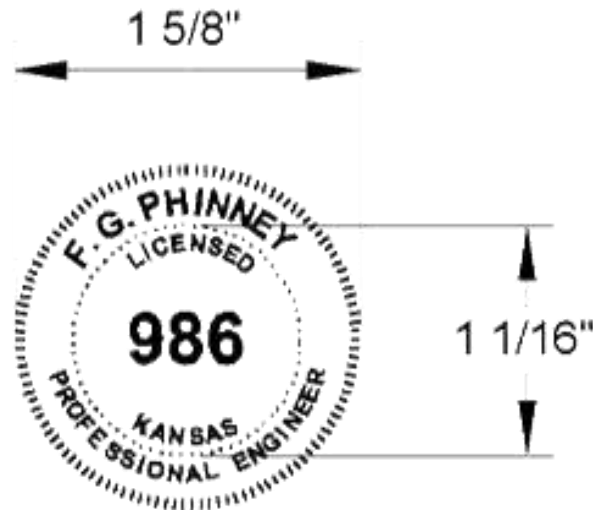**Note: This is an updated version of an article written by F. Glenn Phinney P.E.**

A committee of the Board carefully reviewed the NCEES Model Law and other State laws regarding computerized seals. The Board held a public hearing on December 12, 1997 and subsequently adopted rules and regulations accepting computer generated seals. Information involving digital seals was added in March 2008. In addition to publishing the revised language below, the board offers the following information for professionals to use when purchasing embossed, rubber circular seals or when designing computerized seals.

The approved seal shall be an embossed or rubber circular or computer generated seal consisting of two concentric circles.

The outer circle shall be 1 5/8 inches in diameter. The inner circle shall be 1 1/16 inches in diameter. The arc between the two circles shall contain the licensee's name at the top, and "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER" below. The exceptions are of course, in the case of Architects, the word "ARCHITECT", in the case of Landscape Architects, the words "LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT", in the case of Professional Surveyors, the words "PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR", and in the case of Geologists, the word "PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST". The inner circle shall contain the words "LICENSED" at the top, and "KANSAS" below, and the number of the license in the center.

Many have asked about how to produce or where to obtain such a computer generated facsimile of their professional seal. It can be easily produced by the individual licensee using most any, if not all CAD programs, and when constructed should conform to the properties as outlined in this article.

I would note that after the seal has been constructed and saved in the CAD program, it will most likely have a white background. This is not a problem if the seal is to be transferred to a document with white pages, however if the intended document is other than white, some additional attention will be required. In that case, it would be desirable to save the seal image as a GIF file and transport it to an image editing program to make the image transparent, as I have done in the example above. This creates a reproduction of your seal that is crisp, looks good and adapts well against most any background on which you choose to place it.