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Sandy Edmonds
Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board
11736 Newcastle, Building 2, Ste C
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RE: Louisiana Association of Professionals Auctioneers ("LAPA")

Dear Ms. Edmonds:

On January 8, 2013 a request was made by Rev. Freddie Phillips to provide a link on the Board's web site for the LAPA. The Board chairman has requested that I review this request and determine if law requires such placement of the link on the official web site.

There is no legal requirement for inclusion of the LAPA to the web site of the Board. The decision to place various governmental agencies or associations on the web site is purely a discretionary act on the part of the Board. Further, I have reviewed the LAPA web site and find that some of the material posted on the site may be considered libelous and defamatory in nature. While the linking on the Board's web site is not an endorsement of each organization, it could be construed as an acknowledgment of the comments made on the LAPA's site. It should also be pointed out that the web site has regularly posted commentary about the activity of the Board that is at best misleading or incorrect.

I would suggest that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for the Board to consider formally responding to this request. Please let me know if there is any additional information required concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

BANKSTON & ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: 
Larry S. Bankston

C.c. Tessa Steinkamp, Chairman