities to mentor someone between now and the next Oregon Examiner issue. Here are some examples to help you recognize an opportunity when it comes along:

1. The next time a new jurisdiction approval reviewer gives you an unexpected comment on an application, instead of writing them off as obstructionist contact them with an open mind; they may simply not be aware of the precedent you were following.
2. When a co-worker is studying for a licensure exam, offer tips for how you managed to fit studying into a busy schedule.
3. Offer to take a newly hired co-worker along the next time you attend an industry networking event.
4. When asking office support staff to make copies for a permit application submittal, explain to them how the material fits into the bigger picture of the project.

Mentoring doesn't have to be formal and it doesn't have to be long term, but it does need to be.



ATTENTION

Verification Requests are now submitted through your MyOSBEELS user portal! OSBEELS will stop accepting the paper Verification Request forms on March 10, 2026.

MyOSBEELS



NCEES
advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors

NCEES Seeking Feedback on FE & FS Exams

NCEES is seeking licensed professionals and faculty to participate in a knowledge content review for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) and the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exams. The results of these online surveys will be used to update the content of the FS and FE exams, a process that occurs every six to eight years.

NCEES requires a cross section of licensed professionals and faculty—including those working in industry, consulting, the public sector, and academia—to complete the surveys. If you are a licensed professional or faculty, we would appreciate your input. Each online survey can be completed in about 20–30 minutes.

Access to the FS online survey

Access to the FE online survey

The surveys will be open until April 6, 2025. Please help us spread the word about this important study by sharing this information with any colleagues who are licensed professional surveyors or engineers. NCEES sincerely thanks you for your contribution to ensure that the FS and FE exams are reflective of current practice.

For more information, contact NCEES Exam Development Engineer Cheryl Warren, Ph.D., P.E., at help@ncees.org.

NEW / Submit your Speaker Requests using the our new Speaker Request online form

Help us help you!!

Speaking Engagements:

Do you have a meeting or event in Oregon involving engineers, land surveyors, water right examiners, or photogrammetrists? We are available to give presentations on who we are and what we do, including how the licensure process works. We're also happy to set up an informational booth and be available during your event to answer any OSBEELS related questions.

Continuing Education Opportunities:

How are you earning your PDHs toward your biennial renewal? Send us opportunities that we can share on our webpage and in our Examiner newsletter of learning opportunities for our professionals. We want to help everyone keep up on those continuing education requirements.

Photos of Your Work:

We invite you to share your work experiences with the OSBEELS community! We're looking for photos of noteworthy projects, monuments, or work site locations that you think others will appreciate. They may be featured in future issues of the Examiner as well as our social media pages.

Send your event info, learning opportunities, and work photos (.jpg or .png format preferred) to our Communications Coordinator, Ashlee Graybeal at ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov

Disciplinary Actions

William Martin (90349PE)

The Board issued a Final Order against William Martin for violating OAR 820-020-0045(4). The violation occurred because Martin failed to report a disciplinary action from the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors within the required 45-day window. The South Carolina Order, which included a public reprimand and a civil penalty for failing to timely respond to an audit, was issued on June 20, 2023, but was not reported to the Oregon Board until approximately 491 days later on October 22, 2024. Consequently, the Board assessed a civil penalty of $500.

Carel Stevenson (95186PE)

The Board issued a Final Order by Default against Carel Stevenson for violating OAR 820-020-0045(4). The violation stemmed from Stevenson's failure to notify the Oregon Board of a disciplinary action taken by the North Dakota Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors within the mandated 45-day period. The North Dakota Order, issued on April 13, 2023, suspended Stevenson's registration for 60 days due to failure to comply with an audit; however, Stevenson did not report this to the Oregon Board until approximately June 29, 2024, roughly 444 days later. As a result of this reporting failure, the Board took action by assessing a civil penalty of $500.

Andrew Mileson (94363PE)

The Board issued a Final Order by Default against Andrew Mileson for violating OAR 820-020-0045(4). The violation resulted from Mileson's failure to notify the Oregon Board of a disciplinary action taken by the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board within the required 45-day timeframe. On September 23, 2024, the Louisiana Board issued a Consent Order finding that Mileson had practiced engineering without proper licensure, made false statements on an application, and assisted in law or rule violations. While the Louisiana Order required a $3,000 fine and administrative costs, Mileson did not report the action to the Oregon Board until December 10, 2024, approximately 78 days after its issuance. Consequently, the Board assessed Mileson a civil penalty of $500.

Minh Nguyen (Not Licensed)

The Board issued a Final Order by Default against Minh Nguyen for violating ORS 672.045(3). At all relevant times, Nguyen was not registered or licensed in any capacity by the Board to practice engineering in Oregon. The violation occurred on or about January 20, 2025, when Nguyen placed the engineering seal of Richard Turner (License No. 58949PE) on plans for a project in Happy Valley, Oregon, without Turner's knowledge or permission. These plans were subsequently submitted to Clackamas County for review and permitting. Because Nguyen used the seal of another, the Board took action by assessing a civil penalty of $1,000.

Joo Hwan Lee (55620PE)

The Board issued a Final Order by Default against Joo Hwan Lee for violating OAR 820-010-0635(1)(e) and OAR 820-020-0015(7), (8). At all relevant times, Lee was a licensed Oregon Professional Engineer. The violation arose after Lee was randomly selected for a Continuing Professional Development audit in March 2024 to verify the 30 Professional Development Hour (PDH) units he claimed to have earned between July 2021 and June 2022. Lee failed to provide the required supporting documentation to verify these hours despite multiple deadline extensions provided by Board staff. By failing to provide this documentation and subsequently failing to establish that he met the continuing education requirements for registration renewal, the Board took action by assessing a civil penalty of $500.

Pavan Manepalli (93665PE)

The Board issued a Final Order by Default against Pavan Manepalli for violating OAR 820-020-0045(4). At all relevant times, Manepalli was a licensed Oregon Professional Engineer. The violation was identified when Manepalli submitted a license renewal application on October 10, 2024, and disclosed a prior disciplinary action. Investigation revealed that the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors had entered a Consent Order against him on April 18, 2024. Because Manepalli failed to report this Oklahoma Board action to the Oregon Board within the required 45-day window, the Board took action by assessing a civil penalty of $500.

Brian Loshbough (93948PE)

The Board issued a Notice of Intent to Assess a Civil Penalty against Brian Loshbough for violating OAR 820-010-0635(1)(e) and OAR 820-020-0015(7). Loshbough, a licensed Oregon Professional Engineer, was randomly selected for a Continuing Professional Development audit in March 2025 to verify the 30 Professional Development Hour (PDH) units he claimed to have earned between February 2020 and June 2022. While he eventually provided documentation for 16 hours, he was unable to provide evidence for the remaining 14 required units. By failing to submit the supporting documentation necessary to verify his completed hours, he also violated OAR 820-010-0635(1)(a). Consequently, the Board proposed to take action by assessing a civil penalty of $500.

Meet OSBEELS



Veronica

Registration Specialist

How long have you worked for OSBEELS?

I have worked for OSBEELS for 13 years. In 2013, I started as a Receptionist/File Clerk answering general inquiries and performing general office duties. In 2017, I was promoted to Accounting Specialist, where I reviewed professional development hours, performed audits and reviewed documentation, and processed payment receivables. I am now a Registration Specialist, reviewing initial licensure applications for OSBEELS.

What do you enjoy about your job?

What I enjoy most about my job is being able to guide and assist individuals in becoming licensed. I take pride in offering guidance and providing the best customer service possible to advocate for applicants throughout the licensure process..

What is your favorite place in Oregon?

Although I have many favorite places in Oregon, my number one choice is Smith Rock State Park. The scenery and hiking opportunities make it truly special.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love to cook and try new recipes, go on hikes, take spontaneous road trips, travel, basically anything outdoors, spend time with my kids and dogs, and I enjoy beach trips.

From the viewpoint of your role, can you share some reminders or tips for our registrants?

One important tip is to carefully read all instructions within our applications before submitting payment. This helps ensure you meet all qualifications and prevents the loss of non-refundable fees. If you're unsure about anything, please reach out to OSBEELS staff, we're always happy to guide you through the process.

Continuing Education Opportunities

ASCE Oregon Capital Branch Monthly Luncheons

The ASCE Oregon Capital Branch hosts regular monthly luncheons to facilitate networking and professional development for civil engineers in the Salem and mid-Willamette Valley area. These meetings provide a platform for technical presentations on regional infrastructure, legislative updates, and emerging engineering practices.

Date: Monthly, typically on the third Thursday of each month.

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. (includes catered lunch)

Location: Salem Public Library, Room Anderson A, 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301

Registration: Attendees must register in advance through the official branch portal at **https://www.ascecapital.org/luncheons**.

Geomatics Workshop Series: GNSS & Geodesy

This workshop provides a deep dive into Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and geodetic concepts, covering everything from coordinate systems and transformations to the latest updates on National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) modernization.

Date: September 2–3, 2026.

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Location: Owen Hall, Room 110, Oregon State University, 1501 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Registration: Maximum of 50 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.
Register at **https://gcapgeospatial.org/events**. For questions, contact Brett Murphy at **brett.murphy@oregonstate.edu**.

Geomatics Workshop Series: Lidar Systems & Applications

Focused on laser scanning technology, this workshop covers lidar system fundamentals, field data collection, and advanced modeling tasks such as ground filtering and digital terrain model generation.

Date: September 10–11, 2026.

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Location: Owen Hall, Room 110, Oregon State University, 1501 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Registration: Maximum of 50 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.
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Save-the-dates:

2026 Symposium
September 17-18

Re-air October 6-7

Have Leads on Continuing Education?

We are currently building our upcoming professional development calendar and want to hear from you! Do you know of any high-quality workshops, technical seminars, or expert speakers currently available to the engineering and surveying community?

Let us know! **ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov**



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Protect the Public & Be Aware

Over the last few years, the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) and other state licensing boards have seen a steady increase in complaints alleging fraudulent use of engineers' seals, specifically through "gig" or freelance websites. The complaints generally involve individuals who are advertising professional services on these websites **without the required professional license**.

As an example, OSBEELS received complaints which all involve a similar scenario—a member of the public or a general contractor needs engineering plans or a stamp for engineering plans already in their possession. This customer will contract with an "engineer" found on a freelance website who will agree to create plans, or to review and stamp plans, usually for a fraction of what the customer would pay should they hire an actual, professionally-licensed engineer. The hired "engineer" will then "draft" plans or "stamp" the plans the customer provided and return those plans to the customer. The customer will then submit those plans to a jurisdiction for review and permitting. Once submitted, the plans reviewer may notice an error in the plans or in the stamp itself (such as an inaccurate expiration date) and then reach out directly to the professionally-licensed engineer whose name is on the stamp. At this point, the PE whose stamp was used notifies the reviewer they were never involved in this project at all.

By the time OSBEELS investigates these complaints, the hired "engineer" has deleted their freelance account and essentially vanished. When OSBEELS does manage to uncover the hired "engineer's" true identity, that "engineer" is typically located in another country, which makes enforcement of licensing laws very difficult.

Ultimately, the PE's stamp is used without their knowledge and the customer who paid for services through the freelance website is left with plans they cannot use.

While OSBEELS does forward these cases to the Oregon Department of Justice for further review, we want to provide guidance to OSBEELS registrants to please be aware that their seals may be used without their knowledge. OSBEELS recommends licensees contact plans reviewers in jurisdictions they typically work with and notify them of this issue, as well as request the plans examiners contact them directly should any plans with their stamp appear suspicious.

OSBEELS requests licensees be vigilant and report any suspected fraudulent use of their seals to OSBEELS, either through **email (osbeels.info@osbeels.oregon.gov)**, or through our **complaint portal**.