

1 | ~~the mains to the buildings, and may perform any of the~~
2 | ~~services, on public or private property, for which a license~~
3 | ~~as an underground utility and excavation contractor is~~
4 | ~~required under this part.~~

5 | Section 2. Section 489.1185, Florida Statutes, is
6 | created to read:

7 | 489.1185 Business organizations; grandfathering of
8 | certified general contractors as underground utility and
9 | excavation contractors.--

10 | (1) Any business organization with a valid certificate
11 | of authority issued pursuant to this part, which at the time
12 | of application is not qualified by a certified underground
13 | utility and excavation contractor pursuant to s. 489.105(3)(n)
14 | but is qualified as of January 1, 2005, as a certified general
15 | contractor pursuant to s. 489.105(3)(a), may designate one
16 | qualifying agent for certification as an underground utility
17 | and excavation contractor if that person:

18 | (a) Is certified as a general contractor pursuant to
19 | this part.

20 | (b) Has at least 5 years' experience in sewer, water,
21 | and storm sewer systems, at least 2 years of which must have
22 | been in a supervisory capacity with the qualified business
23 | entity.

24 | (c) Is at least 18 years of age.

25 | (d) Is an employee of, or has an ownership interest
26 | in, that business entity.

27 | (2) The board shall issue, without examination, a
28 | certificate in the category of underground utility and
29 | excavation contractor to an applicant properly designated
30 | pursuant to subsection (1), provided the board has received
31 | from the applicant prior to April 1, 2006, a completed

1 application, an application fee of \$100, a certification fee
2 of \$100, an unlicensed activity fee of \$5 pursuant to s.
3 455.2281, and a fee of \$4 pursuant to s. 489.109(3), and
4 provided the applicant:

5 (a) Has not had a registration or certificate that was
6 issued by the board suspended, revoked, or relinquished in
7 lieu of further disciplinary action.

8 (b) Does not have a disciplinary case pending before
9 the board.

10 (c) Has not been convicted of a crime in any
11 jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of
12 contracting or the ability to practice contracting.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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