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## **\$279,268 in Construction Education Grants Awarded**

On Nov. 7, 2006, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to five Nevada organizations totaling \$279,268 for use in furthering their educational services.

Lander County School District received \$71,768 to improve the quality of its Construction Trades Program at Battle Mountain High School by adequately equipping a new classroom and laboratory and designing a viable program for students that will encourage them to enter the construction industry upon graduation.

Western Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Reno received \$60,000 to assist its annual marketing and recruitment program. Begun in late 2003, the program has been successful in increasing awareness of the apprenticeships and in recruiting qualified applicants into the programs.

Associated Builders and Contractor Las Vegas Chapter (ABC) received \$80,000 to conduct seminars, courses and classes for the calendar year 2007. All the seminars, courses and classes are intended to improve the construction industry by improving the ability, skills and knowledge of the construction workforce in Southern Nevada.

Associated General Contractors Las Vegas Chapter received \$50,000 to conduct classes, seminars and courses in its Construction Education Center programs designed to upgrade the

professional ability, skills and standing of the construction workforce in Southern Nevada.

Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association of Nevada (PHCC-NV) received \$17,500 to conduct courses and classes intended to improve the construction industry by improving the skills, abilities, and knowledge of the construction workforce in Southern Nevada.

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.

The commission 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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