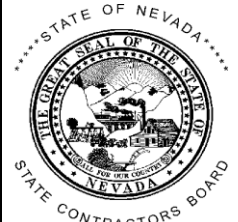




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CONTRACTORS BOARD CONGRATULATES UNLV TEAM ON SOLAR DECATHLON SECOND PLACE OVERALL FINISHING

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board congratulates the University of Las Vegas’ Solar Decathlon Team for placing second in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2013 with their project DesertSol. Adding to the list of achievements, NSCB commends the students on their first place placements in the categories of market appeal, which “evaluates the livability, marketability, and constructability of each house and its appeal toward its target client,” and hot water (tied for first), which “assesses if a home’s water heating system can supply all the water needed for washing and bathing,” according to UNLV’s website.

“We could not be more proud of the achievements made by the UNLV Solar Decathlon Team,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “It has been very rewarding to follow the progress made by these students and to see their passion and commitment to this project. Both the students and professors are to be commended for their dedication and representation of Nevada’s higher educational opportunities at this international event.”

The team was awarded a grant of approximately \$40,000 from the Commission on Construction Education back in Nov. 2012 to support the project’s efforts. The commission is funded through voluntary contributions and fines the State Contractors Board levies in disciplinary actions against licensed contractors. The 2001 session of the Nevada State Legislature established the commission to encourage programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled work force.

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