

Invitation to Comment, Public Hearing
Vermont Landscape Architects: Application for Licensure

Landscape Architects seek regulation by the State of Vermont as a licensed profession. The Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) is now taking written comments and will take verbal testimony for a report the Office is required by law to file with the legislature. The report will be the Office's preliminary assessment of whether this request for licensure of Landscape Architects meets the criteria set forth by Vermont law in 26 V.S.A. § 3105(a). The Office will hold a public hearing on **Monday November 24, 2008 at 9:00a.m.** at its conference room at the National Life Building in Montpelier. (Address above).

You are invited to attend the hearing. If you wish, you may submit written comments between now and November 25. Email comments are encouraged. If you submit comments by email, send them to inovins@sec.state.vt.us and be sure to write "Landscape Architect Report" in the subject line. You may mail your comments to the Office of Professional Regulation at the address above.

Vermont law says that a profession shall be regulated only when:

“(1) it can be demonstrated that the unregulated practice of the profession or occupation can clearly harm or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and the potential for the harm is recognizable and not remote or speculative;

(2) the public can reasonably be expected to benefit from an assurance of initial and continuing professional ability; and

(3) the public cannot be effectively protected by other means.”

26 V.S.A. § 3105(a).

Your comments should help the Office address those three criteria and help the office determine whether the landscape architects require regulation by the State of Vermont.

The application submitted to OPR may be reviewed on line at <http://vtprofessionals.org>. Or you may request a copy from the Applicant through the Vermont Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects, c/o Patrick McLean c/o Stantec 54 Route 106 P.O. Box 29 North Springfield VT 05150-0029.