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COMMISSION ON CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AWARDS \$27,900 IN GRANTS

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Commission on Construction Education held its biannual meeting Nov. 16 where commissioners awarded four entities a total of \$27,900 in construction education grant funding. Established in 2001 by the Nevada State Legislature, the commission is charged with reviewing programs of education that relate to building construction and distributing grants from the Construction Education Account for qualified programs. Below is a list of each grant recipient and an overview of their proposed use of the funding:

College of Southern Nevada (\$10,000) is partnering with national and regional professional associations, apprenticeship sponsors, and local businesses to develop a Sustainable Construction Technology program to serve students new to the construction industry. The proposed program will produce technicians with skill sets compatible with the demands of construction technologies in fields such as electrical, air conditioning, building information modeling or home technology integration. The grant funding awarded will be applied toward acquiring educational supplies and materials.

Lyon County School District (\$10,000) has an established Construction Trades program, which affords students marketable job skills in the construction trades so they may advance to post-secondary education or journeyman programs. The program teaches students business ethics, integrity, credibility, and commitment to the construction industry through hands-on experience constructing sheds and model walls. The funding received by the commission will be used for obtaining additional educational materials and equipment supplies necessary to allow the students to construct a residential home on a real job site as part of the curriculum.

Academy for Career Education (ACE) (\$3,950) is an open-enrollment charter school for all high school students in Washoe and the surrounding counties. ACE offers the only residential construction program within its locale, which gives students experience specific to construction and building trade skills. In the program, students build a house from start to finish each school year. The project provides skills and knowledge relative to safety, estimating, inspection, specific trades and craftsmanship, and project management among others. The grant funding awarded will be used toward supplies and educational materials necessary to continue meeting the program objectives.

Associated General Contractors (AGC) Las Vegas Chapter (\$3,950) is the largest construction trade association in Nevada with more than 650 member companies among its affiliate associations. Since 2005, AGC has been offering continuing education and various training curriculums to any craft worker, foreman, superintendent, project manager or owner/principal who is interested, not solely its members. AGC has been successful in working obtaining educational instructors at reduced rates, partnering with higher educational institutions, and encouraging enrollment in training programs through enhanced outreach/marketing opportunities. The grant funding awarded by the commission will be used for the educational costs associated with the course offerings.

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