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TO: South Dakota A.R.E. Applicants & Grandfather Applicants

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RE: National “Rolling Clock” for the A.R.E.

A majority of Council Member Boards passed a resolution officially creating a “rolling clock” for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). The rolling clock will be implemented on **January 1, 2006**. Candidates must pass the nine-division exam within **five** years.

An NCARB Committee recommended a rolling clock after extensively studying the issue. The practices of architecture changes over time, and likewise, ARE content, format and administration can change over time as well. Requiring that all divisions be passed within a reasonable period of time will better assure that the ARE remains a valid measure of the level of competence necessary to independently practice architecture.

Three basic rules will guide the implementation of the rolling clock:

- Applicants who have passed all divisions of the ARE by **January 1, 2006**, regardless of the time taken, will have passed the ARE.
- Applicants who have passed one or more, but not all divisions of the ARE by **January 1, 2006**, will have five years to pass all remaining divisions. A passing grade for any remaining divisions shall be valid for five years, after which time the division must be retaken if the remaining divisions have not been passed. The five-year period shall commence after **January 1, 2006**, on the date when the first passed division is administered.
- Applicants who have passed no division of the ARE by **January 1, 2006** shall be governed by the five-year requirement. The five-year period shall begin on the date when the first passed division is administered.

“Grandfathered” candidates were to be allowed to take the ARE under the laws prior to July 1, 1989. This included non-professional or non-accredited architectural degrees, technology, trade school, and non-school trained candidates. **This rule is no longer in effect.** These candidates have five years to pass all remaining divisions as stated above.

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