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\$96,000 In Construction Education Grants Awarded

On May 22, 2007, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to three Nevada organizations totally \$96,000 for use in furthering their educational services.

Truckee Meadows Community College received \$48,000 for a pre-apprenticeship program in the construction trades to help students determine their aptitude and knowledge base for each targeted trade. Students will work with local building trades apprenticeship faculty and TMCC instructors to develop an innovative comprehensive course providing 140 hours of training in combination with evening and weekend classes for eight weeks.

The Nye County School District received \$38,000 to initiate a construction trades program at Pahrump Valley High School. The program will give students the opportunity to explore many areas of the construction trades that are in high demand in Southern Nevada. It will also give students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in math, reading and language arts.

The Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. – Sierra Nevada Chapter received \$10,000 for its rural outreach program designed to attract, train and retain students through the exploration of a wide variety of construction careers. Various educational programs and hands-on training models will be used throughout the program. An additional \$3,372.96 in unused

funds that were awarded to ABC in November 2005 for equipment shipping costs will also be applied to the rural outreach program.

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 through voluntary contributions and fines levied through the State Contractors Board disciplinary process. 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.

***Grant applications are available on the Nevada State Contractors Board website at:
www.nscb.state.nv.us.***

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