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INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE MOVES FORWARD WITH ACTIONS TARGETING NEVADA'S UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION ECONOMY

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) applauds the efforts of the Underground Economy - Interagency Task Force (UETF) in moving forward with coordinated efforts by multiple agencies and organizations to address illegal construction activity. At the Task Force's third meeting last week in Reno, members agreed to establish direct interagency communications including designated lines of communication at NSCB where members can confidentially report illegal activity and collaboratively act against offenders.

"Both unlicensed contractors and those who are licensed and participating in illegal activity should be put on notice," said Nevada State Contractors Board Executive Officer Margi Grein. "The Interagency Task Force is a partnership of agencies and organizations who regulate nearly every aspect of construction and business in our state. Together, and with the cooperation of the construction industry, we will be investigating and then prosecuting illegal construction activity in the underground economy through whatever means are necessary."

The purpose of the UETF is to facilitate cooperation and coordination amongst various agencies and stakeholders in the State of Nevada to better help protect our citizens. Members of the UETF include the NSCB, Office of the Nevada Attorney General, regulatory agencies, law enforcement as well as state and local building departments, working together to ensure both the public's safety and a level playing field for licensed Nevada contractors. Additionally, the UETF will work to enhance consumer protection measures and to improve working conditions in the construction industry.

The objectives of the Task Force are:

1. The exchange of information relating to the underground economy
2. Permit agencies to assist each other in the regulation of the underground economy



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3. Identify areas where roles and responsibilities may overlap
4. Provide a forum for agencies to file a complaint or apprise another agency regarding an unlicensed contractor
5. Conduct joint outreach presentations; prepare and distribute publications of common concern

To report illegal or unlicensed contracting or construction activity, please file a complaint by going to the NSCB website at: nvcontractorsboard.com/complaint_forms.html or by calling at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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