

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Department of Labor and Industry

In the Matter of the Construction Contractor  
Registration of Lighting Fast Steel, Inc.

**LICENSING ORDER  
WITH PENALTY**

---

**I. ORDER**

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Commissioner”) issues this Order against Lighting Fast Steel, Inc. (“Respondent”).

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723, subd. 4(a)(1); 326B.082, subd. 12(b); and 326B.083 (2014), the Commissioner hereby assesses against Respondent a monetary penalty of \$500.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 326B.082, subsd. 11(b) and 12, and 326B.083 (2014), the Commissioner hereby suspends the construction contractor registration of Respondent, No. IR701960, until such time that Respondent provides a complete response to the Commissioner’s December 27, 2015 subpoena and pays the monetary penalty assessed above.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12 (b) (2014), the Commissioner also hereby orders Respondent and its principal(s) to cease and desist from performing public or private sector commercial or residential building construction or improvement services for which registration in the Construction Contractor Registration Program (“Registration Program”) is required until full compliance with this Licensing Order is achieved, including the submission of a complete response to the Commissioner’s December 27, 2015 subpoena and payment of the monetary penalty assessed above.

The Commissioner takes the above action based upon the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is engaged in the business of providing building construction or improvement services and holds a construction contractor registration, No. IR701960, issued by the Commissioner on December 14, 2015. In its registration, Respondent stated that it was owned by Miguel Flores (“Flores”) and had a business address of 1262 Cook Avenue East, St. Paul, MN.
2. As a registered construction contractor, Respondent must adhere to the Minnesota statutes and regulations governing Contractor Registration and construction worker classification, Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723, 326B.701, and 326B.081 to 326B.085 (2014) and Minn. R. Chapter 5224 (2015).

3. According to the payment records of Legacy Contracting LLC (“LCL”), Respondent performed building construction or improvement services on behalf of LCL on January 3, 2015. Respondent was not registered in the Registration Program at the time it provided these services.
4. On December 27, 2015, a Department investigator sent Respondent a subpoena duces tecum via first-class mail and certified mail requiring the production of records and other information relating to Respondent’s contractors, subcontractors and employees.
5. On January 5, 2016, Flores provided his response to the subpoena. In his written response, Flores stated that Respondent had no employees or subcontractors, and that in 2016 he would be working as a commissioned salesperson working for Absolute Construction & Remodeling Inc because of an “OSHA fine.”
6. Respondent provided federal tax documents for 2013 and 2014, which indicated that it provided construction services in those years, but Respondent failed to provide information regarding its 2015 work.
7. On January 8, 2016, the Department investigator sent Respondent a letter requesting information on the subcontractor and labor expenses listed on the tax documents it had submitted.
8. On January 22, 2016, the Department investigator returned a call from Rona Brown, who stated that Miguel Flores was her father and that he was having trouble responding to the letter. The investigator explained the letter and agreed to give her father more time to respond.
9. On February 16, 2016, the Department investigator called Rona Brown and left a message asking that she return the call. The call was not returned.
10. On February 25, 2016, a Licensing Order was issued to Respondent for failure to fully respond to the subpoena.
11. After review, on March 23, 2016 the Licensing order was vacated due to a typographical error.
12. On March 23, 2016, the Department investigator again sent Respondent a letter requesting information on the subcontractor and labor expenses listed on the tax documents.
13. Both the subpoena and supplemental requests for information required a response from Respondent within 30 days of the Commissioner’s service of the same.
14. The Commissioner has received no additional information from Respondent as of the date of this Order.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent committed a violation of applicable law. Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723 (2014) and 326B.082, subd. 11 (b)(1) (2014).
2. Respondent contracted to perform or performed construction services for another person without first being licensed by the Commissioner or registered in the Registration Program in violation of Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, subd. 5 (b)(1) (2014).
3. Respondent failed to comply fully with a subpoena issued by the Commissioner. Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 11 (b)(6) (2014).

### **IV. DETERMINATION OF PENALTY AMOUNT**

In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner considered: the extent of deviation from compliance; whether the violations were willful; the gravity of the violations; the number of violations; whether there is a history of past violations; whether Respondent gained economic benefit in not complying with the law; and other factors as justice may require.

### **V. REQUEST FOR HEARING**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014), Respondent shall have 30 days after issuance of this Licensing Order to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the Commissioner at the following address or fax number by the deadline.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry  
CCLD - Enforcement Services Unit  
Attention: Charlie Durenberger  
443 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Fax number: (651) 284-5746

The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. If the request for hearing is served by fax it cannot exceed 15 pages in length and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on the last day permitted for serving a request. Respondent's review rights are more thoroughly described in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 4 and 12(c) (2014).

If Respondent submits to the Commissioner a timely request for hearing, this Licensing Order shall be stayed unless otherwise ordered by a judge, and a contested case hearing will be conducted. The contested case procedures are set out in chapter 14 of the Minnesota Statutes, and the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 (2015), and Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014). These materials may be purchased from the Minnesota Book Store, telephone (651) 297-3000, and are also available at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov).

## VI. EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER


If Respondent does not request a hearing or Respondent's request for a hearing is not served on or faxed to the Commissioner by 30 days after issuance of this Licensing Order, this Licensing Order shall become a final order of the Commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 12(c) (2014).

Respondent is prohibited from applying for reinstatement of its contractor registration until full compliance with the terms of this Licensing Order is achieved, including the submission of a complete response to the Commissioner's December 27, 2015 subpoena and payment of the \$500 monetary penalty assessed in this Order.

The monetary penalty assessed against the Respondent by this Licensing Order is due and payable on the date the Licensing Order becomes final. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3(a) (2014). When this Licensing Order becomes final, the Commissioner may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 16D.17 (2014) and 326B.083, subd. 2 (2014). Failure to pay a monetary penalty owed may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the Commissioner. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 17 (2014). Also, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2014), Respondent is hereby notified that thirty (30) days after the date this Licensing Order becomes final, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13, subd. 2 (2014) will begin to accrue on the unpaid portion of the penalty.

Dated: 6/29/16

KEN B. PETERSON  
Commissioner

BY:   
CHARLIE DURENBERGER  
Director of Licensing and Enforcement  
Construction Codes and Licensing Division  
Department of Labor and Industry