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HBLB Partners with National Enforcement Effort Conducting Site Visits in the Wake of Hurricane Isaias

(MONTGOMERY, Ala.) – Oct. 28, 2026 – The Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board (HBLB) conducted site visits to Alabama's hardest hit counties during the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias in a nationally coordinated enforcement effort with the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) October 12–23, 2026. Each year, this initiative is an opportunity for HBLB to educate homeowners on the importance of hiring licensed homebuilders as well as reinforce HBLB's commitment to public safety, health and the integrity of local economies. This year's coordinated enforcement effort came at a critical time as Alabamians were still recovering from the damage of Hurricane Isaias.

"Participation in this year's enforcement effort took on even more significance, as it coincided with our response to help Alabama communities impacted by Hurricane Isaias," said Executive Director Seth Gowan. "Over the two-week enforcement blitz, Board investigators visited approximately 15 counties impacted by the storm. And in the second week, we concentrated our effort in Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe counties with the most significant damage to homes. We will continue to have a presence over the next several months to deter unlicensed builders and help fellow Alabamians recover and rebuild," added Gowan. During the enforcement effort, HBLB investigators went door to door in affected communities to give homeowners information about hiring licensed professionals.

Investigators also provided HBLB brochures to local Emergency Management Agency personnel and law enforcement, spoke with unlicensed contractors advising them how to get licensed, and opened investigations against unlicensed contractors. These efforts reinforce the importance of hiring licensed professionals, promote professionalism in the construction industry and demonstrate a continued commitment to consumer protection, public safety, and the integrity of the construction industry. A state of Alabama home builders license is required when the cost of the job exceeds $10,000. However, consumers are encouraged to seek out licensees from the Board even if the scope of the work does not exceed $10,000. A roofer license is required if the cost of the job exceeds $2,500.

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Whether for storm damage repairs and rebuilding or planned additions and remodeling, HBLB outlines the following steps homeowners should always follow when hiring a contractor:

- Ask if they are licensed. Ask to see the card! The HBLB license is a paper or digital, credit card-sized license. Consumers can check on a licensure status by calling 1-800-304-0853, or by visiting www.hblb.alabama.gov.
- Ask for and check references, especially if the builder makes unsolicited contact with you or is from out-of-town.
- Make sure quotes and contracts are in writing. Under state law, licensed homebuilders must use a written contract. Make sure it includes the contractor's full name, address, telephone number, license number, a description of the work to be performed, starting and estimated completion dates, and the total cost of the job.

The mission of the State of Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board is to provide consumer protection by safeguarding the public's health, safety and welfare through the regulation of the residential construction and remodeling industries while promoting industry professionalism and home building and remodeling standards. For more information about home builder licensing or to file a complaint, contact the Home Builders Licensure Board, 445 Herron Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, (334) 242-2230 or 1-800-304-0853 or hblb.alabama.gov

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