



Former Board Member Kim Gregory Passes Away

Kim Gregory, 58, former Nevada State Contractors Board chairman (1989-2001) passed away on Sept. 2, 2008. He had been battling pancreatic cancer.

Gregory, a Las Vegas resident since 1973, was president and chief executive officer of Hansen Mechanical Contractors, one of the largest mechanical contractors in Nevada.

Gregory worked as a mechanical contractor for 37 years. His company, which he sold to EMCOR in 1980, did mechanical, air conditioning and refrigeration and plumbing and heating work for many of the major hotels in Las Vegas. In an interview with the NSCB's *Billboard* newsletter (Fall/Winter 2007), Gregory credited his success and that of other contractors to being "qualified in their trade... having some level of business experience and understanding that they have to complete their projects... You can not walk away from a mistake." The successful businessman also felt



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that contractors should be aware of their limits with respect to their financial interests, or knowledge before taking on projects. He said contractors need to understand the banking business and legal aspects concerning their businesses.

When Gregory assumed the chair of the NSCB in 1996, he said he wanted to achieve three objectives:

- Help the general public and the Nevada Legislature better understand what the Board does;
- Provide consistent responses to

problems that arise and;

- Identify and implement new problem-solving tools and methods.

"Basically," Gregory said at the time, "this job is a matter of being fair, honest and getting the word out about what we do." He saw his role as a catalyst that would turn the Board into a cohesive, problem-solving force.

"Kim was an icon in the industry. This is a huge loss," said Margaret Cavin, chair of the Nevada State Contractors Board. "He was on the Board when I started, and I learned a lot from him. When that door to our Board meetings opened and he walked in, it was down to business, and both homeowners and contractors benefited from his leadership. We became friends over the years. I will miss him dearly."

"Kim Gregory was chairman of the Board through a period of tremendous growth and change in Nevada's construction industry," Margi Grein, executive officer of the NSCB, remembers. "He

demonstrated unique leadership qualities, perseverance and integrity to gain respect from community leaders, legislators and the contracting community. He was an outstanding chairman, great mentor and above all he was my friend."

In addition to being on the NSCB and CEO of Hansen Mechanical Contractors, Gregory had been a three-term president of the Sheet Metal Contractors Association and chairman of building and grounds for 15 years on the Board of Trustees at The Meadows School.

The Gregory family has requested for those wishing to honor Kim's life, to make donations to Stop Cancer, 2566 Overland Ave., Suite 790, Los Angeles, CA 90064, (310) 841-2600, or to The Meadows School, 8601 Scholar Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89128, (702) 254-1610.

Local Volunteer Program Needs Help

Rebuilding Together, a nationwide home-repair and rehabilitation volunteer organization, is looking for all levels of qualified licensed contractors to donate their time and services to aid in the repair of low-income families' homes.

Rebuilding Together runs several year-round emergency and home modification programs. Teams of volunteers are formed to work on neighborhood projects that target the low-income elderly, disabled individuals and needy families with children.

For more information, contact: Therese Elliott, director of program development and marketing, 611 South Ninth St., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone (702) 259-4900, or e-mail: telliott@rtsnv.org



Bid Opportunities

Contracting Opportunities

McDermitt Sewer District

Rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system

A pre-bid site visit 9/17/08 – 10 a.m., McDermitt Community Hall, 195 Jaca St., McDermitt, NV
Due: 9/23/08 – 2 p.m.
Contact: McDermitt Community Hall, 195 Jaca St., McDermitt, NV 89421.

Town of Minden

2008 County Road Ditch Project

A pre bid conference 9/16/08, 11 a.m., Town of Minden Office
Due: 9/24/08 – 11 a.m.
Contact: Town of Minden Office, 1604 Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, NV 89423

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Bid Opportunities

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

Highland Canal RCB Project

Bid# 0809-105-11

Mandatory pre bid conference 9/25/28 – 9 a.m., TMWA, 1355

Capital Blvd., Reno, NV

Due: 10/8/08 – 2 p.m.

Contact: Justine Chambers, 775/834-8056 or

jchambers@tmwa.net

MDF Cooling Retrofit at Bennett, Melton, Double Diamond, Mount Rose, Donner Springs and Greenbrae Elementary Schools

Contract# 25A; PWP# WA-2009-14

Due: 10/7/08 – 2 p.m.

Contact: WCSD, 333 Holcomb Ave, Suite 300, Reno, NV 89502

Subcontracting Opportunities

The General Contractor for the **Nellis AFB Golf Course Clubhouse** project is **Southwestern Dakotah, Inc.** of Tucson, AZ. The current contact for opportunities is: Angelia Loiza - email address is: a.loiza@swdakotah.com

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OSHA Releases New Guidelines For Using Portland Cement

Portland cement is a generic term used to describe a variety of building materials valued for their strong adhesive properties when mixed with water. Employees who work with Portland cement are at risk of developing skin problems, ranging from mild and brief to severe and chronic. OSHA recently released a new guidance document, ***“Preventing Skin Problems from Working with Portland Cement,”*** aimed at helping employers and employees understand the hazards associated with Portland cement and the applicable OSHA regulations.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/guidance/cement-guidance.html>

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