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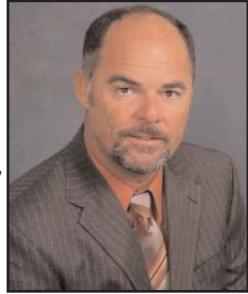
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## Michael Efstratis Appointed To NSCB

Michael Efstratis, Vice President of construction and manager of Tanamera Development, LLC, was appointed to the Board by the Governor in October 2007.



Efstratis is a licensed general contractor and has more than 25 years experience in development and management of residential and commercial projects.

Since joining Tanamera's development team more than 12 years ago, Efstratis has served as a board member for the Northern Nevada Builders Association.

## Safety Is The Bottom Line

**MariKay Mack-Finnie**  
**Director of Business and Construction Education**  
**Nevada Minority Business Council**

With the development of City Center by Perini and MGM/Mirage and Boyd Gaming's Echelon property, construction in Nevada has experienced a major boom – one that also brings to light the constant issue of jobsite safety.

Lack of safety on a jobsite is a culmination of different errors and issues that can be avoided:

**Lack of Knowledge** - Project managers and safety officers need to update their safety postings and education annually. Safety officers need to attend safety workshops and take advantage of the free OSHA services provided.

Although the safety officer and project



manager may be current on safety practices and how to operate safety gear, the crew must be given the same information in a timely fashion.

### Faulty or Out-dated Safety Equipment

**Equipment** - In many accidents on large projects, fault is not necessarily due to negligence of employees or lack of

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## LP-Gas Board Licensing Fees Reduced

**By Eric C. Smith, Chief Inspector**  
**Nevada LP-Gas Board**

Any business that has a license with the Nevada State Contractors Board and installs or services any installation supplied, or to be supplied with LP-Gas, is also required to be licensed with the LP-Gas Board. These statutes and regulations have been in force for more than 50 years and can be reviewed on the board's website at: [www.lpg.nv.gov](http://www.lpg.nv.gov).

As part of the licensing process, the board requires all licensees to have a Qualified Person (QP) in supervisory authority who is attached to their business. The QP must demonstrate that he or she has the skills necessary to perform LP-Gas

installations by obtaining a *certificate of competency* (COC) from the board by successfully completing a trade examination specific to their license type.

Many contractors may not know that the LP-Gas Board modified its regulation (NAC 590.240) to reduce annual costs associated with renewing the QP requirements by 61 percent. The board, at the time, was not aware of a typographical error, which resulted in the Class 3A license (a business engaged in the installation or repair of LP-Gas vapor piping, appliances or venting) classification being omitted from the QP requirements.

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# Across The Board

July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

## Investigations Division Compliance Investigations

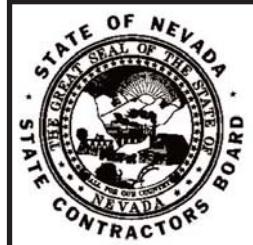
Investigations Conducted .....	1,573
Investigations Closed .....	1,654
Licenses Revoked .....	37
Fines Assessed .....	\$342,700
Investigative Costs Assessed .....	\$212,202.30
Recovery Fund Claims Awarded .....	\$416,186.35

### Criminal Investigations

Investigations Conducted .....	547
Investigations Closed .....	538
Felony Cases Filed .....	86
Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney ...	165
Citations Issued .....	123
Convictions .....	167
Restitution Ordered by Court .....	\$239,482.54
Fines Assessed by Court .....	\$53,562.00

### Licensing Division

New License Applications Received .....	1,644
New Licenses Issued .....	1,187
License Change Applications Received .....	2,892
Licensed Nevada Contractors .....	17,491



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**By Joe Coe**  
**Director Supplier Diversity**  
**Boyd Gaming Corporation**

Upon my arrival to Las Vegas, I quickly learned that this is a city of relationships. Throughout my professional career with corporations like Baltimore Gas and Electric, AT&T Wireless, Starbucks Coffee and now Boyd Gaming Corporation, I'm reminded of a saying my mom often shared with me: "*It's not what you know, but who you know.*" Well, I've since concluded not only is it who you know, it's who knows you.

The gaming industry, like others I so faithfully served, shares a common and widely accepted procurement practice: *business gets done with people you know, people you like and people you trust.*

Building a meaningful, lasting relationship is hard work and takes long hours to cultivate and nurture. It's a very worthwhile investment of effort and time. Many minority-owned business enterprises (MBE) and women-owned business enterprises (WBE) have realized this and are seeing just how important relational decisions are to their own organizations. The construction trades are no different in that primes, subs and vendors are identified before any scope of work is

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# A Successful Business Starts With Sound Legwork

# Safety...

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safety training. We find that equipment used to protect lives is often out-dated or not properly tested. There are companies that give safety demonstrations on site, so workers can understand how a harness works when it counts the most. Remember to replenish your safety gear, and make sure everything is in working order.

**Arrogance** - It will never happen to me. Some crew members who have been working in the field a long time without safety gear or training may think it is not necessary. Safety has nothing to do with the skill or training of a crew. Accidents are just that - *accidents*. No matter how skilled, educated, or how long you've been in the field, every worker can fall prey to an accident.

**Communication** – You should have staff/crew or laborers who speak other languages. It is the responsibility of

management to ensure their employees understand the safety laws. All safety information is available in Spanish and French. A bi-lingual staff person is also helpful. Many people speak English, but reading comprehension is another issue. Make sure that every person reads and understands your safety policy.

There are many resources that are available to contractors who want to make their work environment safe. Contact OSHA directly. They will be happy to offer their services for free to educate you and your staff. Risk management groups are always helpful in assessing the needs of your company and jobsites. The College of Southern Nevada, Associated General Contractors (AGC), Nevada Minority Business Council and the Nevada State Contractors Board offer low-cost or free safety classes.

Every accident is usually a

culmination of many factors that could have been avoided. By being aware of these factors, your jobsite becomes a safer workplace. The bottom line is you will save money, insurance costs and your reputation. Continued success hinges on the attention you pay to safety.



## L-P Gas...

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The board is currently working to correct this oversight. For now, this creates an opportunity to save \$240 (54 percent) off the initial license application fees of a Class 3A license.



The board recently started a campaign to educate building departments on the licensing requirements of persons applying for building permits that involve LP-Gas installations. Some contractors, who were not licensed with the LP-Gas Board, became aware of this the hard way, when the building department asked to see a copy of their LP-Gas licenses before they would issue a permit.

If you are currently operating without a required LP-Gas license, now is the time to obtain your license, save \$240 and prevent any delays in obtaining a required building permit.

*To apply for a license with the LP-Gas Board, or for further information, contact the LP-Gas Board office at: (775) 687-4890, or visit their website at: [www.lpg.nv.gov](http://www.lpg.nv.gov)*

## Successful...

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written, or deals inked as to who would be awarded the next big contract. So, how does a MBE or WBE get the opportunity to bid, or at least be thought of when projects are conceived?

Here are some basics: 1) Maintain a well-thought-out and thoroughly written business/financial plan; 2) Display demonstrable execution with talented people and technology; 3) Have knowledge of the game rules (seek quality advice via a lawyer, accountant and mentor); 4) Invest your own capital. You've got to have some skin in the game; 5) Prepare for disappointment (you can draw strength from failure); 6) Be open to partnering and aligning with other MBEs or WBEs; 7) Don't be afraid of the 800-pound gorilla, but recognize your own limitations; 8) Give back. Be a role model or mentor.

Once you've gotten the basics out of the way, do your homework. Identify who the players are: organizational decision makers, i.e., project managers, budget owners, general contractors, construction managers, sub-contractors, your competition and their projects.

Know more about your prospect than they know about themselves. Utilize available resources: internet, annual reports, 10-K reports, perform property site visits and utilize your personal acquaintances. This next point is viewed as a waste of time and perceived as meaningless, however, I can assure you that there is value in registering as an interested supplier on a corporate website. Follow recommendations and submit required documentation. One common mistake to avoid is being a "jack of all trades" to get your foot in the door. Focus on what you do well and network, network, network.

Remember this: *There are three types of people in life: 1) Those on the field making things happen; 2) Those in the stands watching things as they happen; 3) Those outside the arena asking "what just happened?"*

And although you know people, do they really know you?

# Industrial, Distribution Centers Bright Spot For Northern Nevada Construction Industry

By John Seelmeyer  
Northern Nevada Business Weekly

No one predicts a busy year for the construction industry in northern Nevada — the housing downturn simply is too steep — but industrial and infrastructure jobs will help the industry weather the storm.

During the first 11 months of 2007, the number of residential building permits in Washoe County and Carson City fell by more than 46 percent from the numbers recorded a year earlier — and the year earlier figures were no great shakes to begin with.

Sluggish residential development is likely to continue, at least until the second half of 2008. By one appraiser's count, the inventory of new and existing homes on the market in the Reno-Sparks region is sufficient to meet demand for 15 months, values of residential land have fallen by 30 percent since 2005 and many residential builders are strapped for cash.

But Northern Nevada continues to attract a steady stream of industrial and distribution employers, and workers in those plants need homes. That demand, builders believe, will steadily work down standing inventories.

Those new industrial and distribution facilities, meanwhile, provide a bright spot for the region's construction industry. Some of the largest industrial buildings ever constructed in the region — ranging from 400,000 square feet to nearly 900,000 square feet — are under way at Tahoe Reno Industrial Center east of Sparks, at Stead and Spanish Springs on the northern fringes of the metropolitan area and at Fernley.

Commercial real estate experts note



A temporary arch is constructed over Galena Creek, as part of NDOT's I-580 Extension from the Mount Rose Interchange to Bowers Mansion

Photo by Rob Sabo

that the flurry of projects is bringing a record amount of new space to the market, and some worry that a national recession could bring the activity to a screeching halt. Developers, however, say they continue to field a large number of requests for proposals from companies looking to locate new or expanded facilities in Northern Nevada.

In rural areas, mining companies will take advantage of sharply higher gold prices to undertake expansion of their facilities. Barrick Gold, to cite one example, plans three major expansion projects in coming months.

Another bright spot is infrastructure work as cities and utility providers scurry to catch up with demands placed on their systems by five years of rapid growth. Construction of a \$50 million baseball stadium in downtown Reno is expected to start this year, and the stadium is project-

ed to spur numerous retail and mixed-used projects in the downtown region.

NDOT will also be a major player, as its major I-580 project south of Reno and Carson City bypass projects continue.

On the retail front, the big story of 2008 will be construction of The Legends at Sparks Marina, more than 1 million square feet of retail and entertainment space created by RED Development of Kansas City. But other retail construction activity is slowing in response to the housing slump.

Construction of new office buildings — big projects as well as smaller garden offices — is likely to drag as vacancy rates run about 20 percent and lots of space in existing buildings is available for sublease as homebuilders and mortgage lenders pull back.

*Exclusively written for the Nevada Contractors' Billboard*

## Small Business Web Page Redesigned

The redesigned Small Business Assistance Web Page now features categorical tabs for easier navigation and access to data. The page introduces a link which provides small businesses with Spanish-language safety cards, booklets and posters. The updated "Safety Pays" eTool allows employers to estimate the costs of work-related injuries and illnesses and the estimated impact on a company's bottom line. Go to:

<http://www.osha.gov/desp/smallbusiness/index.html>



## Exec. Officer Speaks At SNARCA Meeting

Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the Nevada State Contractors Board, recently spoke at a monthly meeting of the Southern Nevada Air Conditioning Refrigeration Service Contractors Association regarding: 2007 Legislative changes, the Board going to a biennial license renewal system, proposed regulation changes, contractor education classes sponsored by the Board and updates on the Board's program for administrative citations and audits.

# Community Service Project Helps Grandparents

Making a difference in people's lives and in our community is important.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rebuilding Hope Program has made that possible for one Southern Nevada family.

Norma, 51, and Dean, 43, Delibertis were chosen as this year's Rebuilding Hope Program recipients, co-sponsored by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Las Vegas (ABC) and the Nevada State Contractors Board.

Due to uncontrollable circumstances, the couple was awarded custody of their three grandchildren, ages 1, 2, and 3.

The Delibertises could not afford to remodel their bathroom that was in dire need of new plumbing fixtures and walls.

With the generous support from ABC, the Delibertises will now have a new bathroom to bathe their three grandchildren.

Norma was overwhelmed with joy after being chosen. "Never in my wildest dreams could I think we would be chosen," she said. "I thought that there was someone out there that needed it more than I did, so I'm totally surprised."

She heard about the program after seeing a Rebuilding Hope public service announcement on television. "It was like a bright flash on the television, and I saw it," Norma said.

Brian Scroggins, vice president of ABC, said, "In this particular case, you have three grandchildren who need a decent place to get a bath ..., and their grandparents are financially, at this point, not able to do that..., so we're able to step in."

"Southern Nevada has allowed me to provide for my family, and occasionally we run into people who have need, and we like to help them...get over that challenge," Scroggins said.

Beckie White of Aqua Plumbing, LLC said her company donated toys for the grandchildren and labor for the project. White was born and raised in Las Vegas and said, "I just feel inclined



From left, Norma, 51; Kalem, 3; Kaira, 2; Kylee, 1; and Dean, 43. Top photo is Nicole, 25.

to help people who need it."

Bruce Abbott of Abbott Plumbing donated labor and money. "We've been blessed so much with things, and we are very prosperous in this town, and...everybody needs to share that," Abbott said.

Upon completion of the remodeling, Norma said, "I'm very pleased and very happy. This is truly a blessing. The tile is so beautiful. I see the difference in the quality."

ABC volunteers also gave the Delibertises \$300 in Home Depot gift certificates, as part of their room makeover.

The following ABC member companies donated either labor or supplies for Rebuilding Hope: **A-1 Mechanical, Abbott Plumbing, Aqua Plumbing, LLC, Corona Electric, Proline Interiors, T-Brothers Tile and The Plumber, Inc.** Additional assistance was provided by **Breslin Builders**,



At left, before, and after with new tile, a tub, drywall and paint. Below, Kalem enjoys brushing his teeth with grandma.



**Construction Notebook, Pronto Construction, Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, Sunstate Equipment Rentals and Republic Services, Inc.**

## Staff Spotlight

### Stewart Juggles Multiple Tasks For NSCB

When one has worked for the Nevada State Contractors Board as long as Kathy Stewart, both the public and contractors can be reassured that she knows the ins and outs of how the Board functions on a daily basis.

Stewart is the licensing supervisor for our Northern Nevada office. She has worked at the Board for 20 years and supervises a staff of 11 people.

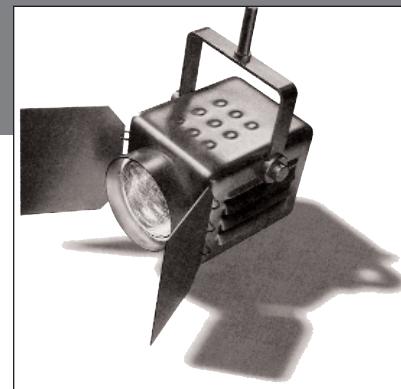
Stewart oversees the staff that processes new applications. She reviews completed license applications to ensure that they comply with applicable laws and regulations, and also makes certain they are processed in a timely manner.

When evaluating applicants, Stewart says, every applicant is different. Many factors are considered, and she looks at each applicant based on their own merit.

"I think that's the hardest thing to get across to new employees," Stewart says. Not every applicant has the same level of experience in a given trade and that is why each application is evaluated differently.

Multi-tasking is nothing new to Stewart. She also manages the bonding department, records department and handles license determinations that allow her to properly classify contractors in appropriate license classifications. She also coordinates staff training, by revising and drafting procedures used to train staff.

"You're constantly having to shift gears," Stewart says. A typical day for her is usually "very, very busy."



**Kathy Stewart is the licensing supervisor for the Northern Nevada office of the NSCB.**

Sometimes she feels there aren't enough hours in a day to complete all of her work.

In overseeing the records department, Stewart assumes responsibility over all case files and handles public requests. She complies with guidelines governing confidentiality of records, but also handles disclosure of information available to the public.

Stewart is responsible for ensuring that all reports on active licensees are sent to various governmental agencies, such as the building departments, the fire marshal and OSHA.

Maintaining balance is the most challenging aspect of Stewart's job because she has many duties to perform and many people who report to her. Yet being responsible for an array of tasks doesn't prevent Stewart from enjoying her work. She likes diversity, she says. As trades change and evolve, "You have to evolve with (them)," Stewart says. Things are always changing.

Stewart likes the fact that she isn't doing the same work day-in and day-out. "It'd be boring if you did the same thing every day," she feels.

In evaluating license determinations, Stewart likes conducting research, by calling

applicants to get more information, utilizing online search engines and working with investigators to find information.

Stewart is very grateful for the experience she has gained working at the Board. "I've worked with so many good people over the years," she says.

Stewart was born and raised in Sacramento, CA. When she was in high school, after school she worked at an electrical wholesale business her family owned. She moved to Reno to attend college and never returned to California. She has enjoyed living in Northern Nevada for the past 27 years.

Stewart has been married for about 25 years and has two children. Her 22-year-old daughter is a graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), and her 18-year-old son is an undergraduate student at UNR. Her hobbies include gardening, reading and renovating her home.

## Criminal Cases Prosecuted: 7/01/07 - 12/31/07

By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting or advertising without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

**AA=Administrative Assessment**

**IC=Investigative Costs**

**F=Fine**

**R=Restitution**

**PB=Plea Bargain**

Southern Nevada			
White, Tony DBA Cutting Edge Landscaping	\$4,000 R	Harper, Steve DBA Custom Island Designs	IC
Affordable Granite Marble & Tile	IC	Aleman, Julio	\$800 R; IC
Ahlayek, Youssef	\$500 F; IC	Avalon Pool Maintenance & Repair, Inc	\$500 F; IC
All Seasons Landscaping	\$3,250 R; IC	Barrera Lawn & Landscape	\$850 R; IC
Allied Enterprise Group	\$500 F; IC	Barron, Alejandro	IC
Annette's Painting	\$2,775 R; IC	Castellanos Painting	\$500 F; IC
Beto & Frank Residential Painters	\$1,000 F; IC	Cooperstyle Painting	IC
Bowen, Burkley	\$2,000 R; IC	Cueto Welding Service	\$500 F; IC
Carrasco, Jose L.	IC	Custom Concrete	\$500 F; IC
Castaneda, Javier	\$1,140 R; IC	Ernies Repair	\$500 F; IC
Customwood Concepts LLC	PB	Garza, Juan DBA Taller De Soldadura	\$1,000 R; IC
Desert Lights Landscape & Light	IC	Golonka, John	IC
Dominque Landscaping & Yard Maintenance	PB	IC Consulting	IC
Driveway Specialties	\$1,000 R; IC	Jimmy Mac	\$5,125 R; IC
Galindo, Manuel DBA Galindos Custom Finish	IC	Lambirth, Rod DBA Vegas Valley Wrought Iron	\$1,000 F; IC
Hanson, Ronald S. DBA Custom Pools and Spas	\$500 F; IC	Mares, Alfonso DBA Imagination Team	\$3,555 R; IC
Hart, Gary Dale	IC	Martinez, Floyd	IC
Hernandez, Rogelio	\$500 F; IC	Mcaneney, Duane DBA Mcaneney Interiors	\$7,000 R; IC
Irizarry-Rosa, Dennis	\$1,500 R; IC	Melendez, Manuel Jose	\$750 R
Jim DBA Code Red Maintenance	IC	Old Iron Doors	IC
Kroposky, Jim	\$1,500 R; IC	Osburn, Kevin Franklin	IC
Moulding Craftsman	IC	Painter Handyman	IC
O G Handlman	IC	Ram Drywall Flatrock	\$23,141 R; IC
Ocampo, Pabel	\$500 F; IC	Rick's Specialties LLC	\$1,000 R; IC
Ochoa, Ricardo	\$13,042 R	Riddle Cabinetry	IC
Orozco, Francisco	PB	Robnorris Construction	IC
Remakel, William John	\$75 R; IC	Salazar, Wilfred F	\$500 F; \$805 R; IC
Rick Specialties	\$9,000 R	Sound Approach	IC
Rojas, Fernando Jose	\$3,000 R; IC	Stamper, Robert	\$500 F; IC
Superior Granite	\$500 F; IC	Taunaholo, Moses	PB
Timberline Woodworks	IC	Valenzuela, Main G	\$500 F; IC
Warweg, Greg Scott	\$500 F; IC	Verali, John II	PB
Yocmar Landscaping	IC	Walcom, Scott	PB

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## Board Institutes Qualified Employee Verification

The Nevada State Contractors Board is responsible for ensuring that all contractor license records contain accurate and up to date information.

Commencing in 2008, we have instituted a “Qualified Employee Verification” form for each licensee’s “Qualified Employee” to complete. The completed form will be provided with your contractor license renewal application, and each person listed on the renewal as a “Qualified Individual” must complete a

verification form. You may be required to make copies of the form, if you have more than one qualified individual.

The purpose of requesting the “Qualified Employee Verification” is to confirm that each person who has been designated “Qualified Employee” of a licensee is knowledgeable of the Qualified Employee responsibilities outlined in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 624.260.

In addition, if a “Qualified Employee” is no longer associated with, or employed by

the licensee for whom he qualifies the license, the Board must be notified in writing within 10 days under the provisions of NRS 624.285.

We appreciate your cooperation in completing the “Qualified Employee Verification” to help our office ensure that the license records on file with the Board are complete and contain correct information.

# Criminal Cases...

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Northern Nevada			
Alexander, Michael Dean	\$632 F	Draper, Scott Phillip	IC
Alvarez, Jesus Urvina	\$190 F; IC	Burnham, Edward Lee	\$632 F; IC
Arvizu, Enrique Hernandez	\$6,500 R	Clements, David Mark	\$1,270 F; IC
Depuy, Charles Maurice	\$2,600 R	Echeverria, Eduardo Solano	\$190 F; IC
Edwards, Roger Martin	\$190 F; IC	Finau, Vilanitoni	\$190 F; IC
Espinosa-Garcia, Rene	\$90 F; IC	Guerra, Glenn	\$190 F; IC
Garcia-Tapia, Gabino	\$297 F	Harloff, James Lawrence	\$190 F; IC
Hadley-Beaumont, Jon Randy	\$635 F; IC	Hatch, Lani Jay	\$624 F
Hernandez, Eugenio Torres	\$635 F; IC	Jimenez-Barboza, Juan Ramon	\$635 F; IC
Higday, Kyle David	\$500 F; IC	Lee, Daniel Timothy	\$50 F; IC
Holden, Jimmy Kevin	\$190 F; IC	Lynch, Alan Jay	\$90 F; IC
Kesti, Stephen Joel	\$200 F; IC	Lynd, Bruce Harold	\$190 F; IC
Kesti, Steven dba Customers Choice	\$335 F	Martinez-Martinez, Joel	\$190 F; IC
Klawitter, David Wayne	\$635 F; IC	Moltz, Dennis Michael	\$1,132 F
Mendez-Cerros, Alexander Isaias	\$600 F; IC	Nixon, Douglas Eugene	\$187 F; Com. Service
Metzner, Stephen Charles	\$190 F; IC	Parrish, Tyler Jay	\$625 F
Milici, Ernest Richard	\$187 F; \$250 R; IC	Radke, Ryan Konrad	\$625 F
Moseid, Chester dba Detail Etcetera Inc.	\$190 F	Reynolds, Taylor Lee	IC
Reyes, Jose Guadalupe	IC	Rivera, Jose Lucas Lopez	IC
Ruiz, Amanda Lean	\$410 F; IC	Rogers, Kelly Lee	\$190 F; IC
Salas, Jesus Farias	\$735 F	Schunk, Lloyd Bernard	\$750 R; IC
Samples, Archelaus	\$190 F; IC	Solomon, Todd Alan	\$190 F; IC
Scott, Debbie Louise	\$300 F; IC	Storey, John Paul	5 Days Jail
Scott, Francis Ryan	\$632 F	Taunaholo, Moseese	PB
Smith, Torry Ronald	IC	Vargas-Juarez, David Alberto	\$240 F; IC
Spears, Michael	IC	Verdugo-Trujillo, Jose	\$187 F; IC
Topolic, Pete	\$410 F; IC	Watson, Curtis Lee	\$115 F; IC
Valdez, James Albert	\$297 F	Williams, Charles Edward	\$187 F; IC
White, Willy John	\$1,452 R; IC	Zich, Joseph Patrick	\$632 F; IC

## Get All Your Ducks In A Row With Bonding

By Joe Hernandez, ARM, AAI

Bonding is one of the main issues contractors will face at one point or another. It really doesn't matter whether you are a newly licensed contractor, or have been in business for many years. You may be asked for a bond. Usually it starts with a contractor's license bond, which confirms your license is current and active.

For some construction projects that are either residential or commercial, you may need to provide a bid, performance and

completion bond in order to be considered to bid. Typically this is called a bond facility. You may ask yourself, "Why do I need it? Where do I get it, and who do I get it from?"

Let's first look at what a bond is. It is not insurance. It is surety. So what does that



mean? There are three parties who are involved in a bond. First there is the "Principal," or person requesting the bond. In most cases, it is the general contractor who is asking you for the bond. This is a way for the general contractor to hire sub-contractors who are capable of doing the work from start to finish, and make sure the project is completed on time and within budget. Some contractors will allow you to recover the cost of your bond by including it in your bid.

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# Administrative Citations

7/1/07 - 12/31/07 -- All Paid Investigative Costs

Respondent	License	Fine
Around the Clock, Inc.	62924	\$2,000.00
A.E.C. Group	32712	\$500.00
A.J.&S. Maintenance, Inc.	53651	\$2,300.00
A.J.'s Home Improvement	62939	\$3,800.00
Abraham Mechanical Services	41908	\$2,000.00
Addison Landscaping	46744	\$1,500.00
Anytime Plumbing, Inc., dba Blue Dot Services Co. of Nevada	51326	\$1,000.00
Appliance Sales Service and Parts	60515	\$1,000.00
Argonaut Construction Inc.	15689	\$1,500.00
Atlas Flooring, Inc.	52491; 50480; 52490; 53669	\$1,000.00
Atlas Tile & Stone	59360	\$1,000.00
Brahma Construction, Inc.	52055	\$50.00
C.D.S. Construction Design Specialists, LLC	58810	\$1,150.00
Citylight Services, Inc.	63723	\$2,500.00
Coral Beach Pools, LLC	46693A	\$1,000.00
Cordola Marble, Inc.	53029	\$1,100.00
DFS Flooring	67217	\$550.00
Esquisite Landscape/Maintenance	22168	\$2,000.00
Far West Pools	46716	\$8,000.00
FloStor Installation & Service	36047	\$1,150.00
Ford & Son Floor Covering	55452	\$1,600.00
Four Seasons Design and Remodeling	28602A	\$600.00
Gabor Custom Carpet, Inc.	57854	\$2,000.00
I&M Plumbing, LLC	67414	\$1,000.00
Interior Electric, Inc. Nevada	47972	\$600.00
J&A Grading	67478	\$250.00
L&S Air Conditioning & Heating	40987	\$1,150.00
L.E.M.S., Inc., dba Wall Units Etc.	56201	\$550.00
Lake City Air Conditioning, Heating and Sheet Metal	26696	\$550.00
Madison Bennett, Inc., dba Vegas Energy	60386	\$500.00

Respondent	License	Fine
Matthews Development	35947	\$2,000.00
A Rooter Man Plumbing, Sewer & Drain	58045A	\$1,500.00
A&S Construction, LLC	57687	\$700.00
AAA Development, LLC	41811A	\$1,500.00
Abacus Mechanical Services, Inc., dba Aire Service	53561	\$1,900.00
Advanced Stucco	52531	\$1,000.00
Air Source A/C and Heating	49494	\$3,000.00
American Fire and Electric	36762	\$7,500.00
C A S Construction, Inc.	46805	\$1,050.00
C&W Enterprises, Inc.	43362	\$1,000.00
Cabinets by Thatcher	57156	\$500.00
Cosmos Plumbing	69800	\$1,000.00
D&J Electric	42108	\$2,000.00
D.M. Construction, LLC	62951	\$1,000.00
Debard Plumbing, Inc.	18991A	\$2,100.00
Deblor Corp.	60452	\$500.00
Desert Custom Contracting, Inc.	45976	\$550.00
Designline Construction Services, Inc.	Pending	\$500.00
Dick Pacific Construction Co., LTD	69249	\$10,000.00
Goldberg Construction	68376	\$1,150.00
Gopher Construction, Inc.	18346A	\$500.00
Gore Painting, Inc.	55553	\$1,000.00
Homecraft Development, Inc.	30204	\$500.00
J Mar Construction Corp.	46001	\$1,000.00
J&K Woodworks, LLC	50516	\$2,000.00
J.Bud Gibson, dba J. Bud Gibson Door Service	53885	\$1,000.00
Jess Arndell Construction Co.	9369C	\$1,100.00
Jimmy Collins Specialties	67307	\$1,000.00
K.C.S. General Contractors	37472	\$1,000.00
Legacy Construction Enterprises	50647	\$1,500.00

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# **Board Disciplinary Actions: 7/01/07 - 12/31/07**

Note: Actions do not include contractors' suspended licenses for failure to maintain surety bonds  
*(Please refer to the NSCB website for a list of violations)*

**IC=Investigative Costs**

**Ltr of Rep=Letter of Reprimand**

**F=Fine**

**R=Restitution**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
Earthscape, Inc.	35331	\$2,000 F; IC; Revoked
3 N 1 Construction	56782	\$4,820.34 R; IC; Ltr of Rep; Suspended
Advanced Architectural Metal, Inc.	45072; 56031	\$3,450 F; \$9,800 R; IC; Revoked
All Star Landscaping Corp.	59196	\$2,500 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Artistic Pool/Spa, Inc.	24446	\$250 F; \$4,500 R; IC
Canepa Construction & Development	15326	IC
Classic Fence Co.	58352	\$2,850 F; \$4,234.90 R; IC; Revoked
Corbett Construction	59138; 54479	\$3,100 F; IC; Suspended
D A Development	55592	\$750 F; IC; Lic. Cancelled
Dayton Valley Floral & Nursery	38395	\$1,500 F; IC
Dream Creations, dba DC Builders	56978; 60032	\$10,000 F; IC; Revoked
Floor Seasons, Inc.	54529	\$30,000 R
Herbst Station Repair, Inc.	13211A	\$4,000 F; IC
Investment Equity Builders, LLC	47257	\$5,000 F; IC; Probation
Investment Equity Development, LLC	56304	\$3,000 F; \$31,150R; IC
Lake Tahoe Developers	57719; 64694; 66079	\$7,870 R; IC; Lics. Surrendered
Leonard Pitts Construction	45183	\$5,100 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Madison Bennett, Inc., dba Vegas Energy and Perimeter Drywall & Paint	56606; 60386; 63453	\$3,000 F; IC; Revoked
Meadow Valley Enterprises, LTD	58843	\$3,200 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
Donald A. Schroeder, dba Don Schroeder	23660B	\$5,600 F; Restitutiion; IC; Revoked
Above It All Contracting, LLC; Aladdin Air Conditioning & Heating Co.; A Advantage Roofing, Inc.; Above It All Roofing	57153; 58428; 57257; 48031	\$11,800 F; \$29,468 R; IC; Lics. 57153 Revoked & 48031 Suspended
American Custom Concrete, Inc.	64721	\$3,700 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
B.S.I. Landscape & Golf, Inc.	53272	\$3,450 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Blackstone Builders, Inc.	57968	\$2,500 F; IC
Carson Taylor Construction, Inc.	20197	\$1,000 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Craig Lund Moore, dba Ability Construction	33860	\$2,000 F; IC
Creative Land Concepts	54143	\$4,350 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Creative Pool Design, Inc.	32964A	\$2,000 F; IC
Custom Cut, Inc.	57045; 49355	\$1,000 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
East Slope Builders	38737	\$4,000 F; \$3,831.66 R; IC; Revoked
Famko General Contractors	57717	\$100F; Surrendered
H Y Construction	67845	\$2,500 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
H.S.L. Corp., dba BJ's Glass N Mirror Co.	52988	\$3,700 F; \$9,827.64 R; IC; Revoked
Hardin Concrete Co., Inc.	49119	\$3,000 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Innovative Concrete, LLC	58954	IC
Jaehn Construction West and Framers of Nevada	19223; 19224	\$1,100 F; IC; Renewal Pending
Jesus Lopez Lozoya, dba Lozoya Enterprises	53415	\$4,200 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
M&J Asphalt, Inc. dba G.L.B.Y.	56064	\$2,000 F; IC; Probation

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Respondent	License	Disposition
Nevada State Builders, Inc.	58489	\$10,000 F; \$224,356.86 R; IC; Revoked
Northridge Construction	58215; 50381; 59700	Revoked
Price & Sons Plumbing	53936	\$1,850 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
R.B.M. Construction, Inc.	46409	\$100 F; \$25,000 R; IC; Suspended
R.K. Rue, Inc., dba C.D.I. and The Affordable Handyman	63774; 67293	\$7,000 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Superior Concrete	55485	\$5,000 R; IC; Business Review; Revoked
Under the Son Excavating, Inc.	55421	\$1,750 F; Restitution; IC; Suspended
Vincent Francis Martano, dba Academy Enterprises	52852	\$2,350 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Western Pacific Construction, dba Westpac Construction	50782; 53271	\$4,000 F; IC; Lic. 50782 Revoked; Lic. 53271 Cancelled
Won Shik Yun, dba Won Shik Yun and Grand City Plumbing & Heating Co.	43761; 66844; 59122	\$100 F; Restitution

Respondent	License	Disposition
McCatheran Construction, Inc.	63695	\$5,700 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Pentagon Plumbing and Air Conditioning	58722	\$4,000 F; IC
Russel Dick Arriola, dba Dick Arriola Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal	24160	\$3,100 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
S&S Painting & Drywall, LLC	53700	\$1,500 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Sierra West Construction Co.	27466	\$83,029 R; IC
Silver Express, Inc., dba Silver Express Construction	51227	\$8,500 F; Restitution; IC; Revoked
Silver Meadows Landscaping	57801; 62770	\$2,250 F; \$11,054.05 R; IC; Revoked
Silver State Carpets, Inc., dba Carpeteria	27295	\$4,800 F; \$5,611 Restitution; IC; Revoked
TCM Construction Services, Inc., dba Cornerstone Roofing Co.	55659	\$2,000 F; \$28,486.46 R; IC; Revoked
Temple Development Corp.	22147	\$3,000 F; IC; Revoked

## Bonding...

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The second party is the "Obligee." That means you, the contractor purchasing the bond and the one obliged to complete work as outlined in your contract. If you fail to complete the work, your bond may be used to cover the cost of someone else completing the work.

The third party in this arrangement is the "Surety." This is the bonding company that will pay on your behalf, if you fail to perform your duties under the contract. To purchase a bond, you need to first ask your current property and casualty insurance agent or broker if they can place the

bond for you. If not, you will need to find a qualified agent or broker who can. Bonding will require the completion of a comprehensive application, and in many cases financial information from your business and personal finances. Typically, the bonding company is looking at your character, your capitol and your capacity to perform the work. If you have a history of complaints, bad finances and too much work, you may not be bondable. In some cases, you may be required to post a letter of credit, have cash in the bank or use personal property as collateral in order to be bonded. These requirements also dictate what dollar limit you may be bonded.

Not all contractors will want to work on projects that require bonds, and there will be many who don't qualify for bonding. For contractors who want to work on bonded projects and who meet the criteria, there are many opportunities to bid on projects throughout Nevada.

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# Administrative Citations

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Respondent	License	Fine
McCormick Construction Co.	67159	\$500.00
Mission West Pools & Spas	37040	\$1,500.00
Moon Valley Nursery	58408	\$1,350.00
Mr. Plumber Rooter and Plumbing Services, LLC	68756	\$1,000.00
Now Electric, Inc.	67680	\$1,000.00
O M Construction	59756	\$4,000.00
Panda Refrigeration	26472	\$5,000.00
Peake Development, Inc.	49079	\$500.00
Pinnacle Construction & Development, Inc.	56145	\$3,000.00
Quality Flooring Installations	54213	\$2,000.00
Re-Bath of Las Vegas, LLC	57470	\$500.00
Safari Rockeries, Inc.	47025	\$1,500.00
Savant Design Illustrations, Inc., dba S.D.I.	45547	\$500.00
ShowerPro, Inc.	56838	\$1,100.00
Spring Mountain Construction, Inc.	49520	\$1,000.00
Starbucks Stone Scapes, Inc.	63823	\$1,000.00
Sundor, Inc.	35607	\$1,400.00
Surface Systems, Inc.	37013	\$50.00
T&Y Air Conditioning & Heating	57453; 58119	\$1,100.00
Team Tile & Stone	67764	\$2,100.00
Terra Cotta Construction Services, Inc.	61047	\$1,000.00
Thomas Plumbing, Sewer & Drain	37901	\$3,000.00
Tom Lioubas Construction	12411A	\$1,050.00
Turney Development, LLC	57690	\$2,050.00
Wade Payne Construction, Inc.	52653	\$1,000.00
Warehouse Equipment Solutions, Inc.	52264	\$2,000.00

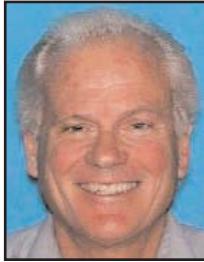
Respondent	License	Fine
M.V.I.L.L. Limited, dba Lanco West	56573	\$750.00
Mana Builders, LLC	62187	\$2,500.00
Master Excavators	42574	\$750.00
Max J. Butterworth	46000	\$2,300.00
National Building Contractors	Pending	\$5,000.00
National Contractors, Inc.	69267	\$5,000.00
Nevada Barricade & Sign Co., Inc.	52315	\$500.00
Norcal Masonry Builders, Inc.	68256	\$1,000.00
Olympic Development	43518	\$2,000.00
Plumbing & More, Inc.	32541A	\$150.00
Pro Turf N Curb	51508	\$1,000.00
R.D. Swope Construction	57123	\$500.00
Re-Bath of Las Vegas, LLC	57470; 57471	\$1,500.00
Redco Construction, Inc.	14900A	\$1,050.00
Silver City Builders	67273	\$500.00
Silverado Landscape & Design, Inc.	55807	\$650.00
Simon Construction Co., LLC	56228	\$1,000.00
Sun Colony Summerlin Homes, LLC	48797	\$1,000.00
Teeter Total Services, Inc.	68373	\$500.00
Themeing Solutions, Inc.	49867	\$2,000.00
Tom Williams Landscaping	50829	\$550.00
Triangle Construction, Inc.	32494	\$1,500.00
Walldesign Incorporated	37111	\$1,000.00
Westland Construction	20727	\$250.00
Woodland Construction	45470	\$1,000.00



# Under Investigation

## Welcome Home Builders Inc. Con Man Wanted On Reno Justice Ct. Warrants

REF: John A. Paxson  
DES: W/M, 5'9", 180 lbs.,  
gray hair, green eyes  
Status: Under Investigation



**John A Paxson, dba Welcome Home Builders, Inc.**, has two misdemeanor warrants issued on him by the Reno Justice Court for *contracting without a license* and *advertising without a license*. Paxson routinely reads the owner/builder permit lists from the City of Reno and Washoe County Building departments, and then calls unsuspecting homeowners to offer his services at a lower price than licensed contractors. Paxson has a Nevada state real estate license and a revoked Michigan builder's license. The NSCB is currently seeking additional warrants for *misdemeanor contracting without a license* and *felony diversion of funds*. Paxson has been in the Reno area for approximately two years and reportedly living out of his vehicle.

- Any agency with information or leads that can assist in the investigation, please contact:

Nevada State Contractors Board  
Fred Schoenfeldt, Supervisor Criminal Investigations  
(775) 688-1150, Extension 7884

## Two Unlicensed S. Nevada Contractors Sought on LV, Henderson Warrants

REF: Aramais Airapetian  
DES: ARMENIAN/M, 5'11", 160 lbs.,  
black hair, brown eyes  
Status: Under Investigation



REF: Vladimir Karkmazyan  
DES: ARMENIAN/M, 5'9", 165 lbs.,  
black hair, green eyes  
Status: Under Investigation



**Aramais Airapetian and Vladimir Karkmazyan, dba American Electrical Services**, have felony warrants issued on them from Henderson Justice Court and Las Vegas Justice Court for *obtaining money by false pretenses, engaging in business without a license* and *burglary*. The company currently advertises its services in full-page advertisements in Southern Nevada phone books. The company has also been known to dispatch electrical contractors to homes using the name **Desert Lights Electrical**, a company that surrendered its license in September 2007. Homeowners are being defrauded through poor workmanship, misrepresentation and excessive charging of services.

- Any agency with information or leads that can assist in the investigation, please contact:

Nevada State Contractors Board  
Kenny Peppley, Supervisor Criminal Investigations  
(702) 486-1100, Extension 1144

**(Contracting Without A License Is A Crime In The State Of Nevada)**

## Company Profile

# Reno Company Puts Customer Service First

In this day and age, it takes more than knowing your business to be successful. Without good customer service, you're dead in the water.

Providing excellent customer service and delivering heating oil on time has been the benchmark for National Oil & Burner Co. since George Basta bought the company in 1963. Today his son, Ron, CEO, and a staff of 15 employees service some 2,800 customers in the Reno; Minden; Carson City; Gardnerville; Lake Tahoe and Coleville, Calif., areas.

National Oil & Burner delivers heating oil to both residential and commercial customers. They also service oil furnaces and supply gasoline, diesel fuel and lubricants.

"If a problem exists with a customer, we take care of it right away," Ron Basta says. "We don't want them to call someone else to get it resolved."

Basta is a proud second generation owner of what he emphasizes will always be a small family business. His office manager has been with the company since 1958, and his service technician has been with him for 26 years.

"I give my employees the freedom to do what they need to do to get their jobs done," Basta says. "I don't micro-manage."

Basta also points out that many of his customers have been with him for a long time. Some go back 40 years, and he frequently services residential oil furnaces that have been in operation since the 1950s.

Gloria Frediani is one of National Oil & Burner's longtime customers. She's been with them since 1962.

"I like the drivers who come to my house. They are very reliable," Frediani

says. "They call when they are in the area to let me know. I like the fact that they are a local company, too. I would recommend this company to anyone. They are very considerate and try to help."

Sandy Rogers and her husband have been customers since 1983. They have oil delivered to their home every two weeks and have always been impressed with National Oil's friendly service.

"They are very personal and professional people," Rogers says. "They've always been very responsive, and they recognize your name when



Ron Basta, CEO; top from left; Tom Baldwin, service manager; and Ron Badley, technician. The National Oil & Burner Co. office staff includes, from left, Carolyn Hajek, Debbie Taitel and Jeanette Rodrigus.

you call. I highly recommend this company."

National Oil & Burner Co. has a C-1 Plumbing & Heating license, number 0237A and a C-21B Air Conditioning license, number 0237B.

Their home office is in Reno.



## Nevada Contractors' Billboard

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The NSCB recently started a program called "e-News." Once a month, the Board e-mails important information to Nevada contractors who have listed their e-mail addresses with the NSCB. So make sure:

- 1) We have your e-mail address by sending it to:  
[nscb\\_news@lvcoxmail.com](mailto:nscb_news@lvcoxmail.com)
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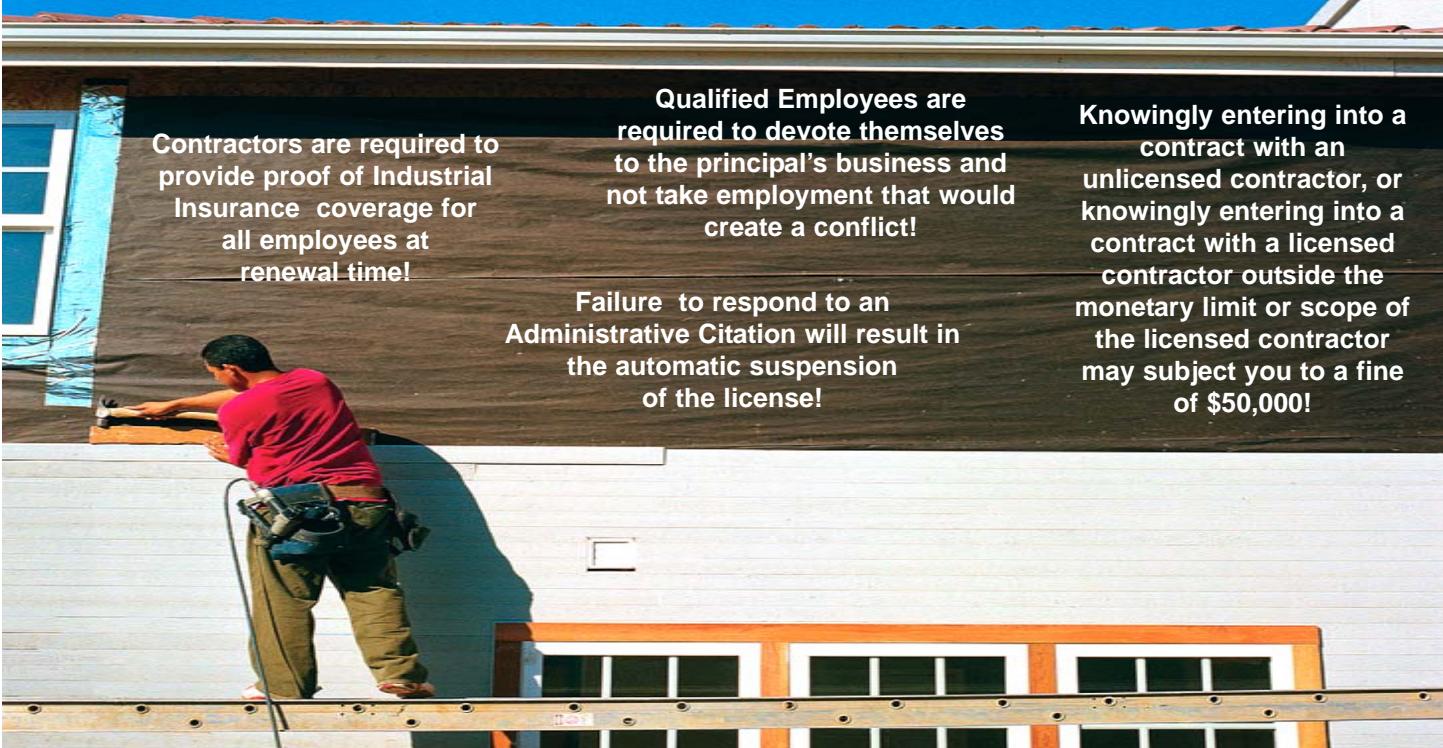
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# Contractors... Did You Know?



Contractors are required to provide proof of Industrial Insurance coverage for all employees at renewal time!

Qualified Employees are required to devote themselves to the principal's business and not take employment that would create a conflict!

Failure to respond to an Administrative Citation will result in the automatic suspension of the license!

Knowingly entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor, or knowingly entering into a contract with a licensed contractor outside the monetary limit or scope of the licensed contractor may subject you to a fine of \$50,000!