

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2004, for persons engaged in the construction industry, only officers of a corporation or a limited liability company (LLC), owning at least 10% of the stock of the corporation are eligible for an exemption from workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Legislation (SB-14E) passed in 2003 allows contractors licensed under Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, forming a corporation in order to become eligible for an exemption from certain requirements for workers' compensation coverage is not required to obtain approval for a change of status or for a qualified business organization license under Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, until July 1, 2004; providing that such a licensee is not in violation of Chapter 440, Chapter 489, or Chapter 553, Florida Statutes.

IF YOU ARE A SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR LICENSED BY THE PCCLB UNDER CHAPTER 75-489, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, and you recently incorporated your business or formed a limited liability company; you must apply for a change of status with the [Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board](#) to reflect the appropriate corporate name on your contractor's license by July 1, 2004. It is a violation of Section 489.129, Florida Statutes and Section 23(1)(f), Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, to perform contracting in a name that does not appear on your license. Change of status license applications and instructions may be found on the Internet at www.pcclb.com. The change of status application fee is \$100.00. You may contact the PCCLB at 727-536-4720 for assistance.

IF YOU ARE A CONTRACTOR LICENSED AND CERTIFIED, UNDER CHAPTER 489, FLORIDA STATUTES, and you recently incorporated your business or formed a limited liability company; you must apply for a change of status with the [Construction Industry Licensing Board](#) to reflect the appropriate corporate name on your contractor's license by July 1, 2004. It is a violation of Section 489.129, Florida statutes, to perform contracting in a name that does not appear on your license. If you are operating as a corporation, you must also apply for a qualified business license (also known as a certificate of authority). This requirement is contained in Section 489.119 (2), Florida Statutes. The change of status application fee is \$50.00. The qualified business license application fee is \$59. Change of status and qualified business license applications and instructions may be found on the Internet at www.MyFlorida.com/dbpr > Professions and Professional Boards > Professions Form Center. You may contact the department at 850-487-1395 for assistance.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROVISIONS ADDRESSED ABOVE BY JULY 1, 2004 WILL BE A VIOLATION OF FLORIDA LAW. YOUR LICENSE WILL BECOME INOPERABLE, AND YOU COULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.