

Notice of Intent to Lien (Mechanic's Lien) (AL)

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This template is a notice of intent to lien letter used in Alabama by subcontractors and suppliers who are not original contractors. The template addresses Alabama's mechanic's lien law codified in the state code, emphasizing that courts strictly enforce procedural and notice requirements, with failure to comply potentially rendering liens ineffective.

The template covers the general requirement for downstream contractors and material suppliers to serve written notice to property owners and construction lenders before filing a verified statement of lien, but after materials or labor have been provided. It explains an exception where materials suppliers who have provided a notice of furnishing are not required to provide this intent notice. The template includes practical guidance on timing considerations, noting that while no specific timeframe is mandated, early notice is advisable since lien attachment occurs when notice is given and unpaid balances may decline rapidly. The document addresses proper delivery methods, recommending certified mail for tracking purposes, and specifies required recipients including property owners and their agents. Content requirements are outlined, including the amount due, services rendered, and payment source information.

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