



Hiring Independent Contractors No Excuse For Not Having Workers' Compensation Insurance

The Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit of the Nevada Department of Justice has been prosecuting employers who fail to provide Worker's Compensation coverage. A common misconception is that coverage is not needed because the employer uses "independent contractors," or a 1099 form for their employees.

Harboring such beliefs may result in employers facing *criminal charges* and being held responsible for the medical benefits paid for the injured worker. Nevada law requires a person to provide Worker's Compensation coverage for employees, *and also* subcontractors, independent contractors and their employees.

Be Aware Of What Is Required By Law For Your License

All contractors must be aware of the laws that pertain to their licenses. Please make sure your license number and monetary limit are on all contracts or bids. Your license number should also be displayed on all business advertisements, vehicles, business cards, letterheads, banners and websites. If your address or applicable information pertaining to your license changes, you must notify the Board in writing within 30 days.

Don't forget to leave the Residential Recovery Fund disclosure information with homeowners for all residential contracts. Also, you should be certain that contracts are within the scope of your license classification, and bid amounts are within your monetary limit.

Business Assistance Program Available

The Nevada State Contractors Board "Business Assistance Program," is now accepting reservations for upcoming workshops.

This instructional workshop will be conducted in Northern Nevada, 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, on **Aug. 9** at 9:30 a.m. and Southern Nevada, 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, on **Aug. 28** at 9 a.m.

Applicants for a contractor's license receive information to complete the application process quickly and accurately.

The NSCB encourages applicants to take this *free* Business Assistance Program. Many who have attended the program said it was very helpful in their application process.

For information, contact Lisa Bedsole, licensing consultant, at: (702) 486-1100, ext. 1120; or (775) 688-1141, ext. 1120 or by e-mail at: lbedsole@nscb.state.nv.us

Contractors on construction projects need to be particularly careful. There are no exceptions when the work being performed requires a contractor's license. Prime contractors must ensure subcontractors have and maintain coverage because the prime contractor is always responsible for injuries to employees of independent subcontractors on construction projects.

For more information, go to <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/WCS/Handouts/myth.pdf> or contact: Compliance Enforcement Unit, Department of Business and Industry, (702) 486-9080.

Bid Opportunities

Clark County

Russell Road, Durango Drive to Cimarron Road

Bid #600724

Pre-bid Conference will be held on July 18, 2007 at 2:15 P.M.

For more info on any of Clark County bids, call (702) 455-2897.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Phase II Las Vegas, Building Foundation, New VA Medical Center, North Las Vegas

SOLNBR-101-07-0020

RESPDATE-082307

POC: Frank Clemons, Contracting Officer, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC

20420 PH: 202.565.4022

www.fbo.gov/spg/VA/vacoofmae/vacoofmae/101-07-0020/listing.html

City of Fernley - Public Works Department

City of Fernley Water Treatment Plant Test Well

PWP# LY-2007-254

Pre-bid conference 7/25/07 - 2:00 p.m. City of Fernley Public Works Department, 595

Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley

Due: 8/3/07 - 10:00 a.m.

Contact: City of Fernley, 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Furnish and install new seismic-sensitive gas shut-off valves - Reno Stead Airport

Bid #07/08-01

Mandatory pre-bid conference 7/25/07 - 9:30 a.m., Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, 2770

Vassar Street, Reno, NV

Due: 8/1/07 - 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Joyce A. Humphrey, Manager of Purchasing and Materials Management,

775/328-6676

South Tahoe Public Utility District

Landscaping Project for Customer Service Facility and Wastewater

Operations/Laboratory

Pre-Bid Conference 7/24/07 - 10:00 a.m., South Tahoe Public Utility District, 1275

Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Due: 7/31/07 - 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Heidi Donovan, Contracts Administrator 530/543-6205