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Message from Chairman Jan Leggett



Continuous improvement is one of the hallmarks of the Nevada State Contractors Board as it strives to remain a model regulatory agency. I am proud of our staff's and leadership's efforts to become more proficient at their jobs and to make dealing with the Board a more intuitive, productive, and pleasant experience for contractors, property owners, and community partners.

A big part of that desire to improve is a willingness to profit from others' insights and learn from their experiences.

My fellow Board members and key management personnel recently continued what has become an annual tradition, with a joint meeting with the California Contractors State License Board. That June meeting included collaborative discussions addressing construction and regulatory trends in an increasingly dynamic economic, political

and technological climate. Both state's contractor licensing and enforcement agencies incessantly pursue the training, tools and cooperation, that will help them anticipate and respond to changes in the construction and development environments. During this year's meeting with the California Board, we kicked around topics of easing licensing requirements, evaluating opportunities for license by endorsement, expanding interstate exam waivers, as well as ongoing enforcement issues related to solar and renewable energy technology, house flipping, and unlicensed contractors operating across border lines.

These opportunities require thoughtful discussion, anticipation of outcome-based scenarios, unintended consequences, and a close review and understanding of all laws and regulations that would be impacted.

The willingness to change and view its operations from a different perspective also has led the Board to aggressively upgrade our internal processes and resources. Becoming better equipped to fulfill our commitment to contractors and the public, includes commissioning of a new licensing and enforcement database to enhance our expediency and reporting of

data for internal evaluation. Our investigative opportunities are strengthening as we look for new ways to combat unlicensed contracting, educate the public, and bring justice to the most egregious offenders through the Board's fraud investigations.

Advocating for the Board's policies and the image of the construction industry plays a significant role in earning buy-in and cooperation in our efforts to promote competent, licensed contractors while ridding the State of unlicensed activities that impinge on the health and safety of the public and the successes of our licensed workforce.

These public outreach initiatives require constant innovation, adaptation and willingness to explore new media.

I know firsthand how a career in construction can provide a fulfilling life. I know the gratification that comes with doing a job well, satisfying the customer, and earning a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

Because of this, I take pride in the Board's work to convey the purpose and significance of what we do to protect our communities, promote confidence in the industry and make a lasting career in construction a viable opportunity for as many people as possible.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry once said, “A goal without a plan is just a wish,” and I couldn’t agree more. Embarking on a strategic plan year after year requires a commitment to improving, expanding, and innovating the operations and resources of the Contractors Board. It is not always an easy feat, and we may face some uphill climbs, but the view from top of each mountain reminds us of the model regulatory agency we have created and will continue to sustain.

Our journey this year led us to strengthen the financial questions on licensing exams and improve our application processes, while becoming more proactive in our engagement with the industry with regard to large commercial construction projects and utilizing the expertise of subject matter experts.

We embarked on the development of video tutorials to assist applicants through the licensing process, and explored opportunities to provide Board staff with enriched training programs. We met with a variety of industry, community, and homeowner groups to discuss contractor compliance and the value of hiring a licensed contractor, while also promoting the importance of construction education programs across Nevada by hosting events that showcased the talents of our soon-to-be



young professionals in the industry.

As we entered the second half of the year, the Board became actively engaged in the 2017 Legislative Session. Some of the applicable topics to the industry pertained to regulations, easing occupational licensing barriers, creating opportunities for licensure by endorsement, exempting certain entities from licensure requirements, contractor provisions concerning public works projects, economic development initiatives, oversight and audit of public agencies, business license requirements, and enhanced data collection efforts on veteran applicants.

Several of these initiatives are already being implemented by the Board, including changes to the Board’s regulations to expand opportunities for license by endorsement. In the

months to come, the Board will be hosting public workshops and hearings to receive comment and feedback from the industry on the proposed changes, which we encourage you to participate in.

Another effort underway is the creation of a partnership with the California Contractors State License Board. The partnership will look at each respective states’ licensing exams to identify opportunities to expand license exam waiver agreements for certain trades.

These initiatives and directives are helping us to become more progressive in our operations and more aware of the licensing requirements of other states so that we can help to streamline our application processes for applicants. As we continue to strive to protect the public from unscrupulous individuals, we also look forward to seeing an increase in the number of qualified companies coming to Nevada to operate as licensed contractors.

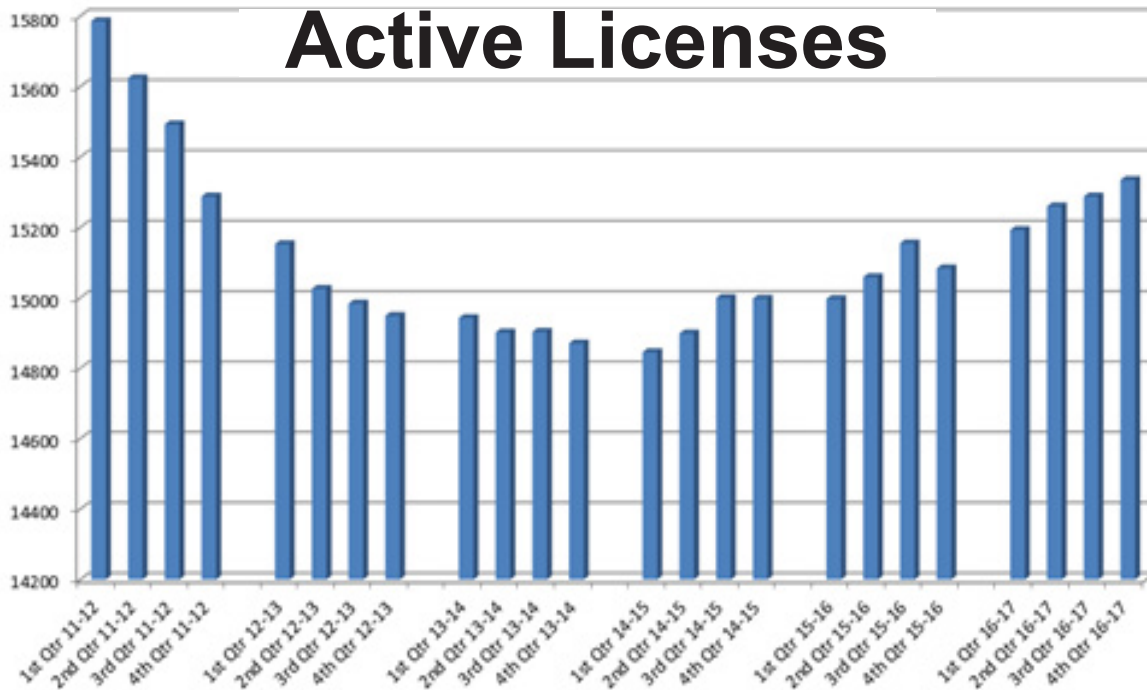
Jobs are returning, construction projects are booming, and everyone’s plates are overflowing with tasks. Such improvements to our state’s economy make it a great time to be in Nevada, and I hope you feel the same!

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Licensing

Trends from the year indicate that new license applications, licenses issued, and the overall active license counts continue to rise modestly. Other positive indicators for the year are the decline in license suspensions and inactive license renewals, which could be attributed to

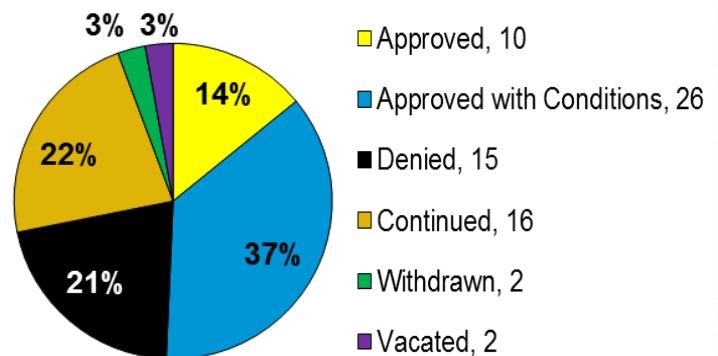
the higher active license count. Additionally, the Board's strategic initiatives to improve the processing of an application is demonstrated through a continued decline in the number of application denial hearings and financial responsibility hearings.



ANNUAL STATISTICS

- New License Applications: 1,632 (+2%)
- Issued Licenses: 1,168 (+3%)
- License Change Applications: 3,204 (+7%)
- Active Licenses: 15,335 (+1.6%)
- Inactive Licenses: 753 (-17%)
- Placed on Inactive Status: 197 (+1%)
- Voluntary Surrender: 327 (+17%)
- Active License Renewals: 6,637 (-0.6%)
- Inactive License Renewals: 272 (-32%)
- Licenses Suspended (no bond): 655 (-5%)
- Licenses Canceled: 774 (+3%)
- 71 Application Denial Hearings (-12%)
- 34 Financial Responsibility Hearings (-8%)
- 581 Financial Reviews Opened
 - 505 Approved by Staff

New Application Denial Hearings



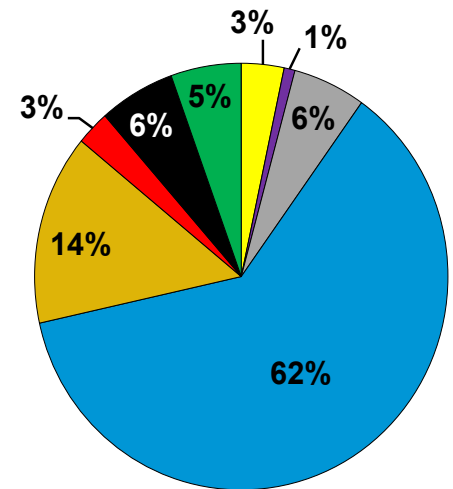
Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Department assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

Compliance Complaints Filed

Money Owing						
	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17
1st Qtr:	132	75	70	78	50	49
2nd Qtr:	160	99	70	60	73	44
3rd Qtr:	147	109	68	72	74	55
4th Qtr:	114	76	89	97	42	57
Workmanship						
	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17
1st Qtr:	178	141	158	188	178	197
2nd Qtr:	147	145	117	145	185	159
3rd Qtr:	106	118	124	186	207	179
4th Qtr:	120	137	159	165	207	208
Industrial Regulation						
	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17
1st Qtr:	231	269	187	231	211	216
2nd Qtr:	258	231	187	196	181	98
3rd Qtr:	249	274	190	207	231	149
4th Qtr:	247	229	229	253	231	160

Sources Of Complaint



- Anonymous
- Bldg Dept.
- Contractor
- Homeowner
- NSCB
- State/Co. Agency
- Subcontractor
- Supplier/Vendor

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1,529 Opened Complaints

- 745 Workmanship
- 205 Money Owing
- 623 Industry Regulation

1,616 Closed Complaints

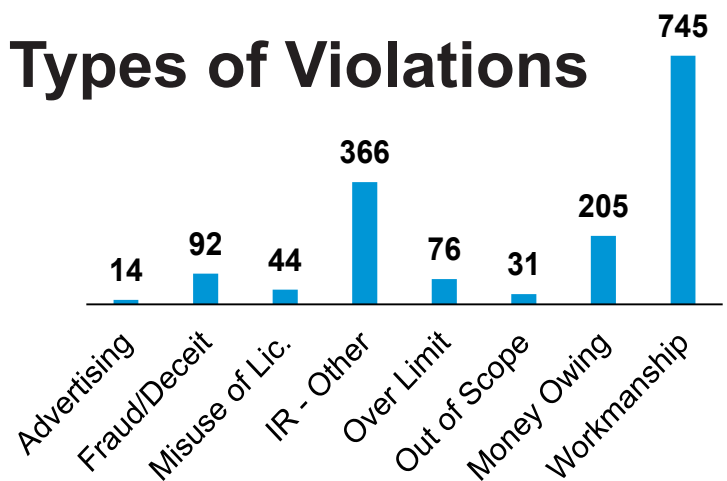
227 Administrative Citations issued

- \$241,250 Fines
- \$78,136 Investigative Costs

94 Cases to Disciplinary Hearing

- 59 licenses revoked
- \$196,400 Fines
- \$136,092 Investigative Costs

Types of Violations



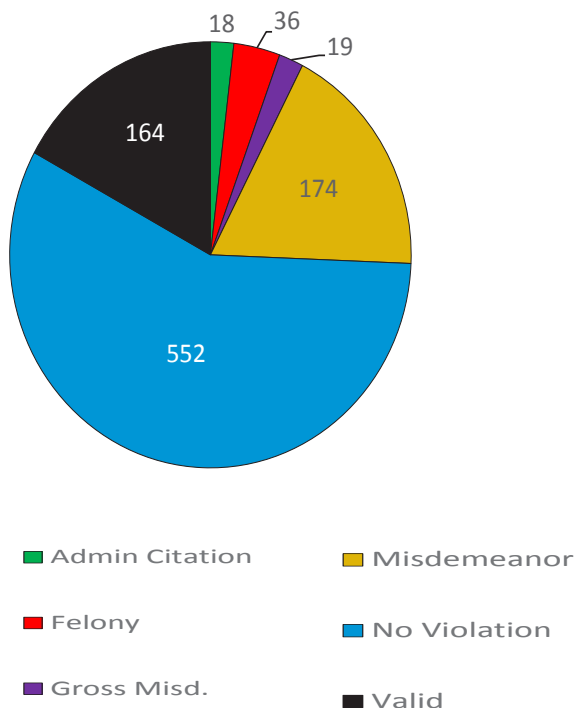
Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

NSCB's Criminal Investigations Division responds to all unlicensed contractor complaints. After gathering evidence, the Board submits cases to the district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

Types of Violations

	Contracting w/o License					Criminal Fraud					Unlawful Advertising				
	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17
JUL	84	55	58	93	40	4	3	0	7	4	46	45	70	83	24
AUG	76	65	64	71	54	6	1	0	3	5	37	25	44	39	33
SEPT	37	52	67	78	52	0	1	0	2	0	43	36	56	64	24
1st Qtr:	197	172	189	242	146	10	5	0	12	9	126	106	170	186	81
OCT	73	56	77	83	42	1	0	1	3	2	30	35	67	37	45
NOV	47	63	49	60	43	5	0	3	1	5	14	30	50	24	52
DEC	36	36	82	52	38	1	0	2	3	1	21	20	32	18	22
2nd Qtr:	156	155	208	195	123	7	0	6	7	8	65	85	149	79	119
JAN	53	68	72	67	46	0	0	0	3	3	57	40	48	36	29
FEB	61	60	91	64	60	3	0	1	26	3	43	56	52	26	30
MAR	55	81	104	60	71	3	0	2	14	1	30	38	41	13	42
3rd Qtr:	169	209	267	191	177	6	0	3	43	7	130	134	141	75	101
APR	89	62	112	73	76	2	0	2	4	4	29	99	89	40	26
MAY	67	74	71	66	82	0	0	1	12	0	47	84	54	29	41
JUN	69	86	130	64	84	2	2	0	4	3	47	44	67	34	59
4th Qtr:	225	222	313	203	242	4	2	3	20	7	123	227	210	103	126

Investigative Outcomes



ANNUAL STATS

- 1,143 Opened Complaints
- 1,021 Closed Complaints
- 464 Criminal Citations
- 332 Criminal charges filed
- 304 Cease and Desist Orders Issued
- 19 Administrative Citations

Programs assist Nevada contractors

While the Nevada State Contractors Board's mandate is to protect the public in construction-related matters, it is also committed to ensuring legitimate, licensed contractors are free to pursue their business interests. A big part of that commitment entails helping licensed contractors stay abreast of building regulations so they can remain compliant.

"The Board's licensing and enforcement departments not only protect the public, but also promote professionalism and responsibility in the construction profession," noted Contractors Board Executive Officer Margi Grein. "Public safety is our mandate, but we also strive to serve as a resource for educating contractors, assisting them through the licensing process and helping them stay in compliance."

Nevada has one of the most comprehensive license applications in the country, Grein said, but it also has developed several resources to help applicants navigate the experience, knowledge and financial requirements they need to qualify for licensure. The Contractors Board has created a brochure that outlines the requirements applicants must meet to obtain a license. These include four years of relevant experience within the last decade, a comprehensive criminal background check, passing scores on the trade and law examina-



Comprehensive testing is one way the Nevada State Contractors Board protects the professionalism and integrity of the state's construction industry. The Board also offers programs that help aspiring contractors through the application process and current contractors in their efforts to remain compliant.

tions, four references and – for applicants seeking a monetary limit of \$10,000 or more per project – a financial statement prepared by a certified public accountant. A video license-application guide is currently in development and will be available on the Contractors Board's website.

Two complementary Contractors Board initiatives aid both aspiring contractors in their pursuit of licenses and current licensees intent on staying on the right side of the state's construction laws.

The Business Review Program pairs licensed contractors with investigators to review their business practices in order to ensure compliance with the ever-changing provisions of Chapter 624 of the Nevada

Revised Statutes. Contractors receive immediate feedback and are advised of any corrections they need to make. The investigators check contractors' activities against a list of appropriate and provide a copy of the results at the conclusion of the review. Contractors are encouraged to conduct regular self-analyses regularly using the checklists provided.

Anyone pursuing a contractor's license in Nevada can attend free Business Assistance Program meetings held monthly in the Board's Reno and Henderson offices.

"Starting a business can be a daunting task. To guide applicants through the licensing process, the BAP walks them through the forms, how

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RENO OFFICE RELOCATING!



Effective August 7, 2017, the Board's Reno Office is moving to **5390 Kietzke Lane, Suite 102, Reno, NV 89511**.

If you are currently preparing correspondence, answers/responses for hearings, or gathering documents for the Board's review on other matters, please ensure all documentation is submitted to the new address listed above.

The telephone number will remain the same: 775-688-1141, as will all staff extensions.

Sprinkler work may require State Fire Marshal license

The Nevada State Fire Marshall wishes to notify licensed contractors that they may be required to hold additional licensing from its office in order to perform underground fire sprinkler work.

This issue primarily affects, but it not limited to, General Engineering Classification A or Subclassification A-19a contractors.

To see if additional licensure is required, contact the Fire Protection Licensing Bureau at (775) 684-7530 prior to performing or bidding on any underground fire sprinkler work. This will ensure that all applicable fire and life safety codes and laws are being followed.

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to determine the appropriate classifications and limits for their new company," Grein explained. "Our license analysts provide one-on-one assistance on how to fill out the application, how to document their experience, how to prepare for the examinations and more."

Keeping contractors in compliance saves them money by avoiding fines and investigative costs they would be forced to pay if found in violation of state regulations. It also helps property owners understand their rights and options during

the construction process. For instance, contractors are required to include their license numbers and contractual limits on bids and contracts.

This allows consumers to easily obtain information on contractors they may be interested in hiring. Another regulation requires contracts to include information on the Contractors Board's Residential Recovery Fund, which offers potential reimbursement to homeowners who are harmed by licensed contractors they hire.

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Board uncovers \$500,000 fraud

An investigation conducted by the Nevada State Contractors Board's Fraud unit has culminated in 12 felony charges against two men suspected of bilking a contractor out of more than \$560,000 over a 5-year period.

Darin Christensen and John Graft III have turned themselves in to law enforcement after the Clark County District Attorney issued a warrant for their arrests, alleging forgery, fraud, and other charges.

The Contractors Board investigation found evidence that between 2011 and 2015, Graft created fraudulent invoices for equipment purchases and Clark County building permits and submitted them to Christensen, who was employed as a project manager for a licensed contractor. Christensen, the case alleges, had gained his employer's trust through years of employment, validated the invoices, which the company paid.

Fake contractor's license Leads to felony charges

The Clark County District Attorney on May 22 issued a felony arrest warrant for unlicensed contractor Richard Toney. Charges include obtaining money under false pretenses, forgery, and contracting without a license.

NSCB's fraud investigated an initial complaint that a licensed contractor failed to return telephone calls after receiving money to start a roofing project for a local fraternal organization.

The investigation revealed that Toney fabricated an Nevada contractor's license Certificate and "proof" of workman's compensation insurance from a national carrier. The case alleges Toney produced these documents in order to win the bid for the roofing job.

As a result fo the Board's investigation, a felony indictment against Toney was obtained for his involvement in creating fraudulent and fictitious documents.

Board investigators believe Christensen and Graft split the proceeds from the scheme.

The Board's investigation earlier

helped indict a third party, a licensed subcontractor who at a 2015 disciplinary hearing pleaded guilty to committing fraudulent and deceitful acts by submitting \$100,000 in fake invoices to Christensen company, which Christensen approved for payment. Financial documentation collected during the course of the fraud unit's investigation indicated Christensen and his alleged co-conspirator divided the money. In addition to a fine and order to pay \$50,000 in restitution, the subcontractor agreed to testify in Christensen's prosecution.

Building Trivia - Great Wall of China

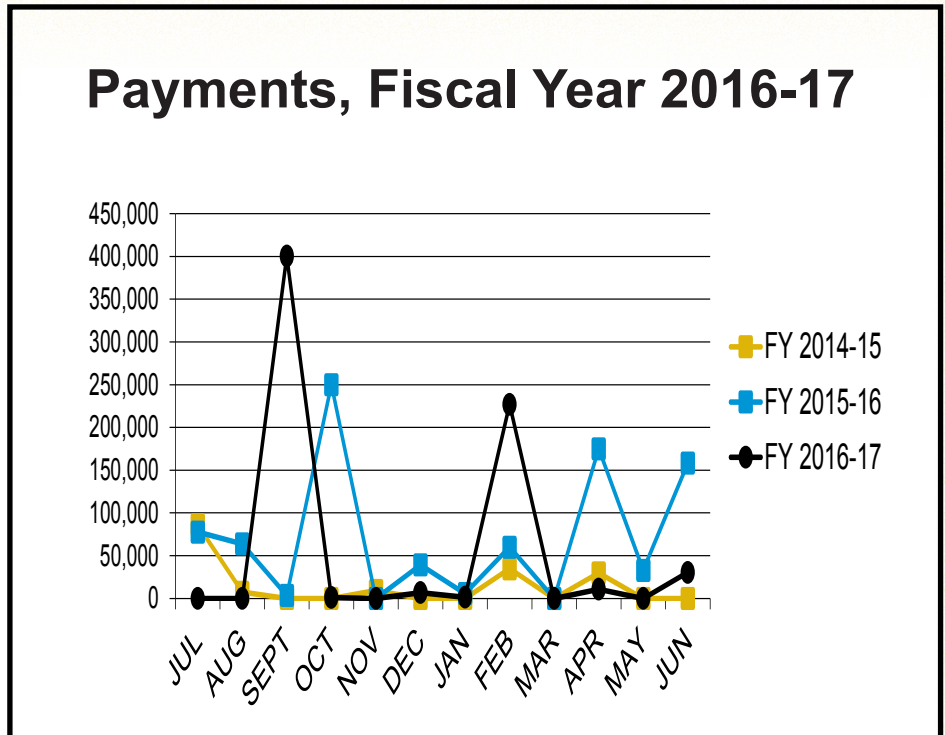
- Length: 5,500 miles
- Construction materials: rammed earth, brick, stone
- Construction time frame: Primarily 1368-1644
- Labor force: peasants, criminals, soldiers
- Purpose: military fortification to deter invasion

Recovery Fund pays \$755,000

During fiscal year 2016-17 the Contractors Board's Residential Recovery Fund awarded more than \$750,000 to homeowners who were damaged as a result of hiring licensed contractors to perform work on their property.

More than half of the \$755,812 awarded to 173 claimants was distributed to victims of Summerlin Energy. The residential solar installation company filed for bankruptcy after collecting money from homeowners. It failed to pay suppliers for the solar equipment, leading suppliers to place liens on many customers' homes. The Board awarded a total of \$400,000 – the maximum allowed by Nevada law – to 132 homeowners, about one-third of the losses claimed by homeowners.

In another significant case, 11 homeowners received \$113,776.27 from the Residential Recovery Fund after the Board opened a case against Western Landmark Enterprises, LLC, dba Reno Renovators. The investigation revealed the contractor received approximately \$147,000, but never performed the contracted construction projects, obtained the required building materials or returned the deposits. The Board revoked the company's licenses and submitted the case to the Washoe County District Attorney for felony charges of



theft, diversion of funds and obtaining money under false pretense. An arrest warrants has been issued, and the case is pending adjudication.

The Residential Recovery Fund was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1999. It offers protection to Nevada owners of single-family residences who conduct business with licensed contractors for the performance of any construction, remodeling, repair or improvement. An owner must occupy the residence to qualify. An applicant's eligibility to receive funds is determined after an investigation is conducted by NSCB.

Contractors are required by law to provide information to a

homeowner regarding the Residential Recovery Fund upon establishment of a residential contract with the homeowner. To be considered for the Fund, a complaint must be filed with NSCB within four years after



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Board revokes, fines licenses

Hernandez Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC, license number 71149A (landscaping) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to provide Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, failure to comply with an order from the Board and failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract. Licensee was fined \$1,950, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay for corrective work.

Independent Power Corporation, license numbers 59203 (photovoltaics) and 51945 (plumbing and heating) based out of Minden, Nev., was found in violation for aiding and abetting an unlicensed person, failure to complete a construction project for the contractual price, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with the state's building regulations, failure to comply with a notice to correct, and failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,850 and assessed investigative costs.

88 Enterprise, dba Citrus Signs, license number 64934 (erecting signs), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to establish financial responsibility, and failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Alserv Electric, LLC, dba VIP Electric, license number 68681 (electrical) and **Green Solar Technologies Nevada** license number 80633 (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial

responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to cooperate in an investigation, and failure to comply with a request for information. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Greenstar Home Services of Nevada, Inc., license numbers 77647 (plumbing) and 77761 (air conditioning), based out of Dallas, Tex., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a notice to correct, and failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel. Licensee was fined \$1,350 and assessed investigative costs.

Now Services of Nevada, LLC, dba Plumbing Repair Now, license number 79139 (plumbing), **Now Services of Nevada, LLC, dba Cool Air Now**, license number 79017 (air conditioning), **J&F Building Co.**, license number 76264 (residential and small commercial), **J&F Building Co., dba Reliable Air Conditioning & Heating**, license number 81489 (air conditioning), and **Jesus Filipe Mendoza dba Durango Plumbing Co.**, license number 53153 (plumbing, pipes and vents for gas, water heaters), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

Paramount Management Enterprises, Ltd., dba Paramount Construction license numbers 70072 (general building) and 72362 (carpentry) and **Paramount Custom Solutions, Ltd.**, license numbers 77512 (general building) and 77513 (carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, were found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to cooperate in an investigation, and failure to comply

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with a request for information. The licenses were surrendered. Licensee was fined \$2,100 and assessed investigative costs.

Edged Enterprises, Inc., license number 79137 (painting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a notice to correct, and substandard workmanship. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Complete Bath Remodeling of Las Vegas, LLC, dba 5 Day Kitchens of Las Vegas, license number 78859 (finish carpentry), and ***Complete Bath Remodeling of Las Vegas, LLC***, license numbers 57471 (plastic tile and wallboard), 57470 (glass and glazing of shower enclosures, tubs, and toilet partitions), and 69348 (artificial and cultured marble), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a notice to correct, and substandard workmanship. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Blue Rock Development, Inc., license number 72433 (residential and small commercial), based out of Incline Village, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to respond to a request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Hart Tech, LLC, dba Go Solar, license numbers 77760 (electrical) and 76382 (residential and small commercial) and ***Hart Tech, LLC, dba Service 1st Energy Solutions***, license numbers 75376 (air conditioning) and 73844 (insulation and weather stripping), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, fail-

ure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to cooperate in an investigation, and failure to comply with a request from the Board. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$8,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Envision Concrete, LLC, license numbers 73979 (landscape contracting) and 68277 (concrete contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., and ***Envision Construction, LLC***, license number 81781 (concrete) based out of Henderson, Nev., were found in violation for accepting a bid from an unlicensed person and contracting beyond the scope of the license. License numbers 73979 and 68277 were voluntarily surrendered. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Home Masters, license numbers 32799 (carpentry), 32797 (roofing and siding), 32801 (painting and decorating), 46308 (residential and small commercial) and 73315A (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to provide Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract. Licensee was fined \$100, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution of \$4,306. The limit on license number 46308 was reduced to \$245,000.

Foy Drywall & Painting, LLC, license numbers 68558 (painting and decorating) and 71446 (carpentry), ***Modern Elements Development, LLC***, license number 79299 (residential and small commercial), and ***Modern Paint & Drywall, LLC***, license number 80427 (painting and decorating) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to es-

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establish financial responsibility, and failure to pay for money due for any materials or services rendered. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs. The licenses were revoked.

Kevin Lee Robinson, dba Kevco Construction & Design, license number 30505 (residential and small commercial) and **dba Hunter Electric**, license number 38140 (electrical wiring and photovoltaics) based out of Henderson, Nev., were found in violation for willful disregard of industrial insurance laws and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs. Financial information is due to the Board within 30 days of the hearing or the licenses will be suspended.

Grant Robinson Const., license number 48330 (residential and small commercial) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of industrial insurance laws and failure to comply with the statutes or regulations set forth in NRS/NAC 624. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Desert Roofing, LLC, license number 76069 (roofing and siding) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failing to establish financial responsibility. The license was voluntarily surrendered.

First Nation Concrete Construction, LLC, license number 65492 (concrete) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license, and bidding in excess of the monetary limit. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Nevada Commercial Flooring, LLC, license numbers 71237 (finishing floors) and 81437 (finish carpentry limited to wood flooring only) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in

violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for compliance. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs. The limit on license number 71237 was reduced to \$130,000.

Hartco Design Builders, dba HARTCO, license number 36126 (residential and small commercial) and **Hartco Electric, Inc.**, license number 55137B (electrical contracting) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, substandard workmanship, and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs. Financial information is due to the Board within 30 days of the hearing or the licenses will be revoked.

U.S. Energy Windows, LLC, license number 78371 (glass and glazing) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,900 and assessed investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Kathleen Frances Chmielewski, dba Nu Era Wrought Iron, license No. 53034 (steel reinforcing and erection) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to possess all appropriate licensure required in the State, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with a written request by the Board, failure to include the license number or limit on a bid or contract, and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract. Licensee was fined \$1,900 and assessed investigative costs. The license was revoked.

About our veterans assistance program

In response to an order by Governor Brian Sandoval, the Nevada State Contractors Board has identified more ways to more quickly and efficiently serve military veteran contractor applicants. The Board requests and tracks the number of veteran contractors it serves.

During the quarter, staff prepared and submitted the annual report to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs noting that 80 licensees disclosed Veteran status with their renewal application.

The initiative is undertaken in addition to the Board's Military Assistance Program that aims to ease the transition from active-duty military to civilian contractor.

Also available to the spouses of active-duty

personnel, the program assigns a dedicated Board staff member to veterans' applications. The goal is to ensure that veterans receive proper credit for construction-related work they perform in the military and these duties are fully applied to the applicant's work experience requirements.

Also, as military spouses often move frequently while following their husband's or wife's military career, they face extraordinary challenges in plying their construction trade and establishing a business. The Board makes a special effort to ensure spouses' out-of-state work histories warrant the waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.

For more information on the Contractors Board's Military Assistance Program, call 775-688-1141 or 702-486-1100 or email veterans@nscb.state.nv.us.



Nevada State Contractors Board

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For veterans making the transition into civilian employment and spouses of active-duty military personnel relocating with their service members to Nevada

- A dedicated, specially trained NSCB staff member to evaluate transferable military training and experience from all branches of the military that meet minimum contractor licensing requirements.
- Military experience and training will be considered along with college credit when the Board evaluates acceptable technical education levels for license applicants.
- Military spouses' current records of licensure will be evaluated to determine whether he/she is eligible for waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.



To determine eligibility or for questions concerning NSCB's expedited service for veterans and military spouses, contact License Analyst Barbara Miller at 775-850-7814 or 702-486-1100, extension 7814, or e-mail her at bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us

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.

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

Building Codes, pg. 7, pg. 16

Geographic Information Systems - pg. 65

Construction Technology - pg. 20

Mechanical Technology, pg. 85

Computer Aided Drafting/Design - pg. 22

Sustainable Construction - pg. 110

Construction Management - pg. 31

General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

OSHA Safety Courses

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

Computer Courses

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

Computer Basics

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

Contact:

OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu or
1 (877) 651-OSHA

Contact:

DWED@csn.edu
(702) 651-4747

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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

***Please Note:** This link is a PDF document. The following pages, categories and phone numbers are listed for your convenience. Some courses may require prerequisites. For information, call **(775) 673-7000..**



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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/all/>

Courses of interest to contractors include:

Air Conditioning

Applied Industrial Technology

Building Codes and Inspections

Computer Aided Drafting Design

Construction Management and Trade Courses

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Applications/Internet Courses

Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses

Contact: info_desk@wnc.edu or (775) 445-3000





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 The State of Nevada "State Contractors Board Handbook," Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administration Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or 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
- Be sure name of business under which contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. NRS 624.305
- Be sure the amount of the bid or contract is within the monetary limit of the contractor. NRS 624.3015(2)
- Be sure that the contract is within the scope of work/license classification. NRS 6243015(3)
- Know what you are contracting for, verify terms of the contract, and comply with terms of the contract. NRS 624.3013(1)
- If it is not in your written contract, it doesn't exist. Make sure all change orders are in writing and signed by all parties. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include 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
- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- 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 Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)