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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THREE CONTRACTORS

(*Reno, NV*) - At its meeting on July 11 2007, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving three contractors.

Earthscape, Inc. license number 35331 (Landscaping) based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to pay money due for materials or services; committing a fraudulent or deceitful act; and failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another. The licensee was fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Northridge Construction, license numbers 58215, 50381, and 59700 (Residential & Small Commercial, Piers & Foundations, Excavating Grading Trenching & Surfacing and Concrete Contracting), based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs, pay restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Innovative Concrete, LLC., license number 58954 (Concrete Contracting), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was given a summary suspension of its license by the Board in compliance with NRS 624.291(4) for the public's health, safety or welfare. The contractor may complete existing work, but not engage in new contracts or work until the summary suspension is lifted by the Board. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled to take place within sixty (60) days for administrative violation of the laws governing contractors in the State of Nevada.

**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.