



Building a Sustainable Future for Nevada



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Message from Chair Kent Lay

Those of us who have the pleasure and opportunity to live and work in the State of Nevada can appreciate all it has to offer. Our climate, economy, and diversified entertainment offerings have made Nevada an ideal destination for new homeowners as well as seniors looking to soak up the sun and enjoy their years of retirement.



The continued growth of our economy and population have proven to be the perfect ingredients for residential and commercial construction opportunities. The Contractors Board is seeing increases in the number of licensing applications being submitted as well as an increase in the number of license change applications. Welcomed trends such as these are positive indicators for a sustainable future, and ones the Contractors Board will continue to monitor closely to best prepare for any adaptations that may be necessary.

As the industry continues to make progress with its workforce development initiatives, I wanted to also take a moment to inform you of the Board's Commission on Construction Education, which reviews construction-related programs and distributes grant funding from the Construction Education Account. The Commission is comprised of seven members, including six representatives with industry and/or educational backgrounds and one member of the Contractors Board.

The Commission serves as a valuable resource for innovative educational and industry-based

programs that seek to expand awareness and interest in the field of construction for current and upcoming workforce generations. Since inception in 2001, the Commission has awarded over \$3.3 million in grant funding to help support programs targeting all ages, from Kindergarten to seasoned professionals.

As members of the industry, it is our responsibility to share valuable information not only with our colleagues, but to point members within the community who have aligned workforce development goals to programs and resources that may be available. As we've highlighted in this issue of Horizons, the Commission on Construction Education recently met to develop a strategic plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

While all programs that apply will be reviewed and considered, the Commission has placed a priority on programs that seek to make opportunities and training available for youth, veterans transitioning from active duty military, women, minorities, displaced workers, and prospective workers.

Beyond finding innovative approaches to engaging the next generation in Nevada's construction industry, the Commission also sees the value and importance of shifting long-standing perceptions about construction-related careers through the integration of new technologies and tools into the programs it considers granting monies to.

As the eyes and ears of the industry, I want to encourage you to identify groups and that fulfill these goals and direct them to the Board's website where they can find information on filing an application for grant funding that could further bolster their efforts in helping the industry achieve its workforce development goals.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Like many throughout the state and industry, the end of the 2019 Legislative session was an opportunity to take a short breath before addressing the various changes that needed to be implemented to conform with the revised statutes.

Noted later in this issue are some of the bills we tracked that resulted in some impact to the Contractors Board and contractors as a whole, which I invite you to read. As I reflect on the legislative process this year, I am reminded of the constant efforts that are required of our Board to effectively and consistently communicate the importance of regulation within the construction industry.

With construction being noticed in nearly every community throughout the State of Nevada, awareness of the importance of licensure is vital to the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare.

This year's large freshman class of legislators was a great opportunity to reignite conversations about the role of the Contractors Board and share the importance of our responsibility to review the requirements and expectations we place on our licensees to proactively identify ways to streamline and increase opportunities for all that are interested in joining Nevada's construction industry.

Our legislative initiatives



helped exemplify these efforts by eliminating requirements that were found to be burdensome for new licensees, expanding experience timeframes to welcome a larger pool of applicants, and addressing certain requirements for members of active duty military and the National Guard.

Our collaborative efforts in working with multiple industry groups and legislators to resolve matters that arose while pursuing changes to cease and desist processes and general building contractor statutes resulted in more strengthened penalties for unlicensed contracting activities and helped the general builder language to align more closely with current industry practices.

The Board also welcomed the passage of AB 26, which increased the limits the Board may award for Residential Recovery Fund claims. The increased amounts not only

afford the Board greater opportunity to make harmed homeowners whole, but it's implementation of October 1 significantly aligns with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Recovery Fund.

To celebrate the achievement of having awarded over \$12 million in the past 20 years, the Contractors Board will be hosting events in northern and southern Nevada alongside key influencers and recipients of the Recovery Fund.

We have worked with Governor Sisolak to create a variety of public service announcements that include messaging about the Recovery Fund, as well as cautioning seniors of home repair scams, and the importance of hiring licensed contractors. Keep an eye out for the PSAs on news stations across the state, as well as radio and social media sites.

Concluding the fiscal year and legislative session is not an end, but a beginning for our Board to refocus its attention on accomplishing a new set of goals and projects outlined for the months ahead.

Next on the calendar is our 2019 Contractors Training Day, which I would like to invite you and your colleagues to attend. You can find all the details inside this issue. Hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margi A. Grein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Department is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered once a month in each of the Board's offices, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.

Most applied for license classifications in 4th quarter

Primary Classification	In State	Out of State
B - General Building	49	64
A - General Engineering	22	42
C-2 Electrical	27	36
C-3 Carpentry, Maintenance, and Minor Repairs	33	12
C-4 Painting and Decorating	22	5
C21 - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	19	8
C-1 Plumbing and Heating	21	5
C14 - Steel Reinforcing and Erection	11	14
C-5 Concrete Contracting	13	8
C20 - Tiling	17	2

Quarterly Statistics

(+/- compared to Q4, FY 2018-19)

- 548 new license applications (+1.7%)
- 343 licenses Issued (+6%)
- 800 license change applications (+18%)
- 16,057 active licenses (+3%)
- 460 inactive licenses (-26%)
- 38 placed on inactive status (-42%)
- 83 voluntarily surrendered (-8%)
- 1,815 active license renewals (+10%)
- 46 inactive renewals (-23%)
- 135 suspended (no bond) (-27%)
- 314 licenses cancelled (+78%)
- 8 application denial hearings (+100%)
- 5 financial responsibility hearings (-29%)

Licensing News & Notes

With the completion of the 2018-19 fiscal year, NSCB's licensing department recorded notable efficiencies in several categories. For instance, online renewal participation increased from 36 percent to 53 percent as a result of efforts to promote usage and providing contact information for a designated staff member to assist licensees who may encounter difficulties.

In addition, the department reduced its average processing time for new license applications to 55 days, as compared to 76 days in FY 17-18, even as the number of applications processed increased by 17%.

Enforcement

NSCB's Criminal and Compliance Investigations Divisions respond to all consumer and industry complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors. The Board assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, abandonment, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations. After gathering evidence against unlicensed contractors, the Board may issue Administrative Citations or may submit cases to the local district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

QUARTER IN REVIEW

760 Complaints Opened

- 270 Workmanship
- 48 Money Owing
- 61 Industrial Regulation
- 205 Contracting without a License
- 112 Unlawful Advertising
- 1 Criminal Fraud

58 Administrative Citations Issued

- 49 to licensed contractors
 - \$90,450 in fines
 - \$50,030 in costs
- 51 to unlicensed contractors
- 38 criminal affidavits
- 58 cease and desist orders

51 Criminal Citations

49 Disciplinary Hearings

- 10 licenses Revoked
- 45 cases assessed fines & costs
 - \$281,850 in fines
 - \$25,924 in costs

48 Background Checks Closed

- 14 failed to disclose criminal histories

Six suspects cited in sting operation

As part of a month-long crackdown on unlicensed construction activity, the Nevada State Contractors Board's Special Investigations Unit conducted an undercover sting operation in southern Nevada and performed 86 proactive jobsite visits statewide to check for unlicensed construction activities.

The Board's sting operation resulted in six criminal cases for alleged unlawful activities, including advertising without a license (NRS 624.720) and contracting without a license (NRS 624.700). One of the suspects was arrested by Henderson Police Department on a custodial warrant. In addition to these efforts, Board investigative staff opened 12 criminal cases, issued three cease and desist orders, and identified 27 statutory violations as a result of proactive community sweeps. Some of the investigations opened remain pending.

Nevada law requires any electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning or fire protection work to be performed by a properly licensed Nevada contractor, as these are trades that can have significant life safety impacts on the public. Licenses are also required for any work with a labor and materials value of \$1,000 or more and for any project requiring a building permit.

Training Day Set for August 29

Half-day seminar offers legal, financial, business tips

Space is limited, but there's still time to register for the Nevada State Contractors Board's annual Training Day on August 29 in Reno and Las Vegas. The half-day event will address concerns and issues facing the state's contractors and industry professionals.

While precise topics at each venue will vary, both locations will feature a panel discussion among several of Nevada's construction regulatory agencies. In addition to the State Contractors Board, panels will include representatives from local building departments, the office of the Nevada State Labor Commissioner and the Division of Industrial Regulation. Members will deliver information on how contractors can guard against inadvertently running afoul of the state's regulations and building laws, growing regulatory trends they are seeing, and services their agencies offer to contractors.

Construction attorneys also will make presentations. They will speak on issues such as maintaining a workplace that is free from sexual harassment, avoiding pitfalls in labor relations, contract compliance, compensation and more.

Of particular interest to many contractors will be a session on liens. Used properly, liens are contractors' best weapon in securing payment

for services or materials. To get the most out of their lien rights, contractors must adhere to strict timeframes and accuracy standards. Seminar speakers will guide contractors through such simple but crucial details as filing paperwork on time recording the correct property owner and parcel number. Getting them wrong could doom contractors' efforts to collect.

Other speakers will outline Nevada's attempts to stimulate, grow and maintain a healthy pool of future workers to continue construction's important role in the state. This issue is one the Contractors Board is helping win, said Board Executive Officer Margi Grein.

"As the construction workforce continues to age, students seem less interested in careers in construction management and the skilled trades," she noted. "The Board is engaged in education and outreach programs to introduce young people to the viable and fulfilling career paths construction offers.

"The Contractors Board is pleased to offer free seminars to help Nevada's contractors make the most of their opportunities," Grein said. "We always look forward to constructive feedback from

our Training Day events and encourage contractors to let us know what topics they would like to see in future events. The training sessions give contractors an opportunity to step away from the day-to-day concerns of scheduling, payroll, etc. to consider some of the 'big picture' issues that can make the difference in a profitable future," explained Grein.

The Board is committed to protecting the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. It is responsible for promoting quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory system designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public. By educating the building community on ways they can remain compliant with state laws, protect and increase their businesses, the Board improves the quality and quantity of Nevada's licensed contractors.

Training Day 2019 is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on August 29, at the Associated General Contractors training room in Reno, 5400 Mill Street and at the Carpenters Training Hall in Las Vegas, 4245 West Sunset Road.

To register, email ssmith@nscb.state.nv.us or call 702 486-1165.

NSCB Active at State Legislature

During its 2019 session, the Nevada State Legislature directed the Legislative Commission to study the state's occupational licensing boards. Concerned about lack of uniformity, transparency, staff and board member training, enforcement, and financial oversight, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 to gather information from each Board in its quest to identify possible solutions for appropriate state oversight.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is proud to be regarded as an exemplary licensing agency. Several recent legislative and executive branch audits have commended NSCB for its stable leadership, impeccable recordkeeping and reporting, and responsible budgeting. Nevertheless, the Board stands prepared to provide the Executive Branch and Legislative Commission with any requested information and insight into its procedures and operations.

The Legislature also enacted several other measures that will influence the state's construction industry and the way the Board operates. Here are the highlights:

Licensing and Enforcement

- **AB 25** Authorizes the Board to allow a hearing officer to preside over application denial hearings, extends the time frame in which license applicants can achieve the trade experience requirement to four years within the last 15 years (previously 10), repeals the requirement for new licensees to submit certain financial information to the Board during their first two years of licensure, allows a license can remain on inactive status for seven (previously five) and allows the Board to waive license reinstatement fees for active-duty military and National Guard members called to active duty during the renewal period.



- **AB 26** takes effect October 1 and increases the maximum individual Residential Recovery Fund payout from \$35,000 to \$40,000 and the maximum amount per contractor from \$400,000 to \$750,000 or 20 percent of the fund balance, whichever is less.
- **AB 27** Mandates the Board follow up on cease and desist orders it issues within 48 hours of receipt to ensure compliance and outlines procedures for individuals seeking to appeal cease and desist order. The bill further outlines disciplinary options for the Board to utilize in circumstances of non-compliance with cease and desist orders, including guidance on the amount of fines to be imposed.

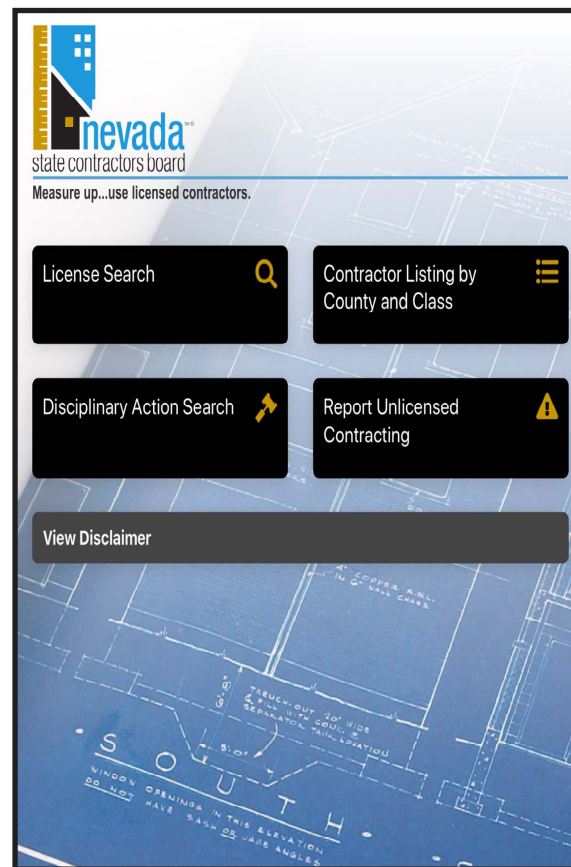
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- **AB 29** allows a general building contractor to hire another general building contractor or general engineering contractor for certain work under certain circumstances.
- **AB 440** becomes effective October 1 and requires contractors building new, single-family residences to provide purchasers a warranty that meets certain criteria. The bill provides the Board disciplinary authority against contractors who fail to comply.
- **Senate Bill 371** allows contractors licensed under NRS 624 to perform work within their classification on manufactured homes, so long as the work does not impact the structure or fuel systems. The bill also directs any complaints against licensed contractors for work performed on manufactured homes to be investigated by the Manufactured Housing Division (MHD). Final decisions by MHD may be forwarded to the Contractors Board for further action. The bill also allows unlicensed individuals to perform work on manufactured homes as long as the work is valued under \$1,000 and is not structural.
- **Senate Bill 397** authorizes licensed contractors to perform work outside their trades so long as it is valued under \$1,000 does not require a building permit does

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Board disciplines contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board issued the following disciplinary decisions to licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 during its April, May and June hearings:

Panda Windows and Doors, LLC., license number 54716 (glass and glazing) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws and substandard workmanship. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Diversified Protection Systems, license numbers 49662 (fire protection) and 57347 (low voltage) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Sanders Construction Group., license number 71560A (general building) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial re-

sponsibility and failure to comply with a notice to correct. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Langston Concrete, LLC, license number 83478 (concrete) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with the state's building laws, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, substandard workmanship, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint and failure to comply with a Board request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$11,000 and assessed investigative costs.

United Pacific Construction, license number 63298 (residential and small commercial) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the state's building laws and failure to comply with a Board request for information. Licensee was fined \$550 and assessed investigative costs.

Venice Tile & Marble, Inc., license numbers 64247 (installing terrazzo and marble) and 64253 (tiling) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract. Licensee was fined \$100 and assessed investigative costs.

Empire Solar Group, LLC, license number 83725 (electrical) based out of Layton, Utah, was found in violation for failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract. Licensee was fined \$100 and assessed investigative costs.

Second Opinion Plumbing, LLC, license numbers 80242 (plumbing) and 81646 (overhead doors) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license and substandard workmanship. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Pro Dash, Inc., dba Air Time, license number 72274 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, fail-

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ure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel, failure to comply with a notice to correct, substandard workmanship, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint and failure to respond to a Board request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$9,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Addison Landscaping, Inc., license number 46744A (landscape contracting) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

Northwest Electric, Inc., license number 53624 (electrical) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and disregard of the state's building laws. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Climate Control Consultants, LLC, dba Comanche Residential services, license number 83052 (air conditioning) and ***Climate Control Consultants, LLC, dba C&C Contracting***, license number 83051 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, dis-

regard of the state's building laws, disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with the Board's regulations, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, failure to comply with a Board request for information and failure to comply with a Board order. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$25,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Paint Pros, Ltd., license number 79198 (painting and decorating) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, substandard workmanship and failure to comply with a request from the Board. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$1,450 and assessed investigative costs.

CR Quality Plumbing, LLC., license number 74418 (plumbing) based out of Washoe Valley, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, disregard of the state's building laws, failure to maintain a bond or cash deposit, failure to include the license number or mone-

tary limit on a bid or contract, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract and failure to comply with a written citation. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,850 and assessed investigative costs.

Cardinal Construction Corporation, dba Cardinal Management Company, license number 83072 (residential and small commercial) based out of West Wendover, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$750 and assessed investigative costs.

Nulook Vegas, Inc., dba Nulook Floors, License numbers 83068 (residential and small commercial), 78040 (installing terrazzo and marble), 78041 (tiling) and 77825 (finishing floors), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a request for information or records. Licensee assessed investigative costs.

Triangle Construction, Inc., license numbers 32494 (residential and small commercial) and 76268 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, failure to include

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the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a request for information or records, disregard of industrial insurance laws and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$850, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution to property owners.

Eric Fratilla, dba Genesis Pools & Spas by ELF, license number 69057 (residential pools) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to keep in force the required bond or cash deposit. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs. The license was voluntarily surrendered.

Komax Development, Inc., license number 67413 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of laws regarding industrial insurance. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Las Vegas Custom Building Concepts, Inc., dba Dino's Construction Services, license number 66365 (residential and small commercial), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to respond to a Board request to cooperate in investigation of

complaint and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. Licensee was fined \$1,050 and assessed investigative costs.

Latronica Construction, LLC, dba Build Pro, license number 78914 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Environmental Assurance, LLC, License numbers 77996 (residential and small commercial), 77997 (wrecking) and 78133 (asbestos removal), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to comply with a request for information or re-

ords and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

K & M Construction, dba Cooler Days, license number 70826 (awnings and louvres), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Sound Solutions, Inc., license number 46082 (low-voltage electrical), based out of St. George, Utah, was found in violation for disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to comply with a Board request for information or records, failure to maintain

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a bond or cash deposit, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

John Thaxton, dba Acquabella Pools, license number 69336 (commercial and residential pools), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Thor Construction, Inc., License numbers 52980 (general building), 54205 (concrete) and 80465 (highways), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for

materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to cooperate in investigation of complaint and failure to comply with a request for information or records. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

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.

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Education grant process streamlined

The Nevada State Contractors Board's Commission on Construction Education always has been dedicated to improving the quality, integrity and professionalism of the construction industry by awarding grants to organizations with innovative, creative and cost-effective educational programs seeking to attract, train and retain a highly qualified workforce. As numerous events and circumstances continue to threaten the supply of competent future workers, fulfilling this mission is more critical than ever.

Taking a proactive stance, the Commission has updated its Strategic Plan, redefined its goals and revised its forms and processes to ensure proper program oversight and funds distribution protocols are in order to make it more efficient and equitable. The overhaul included a revamp of the application and reporting process, a rewriting of grant evaluation requirements and criteria to make them more transparent, and identification of educational and training targets and underserved topics and populations in order to prioritize available funds. By making this information more readily available, it is hoped that innovative programs will make potential participants such as veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life, women, minorities, and other individuals aware of the rewarding career opportunities that await them in the construction industry.

In addition to workforce diversity, the commission has identified several areas of emphasis moving forward:

- Innovative educational programs that make the industry attractive to a new generation of workers
- Promotion of career opportunities and overall positive perceptions of the construction industry
- Provision of workforce training to existing professionals and highlight the advantages

of professional development for achieving greater success in the industry

- Preparation of K-12 students for college and career success
- Increasing the number of Nevadans with postsecondary degrees and credentials in construction management
- Increasing the number of students who transition directly from educational and training programs to employment.

Many of these objectives were developed in accordance with the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation which, along with the Nevada State Legislature, also provided guidance for a refinement of the Commission's application process. This new grant application and awards process conforms more closely with and is consistent with the Commission's enabling legislation. The changes made offer more clear requirements and reporting that streamlines the application process and ensures the Commission is viewed as a fair evaluator and administrator of the funding.

At its first meeting on July 11 following its new Strategic Plan, the Commission awarded more than \$140,000 to entities that provide construction education and continuing training.

The 2001 state legislative session created the Commission on Construction Education to "review programs of education which relate to building construction and distribute grants from the Construction Education Account [...] for programs that the Commission determines qualify for such a grant."

The Commission administers grants to qualified applicants from the Construction Education Account, which provides clear parameters for proper administration and disbursement of Account funds. The Commission is empowered to review and rate applications for grant funding by school districts and other entities seeking to

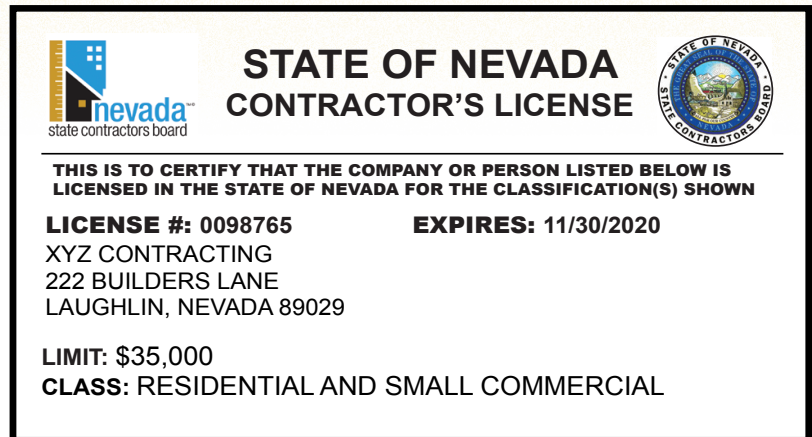
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Contractors urged to carry pocket ID cards

The Nevada State Contractors Board continuously reminds property owners to check contractors' pocket identification cards before agreeing to proposals, signing contracts or engaging construction work.

NSCB encourages all licensed contractors to carry the pocket cards while on the job and especially in situations where they think they might be soliciting business.

The cards include NSCB's logo and the state seal in addition to the license number, business name, classification(s), and license expiration date. One card is issued upon issuance and renewal of the license. NSCB allows contracting companies to purchase additional cards at \$10 each to distribute to key on-site



personnel to use when customers inquire about services.

To obtain additional pocket cards, call the Board offices at 702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 775-688-1141 in northern Nevada.

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provide programs of education that build awareness of the advantages of employment and increase enrollment in the construction industry. Funds are raised from fines levied for violation of Nevada's construction regulations and from donations from licensed contractors and other interested parties.

The Commission comprises seven members: one current representative from the State Contractors Board, and six members appointed by the Governor—four construction industry representatives and two individuals with knowledge of construction education programs. All Commission members serve three-year terms. They evaluate grant requests based on the factors listed above and their adher-

ence to the commission's vision and values. The vision of the State of Nevada Commission on Construction Education is to develop a highly educated, well-trained, productive, safe and sustainable workforce for the construction industry in the State of Nevada. It values education as a means of advancing the quality of construction industry professionals, thereby improving the quality of the general public's experience with contractors. It encourages innovation and creativity in educational curriculum development and program delivery. And it supports building a workforce that is representative of the State's diverse population.

The Commission on Construction Education has been

dedicated to advancing construction education and building a robust, well-trained workforce in Nevada.

Since it administered its first grant in 2002, the Commission has awarded over \$3.5 million to qualified programs throughout the state—through high schools, community colleges, universities, contractor associations, builders alliances and other programs offering training and certification programs for current professionals and potential workers in the industry.

The purpose of this plan is to establish a framework of goals, objectives and performance measures for the Commission in order to ensure ongoing success and provide clear direction for future priorities.

BLM urges contractors to double-check property lines

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management owns, manages, and oversees about two-thirds of Nevada's real estate. And with the state's population growth spurt continuing, the delineation between private property and public land can become blurred. Trespassing on federal land carries potentially severe fines for everything from removing minerals and artifacts to clearing vegetation and grazing livestock.

Victoria Wilkins, acting manager of the Sierra Front Field Office, told the *Nevada Independent* that much of the BLM's Nevada lands abut private property, a situation that is increasing as towns and cities expand to accommodate population growth. The proximity leads to more, often accidental, incursions onto public land. Most encroachments, she said, are the result of people's not knowing where the property lines lay. Unfortunately, ignorance of the boundaries or the law is not a viable excuse.

That's why it is important for contractors – especially in Northern Nevada, where there is more open space – to ensure their construction projects are located entirely on the client's property. Poorly marked property lines and errant surveying have led people to build outbuildings on BLM land. There have even been cases of homes being built across public property lines. Contractors are responsible for determining where their client's property lies. A contractor caught clearing or grading public land can be held liable for realty trespass. The law defines this offense as the unauthorized occupancy, development, or use of public lands without authorization when such authorization is required.

Individuals accidentally building on federal real estate can be required to pay the government the land's fair market value. Other costs include administrative fees and the cost to restore and



stabilize the land. Willfully trespassing on BLM land can double or triple the fee.

The BLM reminds anyone contemplating building a road, fence, fuel break or other project to confirm via survey that their project is confined strictly to private property. Even then, if the project is adjacent to public land, the owner may require a right-of-way, easement, or other BLM permit or authorization.

"We've seen an increase in realty trespass and want to remind the public to check with their local BLM office on rights-of-way, property boundaries, and development on public land," Wilkins said. "We want to work with people to make sure they aren't in trespass before they start rather than discovering it later which can result in fines or other penalties."

For more information about BLM rights-of-way and other authorizations, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/rights-of-way>. For questions call 775-885-6028.



Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see Nevada's *State Contractors Board Handbook*, Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Include your license number and monetary limit on all contracts & bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Keep your bond current. NRS 624.270
- Check to ensure that licenses or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Ensure you're using the business name as referenced and approved by the Board. NRS 624.305
- Do not allow bids or contracts to exceed your monetary limit value (including change orders). NRS 624.3015(2)
- Do not work outside the scope of your license classification. NRS 624.3015(3)
- Maintain all records, documentation, receipts, contracts, etc. for a minimum of three years. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include the Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720.
 - Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify the Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)
- Notify the Board within 10 days if your qualified individual leaves the company. NRS 624.285

Continued Education & Training

Technology has changed the way different industries operate. It has even changed the construction industry. In order to keep up with changing technology and information, it has become a necessity to continually seek training and education. If you are interested in furthering your education and training your employees, please click on links to various OSHA safety, construction and computer courses. Links will direct you to various educational institutions located in Northern and Southern Nevada. Contact information will be listed, so please direct any questions regarding the courses to the educational institutions.

***Continuing education is not required in order to maintain a Nevada contractor's license.*

Southern Nevada

College of Southern Nevada

CSN Course Schedule (.pdf)

**Please Note: The CSN Course Schedule link is a PDF document. The following pages and categories are listed for your convenience. Note, too, that some courses may require prerequisites.*

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Computer Office Technology - pg. 31

Building Information Modeling - pg. 7

Fire Protection - pg. 62

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General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

OSHA Safety Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9vyx>

Computer Courses

<http://tinyurl.com/6twzcuuj>

Computer Basics

<http://tinyurl.com/6wubnmm>

Contact:

OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu or

1 (877) 651-OSHA

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Northern Nevada

Truckee Meadows Community College

Safety and Training Courses: <http://tinyurl.com/7m226hq>
contact: salquist@tmcc.edu or (775) 857-4958

Computer Courses: <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvrr>
Contact: wdce@tmcc.edu or (775) 829-9010

TMCC Course Schedule

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Great Basin College

[Course catalog](#)

General Inquiries Contact (775) 738-8493

Great Basin College offers several courses of interest to Nevada's contractors:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding

Western Nevada College

Course Schedule: <http://www.wnc.edu/academics/catalog/>

Courses of interest to contractors include:

Air Conditioning

Applied Industrial Technology

Building Codes and Inspections

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