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## **Nearly \$290,000 in Construction Education Grants Awarded**

On Nov. 29, 2005, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to four Nevada organizations totally \$289,983 for use in furthering their educational services.

The Academy for Career Education received \$49,800 to purchase equipment and materials for the school's new diesel technicians' program.

The Las Vegas Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors was awarded \$100,000 to conduct 78 seminars, courses and classes to improve craft worker marketability and workforce development.

Associated General Contractors, Southern Nevada Chapter, received \$91,633 for use in developing various training classes for contractors. AGC representatives indicated that interest in 2006 classes has tripled from the previous year.

Electrical JATC for Southern Nevada was given \$48,550 to purchase motor control and programmable logic control demonstrators. A stipulation was made that the equipment would be made accessible for loan to other programs within the state.

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The Construction Education Commission was created by the Nevada Legislature in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled workforce. It consists of one member from the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the governor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two have knowledge of construction education programs.

To date, the commission has awarded \$807,123. It is *totally* funded by Nevada licensed contractors.

A goal of the program is to increase awareness that a career in the construction trade is a viable profession that offers competitive salaries and high job satisfaction. Individuals seeking a career change or promotional opportunities within the industry are encouraged to explore the program.

***Grant applications are available on the Nevada State Contractors Board website at: [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us).***

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