



Governor Appoints New Board Members

Gov. Jim Gibbons has appointed Kevin Burke, Nathaniel "Nat" Hodgson III and John Ellison to the Nevada State Contractors Board. William "Bruce" King was reappointed by the Governor.

Burke is president and chief executive officer of Burke & Associates, Inc., a Las Vegas general contractor. Hodgson III is vice president of construction and the qualified individual for Pulte Homes/Del Webb, a Las Vegas general contractor. Ellison is the owner of Ellison Electric, an Elko electrical contractor. King is president of Pete King Nevada Corp., a North Las Vegas-based

painting and drywall company.

"I think this is a great opportunity, and I can bring a different perspective from rural

Nevada," Ellison said of his appointment. "I look forward to working on the Board."

Hodgson said of his appointment: "I am committed to protecting consumers through regulation and policies that promote the health, safety and



John Ellison

general welfare of the public in matters relating to construction. It is important that through education, enforcement and licensing, we ensure that Las Vegas consumers and contractors have a safe, fair and competitive marketplace.

"The Nevada State Contractors Board offers a wide range of tools to help consumers have a better experience when they hire a contractor, and make sure the job is



Kevin Burke

done right. I believe we need to do all we can to educate the public about these wonderful tools that are at their disposal, as we promote integrity and professionalism within the Nevada construction industry."

Upon hearing of his appointment to the Board, Burke stated:

"It is a great honor to have
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Nat Hodgson

Heavy Equipment Theft Summit Scheduled

A Regional Heavy Equipment Theft Summit will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Academy, 5651 W. Manchester Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. The admission badge pick-up is from 8.30 to 9 a.m.

The summit, which will include lunch, is sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department, FBI-LEEDA, the Crime Prevention Program of Southern California (CPP), National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and the National Equipment Register (NER).

Law Enforcement, Equipment Owners, Dealers, Auctioneers, Insurance Adjusters, Underwriters & SIU and Insurance Agents and Brokers are urged to attend.

The General Session examines the equipment theft problem, recovery challenges and solutions. By exploring the growing problem of construction and agricultural equipment theft, the challenges that hinder equipment recovery and the latest equipment security technologies, attendees will be better prepared to join the fight against equipment theft.

Break-out Classes will provide law enforcement with instructions in equipment identification training, while equipment owners and insurers will explore theft prevention strategies and how to



increase the chances of recovering stolen equipment.

To registration, please provide your name, agency or company and contact details to NER by Feb.12. You can reach NER by phone at: (866) 663-7872, or via e-mail at: info@NERusa.com

Registration is free for law enforcement, equipment owners, and NICB, ISO and NER member insurers.

Ford To Install Computers For Contractors

In March, Ford will release a fully functional, dashboard computer — complete with keyboard — geared to contractors and other business folks who want to access the Web, review documents and log inventory while on the go.

Ford will begin installing its "Works Solutions" package on its full-size pickups and E-series vans this spring. The dashboard computing system costs \$1,195 plus a monthly Web access fee, has a 6-inch touch screen and runs on Windows. It will allow electricians and other contractors to create Excel spreadsheets, print invoices and even access other computers.

"Ford is truly making the office mobile," said Ford product development manager Bill Frykman. "This bridges the gap between the full laptop and a smart phone."

— Source: CNN.com

IRS Presents Top 10 Tax Time Tips To Make Process Easier

1. Gather your records...now! It's never too early to start getting together any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks, and other documents that support an item of income or a deduction you're taking on your return. Also, be on the lookout for W-2s and 1099s, coming soon from your employer.

2. Find your forms. Whether you file a 1040 or 1040-EZ, you can download all IRS forms and publications on our Web site:

www.irs.gov

3. Do a little research. Check out Publication 17 on IRS.gov. It's a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return. Review Pub 17 to ensure you're taking all credits and deductions for which you're eligible.

4. Think ahead to how you'll file. Will you prepare your return yourself, or go to a preparer? Do you qualify to file at no cost using Free File on IRS.gov? Are you eligible for free help at an IRS office or volunteer site? Will you purchase tax preparation software or file online? There are many things to consider. So, give yourself time to weigh them all and find the option that best suits your needs.

5. Take your time. Rushing to get your return filed increases the chance you will make a mistake and not catch it.

6. Double-check your return. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. In particular, make sure all the Social Security numbers and math calculations are correct, as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

7. Consider e-file. When you file electronically, the computer will handle the math calculations for you, and you will get your refund in about half the time it takes when you file a paper return.

8. Think about Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a check by mail.

9. Visit IRS.gov often. The official IRS Web site is a great place to find everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, tips, FAQs and updates on tax law changes.

10. Relax. There's no need to panic. If you run into a problem, remember the IRS is here to help. Try IRS.gov or call our customer service number at: **800-829-1040**.

Bid Opportunities

Battle Mountain General Hospital

Flooring Replacement

Mandatory job walk 1-22-09 at 2 p.m. at Battle Mountain General Hospital, 535 S. Humboldt Street, Battle Mountain, NV
Due: 1-19-09 at 2:00 p.m.

For documents contact: HMC Architects, 50 W. Liberty St., Suite 800, Reno, NV

Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority

Graphic Wall Lighting Project At the Reno-Sparks Convention Center (RSCC)

RFP# 2009-01

Due: 2/18/09 - 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Brian Rivers, 775/827-7626 or brivers@rscva.com

South Tahoe Public Utility District

Arrowhead Well No. 3 Arsenic Treatment Facility Project

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference 1/27/09 - 2:00 p.m., STPUD, Conference Room, 1275 Meadow Crest Dr, South Lake Tahoe, CA
Due: 2/11/09 - 2:00 p.m.

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

Subcontracting Opportunities

The Penta Building Group requests sub bids and all material quotations from ALL qualified Subcontractors and suppliers including, MBE, DBE, DVBE, SBE, SBDE and SMBE for the following project: **McCarran International Airport Las Vegas,**

Nv Control Center Relocation Project 2303 BIDS DUE:

January 15, 2009 @ 12:00pm (PST) Please Contact Ron Miller for more information The PENTA Building Group 181 E. Warm Springs Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89119 702-614-1678 Fax 702-614-4512 We are an equal opportunity employer.

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company Requests Bids From All Interested Minority, Women, Disabled, And Veteran Business Firms For Interior Subcontractor Trades For **The Smith Center For The Performing Arts Large Hall** All Bids Are To Be Addressed To: Scott Fitzgerald, 474 Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89106 Phone: 702-457-4100 FAX: 702-457-4112 All Bids Need To Be Received By January 19, 2009 by 11:00 am

Don't Forget...

Check the **SBA's SUBNET: www.sba.gov/GC**

Scroll down to the list of programs and click on SUBNET then click on search and on the left "View All Solicitations." These are companies looking for subcontractors; usually small businesses, usually 8a's, SDB's, Women-owned, etc. There is not a lot of info but there is a contact person who can be reached by clicking on the company name. One caution; while some of them have been awarded the contract, others may be "shopping" for pricing in order to bid on a contract. There are no guarantees they will take you on if they do win the bid.

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been selected by Governor Gibbons to represent the best interests of the construction industry and that of the great State of Nevada. The timing of this appointment is of particular significance to me and my organization, as this year Burke & Associates celebrates 25 years of building in Nevada and service to our community."

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote integrity and professionalism within the construction industry in Nevada. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor – six licensed contractors and one member a representative of the public. All Board members are appointed for three-year terms.