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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nevada Partners Helps Contractors Fulfill Hiring And Training Needs

By Polly Bates

As the economy begins to show signs of improvement, contractors considering hiring additional staff should turn to Nevada Partners, Inc., a community-based nonprofit agency in North Las Vegas.

www.nscb.state.nv.us

One of the state's largest job training and career preparation organizations, Nevada Partners understands the challenges of hiring and retaining an excellent staff. We work with responsible employers to develop effective training strategies while enabling youth and adults in Southern Nevada to achieve their economic, education and career goals.

In 2008, Nevada Partners launched the Build Nevada Construction Pre-apprenticeship Program, a partnership with construction contractors and unions, apprenticeship programs and educators and the workforce system. Build Nevada prepares local unemployed and underemployed youth and adults to succeed in apprenticeships and construction careers. Students receive training in leadership and resiliency, work readiness, learning strategies, tools and materials identification and financial literacy. They take college-level construction math/algebra and participate in a week-long "Construction Boot Camp," where they work outdoors at a mock construction site digging ditches, jack hammering concrete, erecting scaffolding and performing other real-world tasks.

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The intensive 15-week program equips students with the knowledge and skills to pass the competitive tests and interviews required to enter an apprenticeship program. Since beginning, the program has graduated 109 people and has helped many obtain jobs and apprenticeships. Recent apprenticeship placements include six graduates in the Floor Coverers apprenticeship, three graduates in the Electrical apprenticeship, one graduate in the Painters and Allied Trades apprenticeship and one in the Plumbers and Pipefitters apprenticeship.

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Nevada Contractors Can Benefit From Federally Funded Projects

By Rick Horn

Nevada Contractors should be aware of sizeable amounts of work available at Nellis Air Force Base, federal agencies and federally funded infrastructure work projects within the state. Here are a few job sources to monitor:

• Army Corp of Engineers, Los Angeles district;

• Navy Facility Engineering Command, San Diego office; and

• Air Force Center for Environmental and

Engineering Excellence, AFCEE Brooks AFB, TX. They have what are called Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantitytype contracts known as IDIQs.

These contracts are awarded regionally, nationally and in some cases worldwide. Individual military bases place delivery orders directly against IDIQs. The General Services Administration (GSA)

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<u>Across The Board</u>

April 1-30, 2010

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations

Investigations Conducted	211
Investigations Closed	275
Licenses Revoked	
Fines Assessed	
Investigative Costs Assessed	\$29,465
Recovery Fund Claims Awarded	-

Criminal Investigations

Investigations Conducted	119
Investigations Closed	
Felony Cases Filed	
Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorn	
Citations Issued	25
Convictions	16
Restitution Ordered by Court	. \$52,656
Fines Assessed by Court	\$9,221

Licensing Division

New License Applications Received	199
New Licenses Issued	132
License Change Applications Received	368
Licensed Nevada Contractors	17,001

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Mission Statement

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada.

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

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Nevada Partners Helps Contractors ...

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Build Nevada just celebrated its first female graduate indentured into an apprenticeship with a placement into the Roofers program. This graduate is currently working at McCarran Airport as an apprentice.

In addition to providing employers with skilled and committed workers, Nevada Partners' Adult and Dislocated Worker program can offer savings through On-the-Job Training (OJT) contracts. Funded by Workforce Connections under the Workforce Investment Act, OJTs allow Nevada Partners to reimburse eligible employers who are providing occupational training to a candidate and who meet certain requirements.

Depending on the size of the company, employers may be reimbursed anywhere from 50 to 90 percent of the wage rate for up to 12 weeks.

"OJTs can help contractors hire sooner than they otherwise may have been able to in order to capture more work as the economy here rebounds," says Nevada Partners' Director of Workforce Programs Tiffany Tyler. NPI is currently working with local contractors and other employers to establish OJTs that will enable them to promote internal candidates and hire new employees.

Nevada Partners is committed to building a healthy, prosperous community for all Southern Nevadans, and we look forward to continuing to work with local contractors to achieve that goal.

For more information on how to develop your workforce, contact Nevada Partners at: (702) 924-2100.

Polly Bates is the curriculum developer/communications specialist with Culinary Training Academy/Nevada Partners, Inc.

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also has multiple award-schedule contracts of the same nature. Any federal, state, county or local government agency can utilize these contracts (reciprocal agreements). Even the federal prime contractors can utilize the GSA schedules.

Other markets may include general/prime contractors that have the following types of contracts: Base Operating Services (BOS), Simplified Acquisition of Base Resources (SABER), Job Order Contracts (JOC), Multiple Award Construction Contracts (MACCs) and Multiple Award Task Order Contracts

(MATOCs).

You can now understand why you need to know how to speak the acronyms when dealing with the government contracting sector. Also, you must know how to not only locate work, but how to position your company to be chosen.

Another factor that affects these markets are socio-economic programs such as the SBA's 8a Minority Business Development Program and its Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZONE) program and the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business program. These are mandated programs for not only federal agencies, but also the General Contractor's Subcontracting Program.

In today's pursuit of business in these markets, teaming arrangements are commonplace. If you would like to know more regarding these markets and how to participate in teaming, contact the Procurement Outreach Program of the Nevada Commission On Economic Development in Las Vegas at: (702) 486-2716 or in Carson City at: (775) 687-9905.

Rick Horn is the director of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development's Procurement Outreach Program.

IRS Has Many Online Tools To Assist Contractors

The IRS has many different online tools to assist your business, all which can be found at: **www.irs.gov**

Small Business Workshop - This Virtual Small Business Workshop at: *www.tax.gov/virtualworkshop* walks you through setting up taxes for your business, what you need to know about a home-based business, retirement planning and payroll taxes. **E-news -** Sign up for the e-newsletter that comes out with important upcoming tax dates for Small Business/Self-Employed customers, website updates and tips for businesses. The link to subscribe is: *www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id* =208260,00.html

Tax Centers - You can find information related specifically to your business on the Industries/Professions page. The link for the Construction Tax Centers is: http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/industries/article/0,,id=185182,00.html

Starting, Operating and Closing A Business - This website has everything to start, operate and close a business: *www.irs.gov/smallbiz*

Here's What's Happening at the Board

13 Unlicensed Contractors Stung In Statewide Sweeps

Lucas H. Schopper, a former Nevada licensed contractor who had his license revoked in October 2009, was recently arrested and booked into the Washoe County Detention Center on a \$2,277 Board warrant for *contracting and advertising without a license*. He was released on bail and given a date to appear in Washoe County Court.

Schopper's, **dba Bella Terra Professional Landscaping Services**, **LLC.**, license number 69623, was revoked for misrepresentation, failure to establish financial responsibility and acting beyond the scope of the license.

Acting as an unlicensed contractor, Schopper allegedly entered into a contract with a homeowner in January 2010 for the installation of a kitchen countertop in the amount of \$1,450. He failed to finish the job, and the homeowner filed a complaint with the Board. Schopper had been advertising his services on Craigslist.

Daniel Powers of Reno had bragged to an undercover NSCB investigator that he recently sheet rocked and painted a 52room hotel in Southern Nevada. As an unlicensed contractor advertising his services on a local bulletin board in Reno, he provided a \$2,800 painting bid to the investigator and was quickly issued a criminal citation for contracting without a license. "Can I use someone else's license?" he asked the investigator. He was promptly told no and given a license application.

Kevin T. Sample, dba Kings Way Home Improvement, wanted to have his whole family involved in his business. His mother wrote an advertisement for flooring, tile, patio installation, landscaping, etc. His brother posted the ad on a Reno local bulletin board. Unfortunately, Lady Luck wasn't on his side. Sample's first caller was an undercover NSCB investigator. Sample was given a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*, upon providing a concrete bid for \$4,500.

Michael P. Buckner, dba Independent Commercial & Home Repair, chose to advertise his services on a flyer in the Reno area. He boasted of being able to install sheet rock, do waterdamage repair, plumbing, decking and fencing installation and roofing. He provided a \$2,953 painting bid and was immediately issued a criminal citation for contracting without a license. His surprised response upon being cited: "I went over my limit. You got me."

Walter Gasbarri of Reno said he was forced to come out of retirement because of all the bad work Nevada contractors were doing. He said he had 40 years experience as a California contractor and listed his jack-of-all trades services on a Reno bulletin board for plumbing, electrical and various carpentry skills. A quick check with the Contractors State License Board in California revealed that Gasbarri's license had been revoked, which explained why he went into "retirement." Gasbarri was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Ralph Dennis, dba Nevada Construction Landscaping, was issued a citation for *contracting without a license* after providing a \$5,278 bid for the installation of pavers.

Seven unlicensed contractors in Southern Nevada were recently cited in a one-day sting operation for *contracting and advertising without a license*. They included:

Romaldo Moreno-Ortiz, dba Moda Lawn Service; Rafael Santiago, dba Eagle Landscape; Rafael Ortega, dba American Landscape; Jose Ochoe-Bocanegra, dba King Painters; Sandoval A. Gonzalez, dba Gonzales Services; Juan Carlos Gutierrez, dba Construction Works; and Phillip A. Foster, dba Foster's Building Services.

Important Notice Regarding Financial Statement Requests

If you receive a notice from the Board that directs you to furnish a financial statement, it is essential that you comply with the notice. Failure to provide the requested financial information may result in disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 624.3013 (3).

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 624.264 requires certain licensees to prove their financial responsibility annually for the first two (2) years of licensure.

In addition, if the Board receives a

complaint against a licensee, a financial statement to ensure the financial viability of the contractor is required.

The Board has broad statutory authority to require the submittal of a financial statement at time of renewal or at any other time. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that the members of the contracting industry are financially responsible to promote public confidence and protection of the public.

Please feel free to contact either office

of the Board at: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, if you have any questions regarding a request to provide a financial statement.

Board Disciplinary Actions: April 1-30, 2010

The Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated these cases from April 1-30, 2010.

Kay Edward Loula, dba Sundance Electric & Consulting, license number 18101A (Electrical Wiring and Residential Wiring), based out of Carson City, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$250, ordered to pay investigative costs and surrender the license.

Scully Steel Construction, LLC., license numbers 70426, 70427 and 70513 (General Building, Carpentry and Concrete Contracting), based out of Carson City, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,750 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The limit on license number 70426 was reduced to \$750,000 and license numbers 70427 and 70513 are inactive.

Dennis Daniel Doyle, dba Prestige Builders, license number 69379 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Gardnerville, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a contract, thereby causing material injury to another and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Modern Tech Development, Inc., license number 69453 and *Sun Q. Song, dba Sun City General Contracting*, license number 63112 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. Modern Tech was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. Sun City General Contracting was ordered to provide a current financial statement. License number 69453 was revoked.

Redhenne, LLC., license number 69392 (Painting & Decorating), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs.

Embassy Glass, Inc., license number 35273 (Glass & Glazing), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to include the monetary license limit and license number on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay administrative fines totaling \$2,250 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Brian Hai Kuveke, dba Advanced Air Conditioning, license number 60623 (Refrigeration & Air Conditioning), based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; willful disregard of the building laws of the state; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay administrative fines totaling \$2,750; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

M.J. Ditto Pool Contractor, Inc., dba Exotic Pool Creations, license number 52165 (Commercial and Residential Pools), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; abandonment of a construction project; failure to make the required disclosures; failure to comply with regulations concerning a residential pool or spa; failure to pay money due for materials or services; substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay administrative fines totaling \$6,250 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Powercom, Inc., dba Electrical Solutions license number 58035 and *Powercom, Inc., dba Powercom, Inc.,* license numbers 56515 and 59927 (Electrical Contracting, Residential & Small Commercial and Painting & Decorating), based out of Henderson, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$250; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Christopher Andrew Baker, dba Paramount Construction, license numbers 67148 and 67687 (Residential & Small Commercial and Carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to discharge a lien; failure to establish financial responsibility; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was ordered to pay administrative fines totaling \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Flow Cor, Inc., license number 53751 (General Engineering), based out of Boulder City, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624

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for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Iceberg Mechanical, LLC., dba Tri Force Mechanical, license numbers 56287, 56431 and 57378 (Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical Contracting and Plumbing), based out of Mesquite, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to establish financial responsibility; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Cleanworld Plumbing, LLC., license numbers 72384 and 73350 (Plumbing and Refrigeration & Air Conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days of the change; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to establish financial responsibility; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act.. The licensee was fined \$2,750; ordered to pay investigative costs; and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Evergreen Construction, LLC., license number 68263 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written citation. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs; and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Goal Line Corporation, dba B&B Landscaping, license number 38275A (Landscaping), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was fined \$1,000; ordered to pay investigative costs; and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

**The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

Know What's Below - Call Before You Dig

Safety is always a priority, so don't take chances when you are planning an underground excavation or digging project. Southwest Gas wants to remind you that it's important to know what's below and **Call Before You Dig**.

When you Call Before You Dig, you help prevent your company from incurring any unexpected costs. By planning your projects, calling 811 and allowing two working days for utility operators to mark their facilities, you can save your company hours of down time, expensive repair costs, possible state regulatory penalties and decrease the potential of injury liability claims.

Southwest Gas would like to remind excavators to follow the Nevada "One Call

Regulations" and **call 811** prior to beginning any excavation. Southwest Gas has thousands of miles of buried natural gas pipelines throughout Nevada. These pipelines operate at various pressures and if damaged, can cause serious injury or death.

Follow the five steps to a safe excavation:

- Pre-mark your proposed excavation in white paint.
- Call 811 prior to beginning your excavation.
- Wait the required two days for operators to respond.
- Respect the marks.
- Dig with care, and hand dig within the
- 24-inch tolerance zone.

Southwest Gas may also request special precautions be taken when excavating around pipelines. Please follow these instructions and remember:

If you should damage a gas line, never attempt to control the gas flow. Go to a safe location and call 911 and Southwest Gas.

Southwest Gas provides Damage Prevention Training free of charge to any excavator who is interested in understanding Nevada "One Call Regulations" and safe excavation practices. Call your local Southwest Gas office for details.

TMCC, CSN Announce Continuing Education Classes

The following classes are being offered at Truckee Meadows Community College's IGT Applied Technology Center. For more information, visit: **www.tmcc.edu** and click on Continuing Education, or call: (775) 829-9010:

Forklift Safety Training – Prerequisite: Must be at least 18 years old to register. Learn the safe operation of all forklift styles, such as sit-down, stand-up, rider pallet jack, reach trucks and orderpickers. Find out about the stability triangle, load safety, the proper steps for completing a daily inspection and more. June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24 and Aug. 14 and 28. Cost \$79.

Lead Training for Renovators, Repair and Painters - This EPA approved course prepares contractors to conduct activities that have the potential to disturb and expose persons to lead. Learn the hazards of lead-based paints, regulations, dust containment, safe work practices, cleanup activities and inspection for work in the remodeling, repair or painting industries. Contractors must have this training prior to April 22, 2010, in order to apply for EPA certification to perform work in any residence constructed prior to 1978, or pre 1978 child occupied facilities that have not been certified as lead free by an EPA certified lead inspector. June 22 and July 19. Cost \$175.

10-Hour Outreach for Construction -Learn 10 of the required training topics under OSHA 29CFR1926 standards. Upon successful completion, receive a Department of Labor certificate and wallet card. **June 28-29 or July 17**. Cost \$79.

30-Hour Outreach Construction Safety Training - Take this course to comply with OSHA's 30-hour construction safety outreach training for construction supervisors. Also, discover how to maintain a safe worksite and protect your workers. Experienced staff will teach the new requirements, including the new Focus Four, PPE, ladders and stairways, scaffolding, excavation, chemical safety, crane safety, powered industrial trucks, hand and power tool safety and more. **June 21-24.** Cost is \$275.

40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response – Take this course to comply with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.120 standard. Learn about rules and regulations, personal protective equipment, onsite and offsite characterizations, the dangers and legal ramifications of mishandling waste, drum opening and sampling protocols, etc. Find out about OSHA, EPA and DOT regulatory requirements. Upon successful completion, earn 3.5 CEUs upon request. June 14-18 and Aug. 16-20. Cost is \$495. The College of Southern Nevada's OSHA Training Institute Education Center, 2409 Las Verdes St., K1B, is offering the following classes. For more information, visit: www.csn.edu/dwedosha or call: (702) 651-4551:

OSHA 7500 Intro To Safety and Health Management – Using interactive assignments and thought-provoking group projects, students come away with a strong understanding of the benefits in implementing a safety and health management system in the workplace. May 28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost \$200.

OSHA 7510 OSHA for the Small Business – This course provides an introduction to OSHA for owners and managers of small businesses. Included in the course is the background of OSHA, standards, the inspection process and implementing a safety program. June 14. Time (TBA) Cost \$200.

OSHA 510 Construction Standards – This course covers OSHA policies, procedures and standards, as well as construction safety and health principles. Topics include scope and application of the OSHA construction standards. Special emphasis is placed on those areas that are the most hazardous, using OSHA standards as a guide. This course serves as a prerequisite for the OSHA 500 trainer course. June 7-10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost \$725.

UNLV Offers Free Fall Prevention Classes

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is offering a free "Fall Prevention Training" program throughout the year at the Paul McDermott Physical Education Building on the UNLV campus, located at Harmon Avenue and Swenson St.

The training program includes hands-on practice techniques to prevent falls in the

workplace. Free parking passes will be provided for parking in the Paul McDermott Physical Education parking lot. A \$5 transportation refund will be given to those who complete the class.

For more information on future classes in the "Fall Prevention Training Schedule," click on: http://nursing.unlv.edu/pdf/fall_prevention_training_schedule_updated.pdf To reserve a place, call: (702) 895-3841.

Criminal Cases Prosecuted: April 1-30, 2010

Code:

IC = Investigative Costs F = Fine R = Restitution PB = Plea Bargin * By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts.

	Southe	rn Nevada	
Islas, Jose	\$2,000 R; IC	Stinson Jr., Glen	\$6,977 R; IC; Jail
Hinchcliffe, Daniel A.	IC	Rob Communication Construction, Inc.	C IC
Beck, Patrick, dba P & E Maintenance	PB; IC	Howell, Ren B., dba Howell Development	PB; IC
JR Lawnstyles	PB; IC	Lacroix, Victor	PB; \$3,272 R; IC
Ross Handyman Services	PB; IC	Smith, Craig P.	PB; IC
Romero, Genero	PB; \$1,250 R; IC	Glover, Donald J.	PB; \$2,500 R; IC
Rodriguez, Aniceto Alvarez	PB; IC	Matti, Baha	PB; IC
	Northe	rn Nevada	
Lynch, Alan Jay	Probation; \$250 R	Florey, Duane Alan	\$635 F
Pena, Jaime Abel	\$229.29 R	Hudson, Bruce Mason	\$347 F
Rozok, Bryan Edward	\$300 F	Wiley, John William	\$635 F; IC
Olson, Travis Donald	\$350 F; IC	Marquez-Enciso, Rodrigo	\$350 F; IC
Warren, Raymond Maurice	\$634 F	Turner, Phillip Anthony	\$350 F; IC
Demaria, Orlando Joseph	\$635 F; IC; Community Service	Porcello Jr., John Charles	\$635 F; IC
Espinoza-Ruiz, Ommar Enrique	\$410 F; IC	Lagorio, William Henry	Probation; \$5,000 F; \$36,177.34 R

Administrative Citations Paid April 1-30, 2010

(Investigative Costs Also Assessed)

Contractor	Lic. No.	Fine
Pacifico Services	53668	\$1,500.00
K Rock Graphics, Inc.	66392	\$500.00
Action Plumbing	43223	\$1,500.00
Water Resources	68866	\$150.00
A A Granite & Marble, LLC	69628	\$1,650.00
G P M Corp	74083	\$500.00
Innovative Access Control	45834	\$2,250.00
A M Fire & Electronic		-
Services, Inc.	47779	\$550.00
Skyscape Construction	56689	\$1,000.00
Shotcrete Professionals	53447	\$2,050.00
C R S Services Limited	56107	\$1,000.00
ABR Building Restoration	69019	\$1,000.00
Cobblestone Construction	48911	\$500.00

Clark County To Offer Electronic Plan Reviews

Clark County Development Services began accepting electronic plan submittals in May 2010 for commercial projects through the department's online **ePlan Review program**.

ePlan Review, which has been available for new-home submittals since November 2009, is available to commercial projects in phases. With continual updates to the program, ePlan Review will soon be available to all application types.

Contractors are encouraged to review the ePlan Review Rollout Schedule for information on the month a program will be available for specific application types. Contractors should also become familiar with the electronic submittal process prior to the rollout month by visiting ePlan Review's website and reviewing program FAQs and user guides, both of which are available at:

http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/construction_services_onlin e/cso2.html.

The ePlan Review Rollout Schedule by month includes: Signs, May; Communication Tower – New, May; Communications Antenna, May; Retail Store Remodel, May; Restaurant Remodel, May; Office Building Remodel, June; and Office/Warehouse Remodel, June.

For more information, contact Illora Chambers at: (702) 455-2703 or e-mail: IChambers@co.clark.nv.us

2010 Nevada State Contractors Board Meetings

The following 2010 Nevada State Contractors Board meetings will take place at: 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074 and 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, NV 89521 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

- January 28, 2010
- February 25, 2010
- March 25, 2010
- April 22, 2010
- May 20, 2010
- June 17, 2010

- July 29, 2010
- August 26, 2010
- September 23, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- November 18, 2010
- December 16, 2010

Agendas can be viewed on the website at: **www.nscb.state.nv.us** under "**Meeting Agendas & Minutes,**" three business days before each meeting. All dates are tentative and subject to change, until a meeting agenda has been officially posted.

New Residential, Commercial Development Transportation Privilege Tax To Increase

In accordance with Clark County Code Title 4, Revenue and Taxation, Chapter 4.22, Sections 4.22.020 and 4.22.025, the Transportation Privilege Tax imposed upon new residential, commercial, industrial and other development will undergo the following scheduled increase, effective July 1, 2010:

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT -The fee for each new single-family dwelling unit will increase from \$700 to \$800.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOP-MENT - The fee for all new commercial, industrial and other development will increase from \$0.75 per square foot to \$0.80 per square foot for the entire area of the building. The money generated from this tax is used to fund local transportation projects. The Transportation Privilege Tax was first put into practice in 2003 after voters in 2002 approved Advisory Question 10, which authorized the Clark County Commission to implement the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada 2002 Fair Share Funding Program.

The Transportation Privilege Tax is collected by Development Services from citizens, contractors and developers at the time of building permit issuance.

The next scheduled increase of the Transportation Privilege Tax will take place on July 1, 2015.

<u>10 Tips To Help Prevent</u> <u>Construction Theft</u>

- 1. Know who belongs on your jobsite.
- 2. Question anyone or anything that seems suspicious.
- 3. Tag, mark and inventory everything.
- 4. Hire quality on-site security.

5. Utilize tracking devices, such as Lo-Jack or G.P.S.

- 6. Offer rewards for information.
- 7. Enlist the aid of "Nosy Neighbors."

8. Report thefts immediately to the police.

9. Provide up-to-date emergency contract information.

10. Establish a good communications network with trusted workers.