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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate current and former NSCB Board members.

The Southern Nevada chapter of the International Codes Council honored former Board member and current executive director of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association Nat Hodgson as Industry Person of the Year for his service to the construction profession and the community.

Current Board Member and former Chairman Kevin Burke, recently collected the J.A. Tiberti Spirit Award from the Las Vegas chapter of the Associated General Contractors. As chairman and chief executive officer, he is leading Burke Construction Group through what he terms a “re-growth”

phase. The award goes to the industry leader who embodies the trailblazing approach of the award’s namesake. J.A. Tiberti obtained one of southern Nevada’s first contractor’s licenses. The company he founded still thrives today.

In choosing Burke, the AGC award judges cited his company’s sector and geographic diversity, nearly 30 years of experience, ability to adapt to changing economic conditions and commitment to local job creation and research and development.

Another current Board Member, Jim Alexander, was reappointed by Governor Brian Sandoval for another three-year term. reappointed Alexander’s president of Renaissance Pools & Spas, Inc. for another term. He has been a licensed contractor in Nevada since 1991.

Although these are only a few of the accomplishments realized within the industry during the last quarter, I hope each of you has taken a moment to reflect on your successes, congratulated those around you on their achievements, and begun to prepare for the opportunities to come in the New Year.

One opportunity we could use your help in spreading the word about is our Business Assistance Program, which is designed to give free assistance to new license applicants as well as contractors seeking to change their license or obtain a license in a different classification.

The service is an orientation offering support in completing license applications and providing an overview of exam, experience and bonding requirements. No RSVP is required. Standing classes occur in our Reno office the third Friday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and in our Henderson office the fourth Friday of every month from 9-10:30 a.m.

Help expand our industry’s workforce and encourage newcomers to take advantage of this valuable program.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Throughout the past quarter, the Nevada State Contractors Board has enhanced its public interface by developing a mobile application for accessing license information. Our Information Technology team successfully launched the mobile application for iPhone and Android users, making it more convenient and easy for consumers, contractors, and Board investigators to report unlicensed contractor activities.



Across the agency, our Licensing Department is working to develop improvements for streamlining operations. Efforts are also underway to continue regulation hearings on R095-12 and R096-12, both of which are scheduled for March 13, 2014. If you are interested in receiving notices of public meetings, log on to our website, www.nscb.nv.gov and click “Sign Up for Our News letter and Alerts.” All meeting information is posted online under “Agendas and Meetings,” for your reference at any time.

Our Enforcement Department held a sting operation during the quarter where 13 unlicensed contractors were cited for alleged violations including contracting and advertising without a license. For those of you in southern Nevada, tune in to Channel 8 news on Feb. 24 for exclusive coverage of the event.

In preparation for the statutory changes realized after the enactment of Assembly Bill 86 in the 2013 Legislative session, the Board has worked with DIR and DETR to ensure timely notice concerning non-compliance. All contractors should have received electronic notification via an Industry Bulletin at the start of the year outlining the statutory changes concerning compliance with industrial and unemployment insurance (see story on page 10).

Lastly, during its November meeting, the Commission on Construction Education awarded more than \$170,000 in education grants to non-profit agencies, schools and programs to further construction education in the state. Details are on page 9.

It's been a busy quarter, but there is still much we are working on. Stay tuned to learn of our progress in the months to come!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margi Grein".

To download the free application for Apple products, visit the iTunes site: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nscb-mobile/id789876077?mt=8>.

Usage requires iOS 5.1 or later. The app is optimized for iPhone 5.

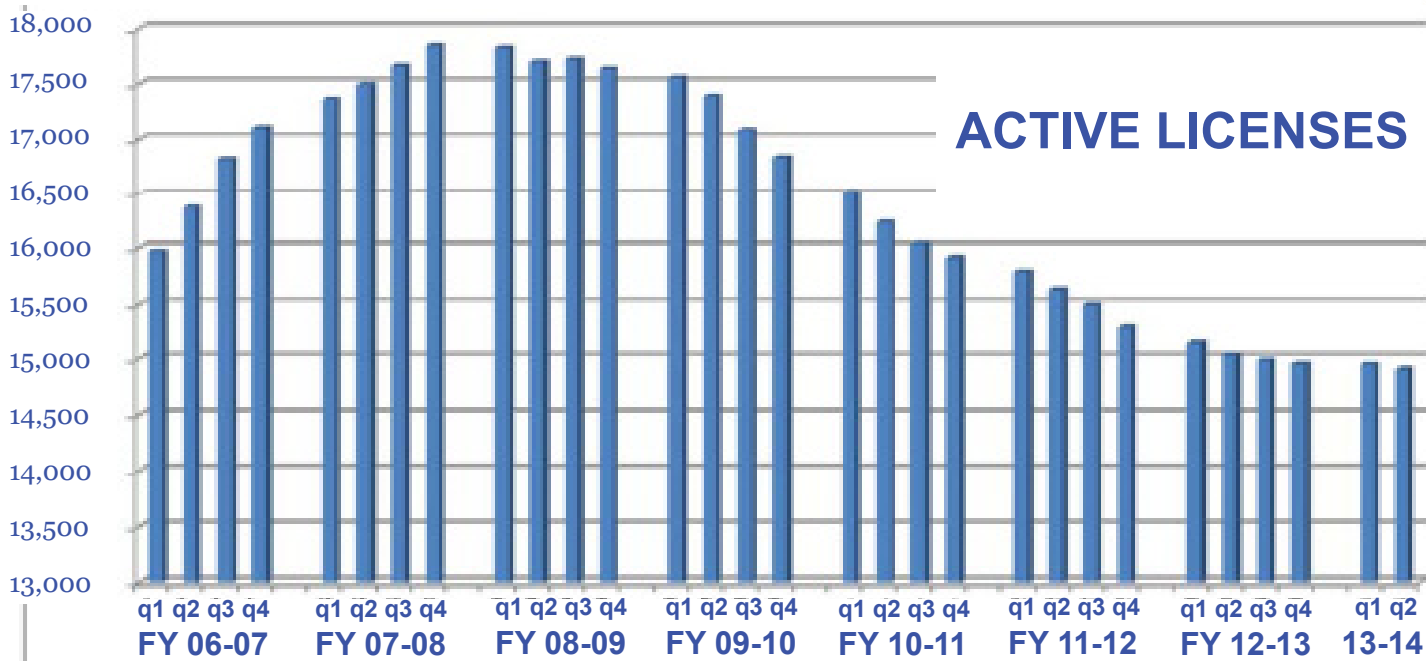
For the Android application, go to Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com>.

Explore the ease and simplicity of researching a contractor's license history and submitting an unlicensed contractor complaint while out in the field.

Our consumer outreach efforts were vamped up this quarter by using various media efforts to promote our public service announcement statewide. The Board is currently working on the development of new television commercials.

Licensing - NSCB's Licensing Division is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met.

The Board received 337 new license applications During the second quarter of fiscal year 2013-14, a 3-percent decrease over the same quarter last year. However, the Board issued 246 new licenses, a 6-percent increase over the same quarter last year. At the end of the quarter, there were 14,902 active licenses in the state, a .4-percent decline.



OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2013	
Licenses (Beginning of Quarter) Active & Inactive	16,284
New Licenses Issued	246
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(330)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	14
Licenses (End of Quarter) Active & Inactive	16,214
# of Licenses on September 30th, 2013	16,284
# of Licenses on Dec 31th, 2013	16,214
Net YTD (Fiscal Year)	
Licenses Gained / Lost	(70)
Renewal Revenue Gained / Lost	(\$42,000)
*Does not include suspended licenses	

Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Division investigates alleged violations, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

In November, the Board conducted a two-day disciplinary hearing against a licensed contractor for multiple violations. The licensed contractor was a repeat offender with five prior citations and two prior disciplinary hearings. The allegations included forging the homeowner's signature on an invoice, failure to give Residential Recovery Fund notifications, failure to obtain a permit, failure to provide documents, failure to cooperate in the investigation, failure to properly supervise an employee and failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance.

The two-day hearing concluded with the licensee being found guilty of eight out of 10 charges, was fined \$5,600 and assessed nearly \$4,000 in investigative costs.

Also during the quarter, Board investigators resolved 60 percent (32 of 53) of their money-owing cases, totaling approximately \$410,000 in mutually agreed settlements.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

369 complaints opened:

- 117 workmanship
- 70 money-owing
- 187 industry regulation

383 complaints closed:

- 151 single-family residence
- 2 multifamily residence
- 16 public works
- 60 commercial

263 pending cases; 9 over 90 days (3%)

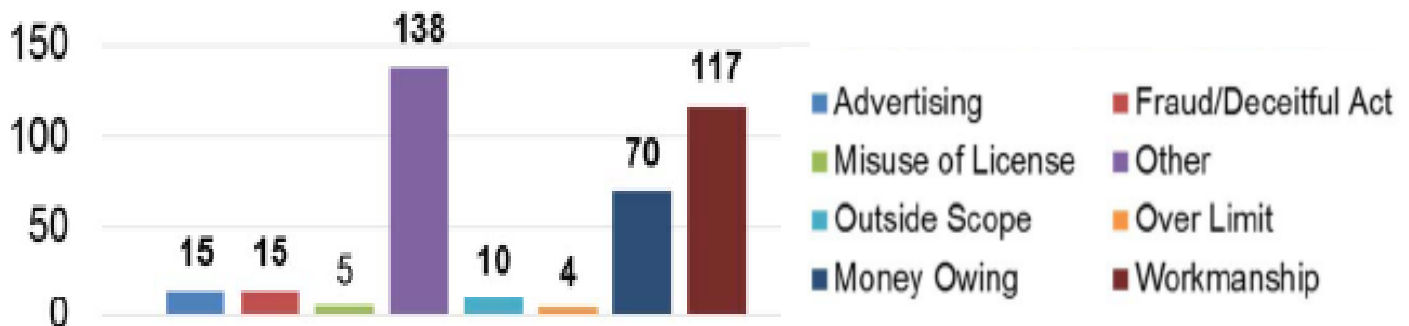
83 administrative citations issued:

- \$62,100 in fines
- \$26,000 in investigative costs

27 cases referred for disciplinary hearing:

- 11 licenses revoked
- 8 suspended
- 8 surrendered
- \$36,0200 in fines
- \$47,100 in investigative costs

VIOLATION TYPES



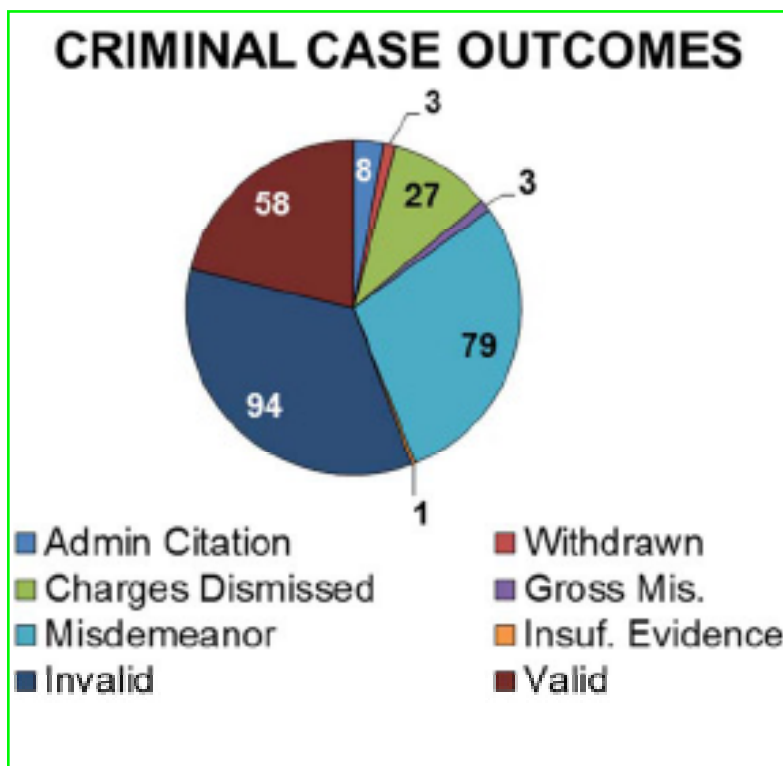
Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

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.

According to Board statistics, unlicensed contracting activity cost Nevada's legitimate contractors approximately \$1 million during the quarter (\$170,000 in October; \$200,000 in November; \$629,000 in December).

In November, the Board held a sting operation in which 13 unlicensed contractors were cited for alleged violations, including contracting without a license and advertising without a license. The event was covered by Channel 8 news in Southern Nevada and is set to air Feb. 24.

NSCB is always in need of residential and commercial buildings throughout the state to hold sting operations in. If you or someone you know is interested in donating your space for the day, please contact Board Investigator Tanja Wasielewski at (702) 486-1100. Preferred spaces would be vacant and/or have a visible need for repair or improvements.



QUARTERLY STATISTICS

- 249 opened complaints
- 277 closed complaints
- 1,146 pending cases
- 0 cases over 90 days old
- 88 criminal charges filed
- 82 criminal convictions recorded
- 3 Gross Misdemeanor
- 79 Misdemeanor

FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
Complaints		Complaints		Complaints	
JUL	93	JUL	128	JUL	107
AUG	138	AUG	114	AUG	89
SEPT	80	SEPT	81	SEPT	89
1st Qtr: 311		1st Qtr: 323		1st Qtr: 285	
OCT	105	OCT	108	OCT	92
NOV	80	NOV	64	NOV	101
DEC	73	DEC	57	DEC	55
2nd Qtr: 238		2nd Qtr: 227		2nd Qtr: 248	
JAN	73	JAN	107	JAN	
FEB	107	FEB	104	FEB	
MAR	107	MAR	83	MAR	
3rd Qtr: 287		3rd Qtr: 294		3rd Qtr: 0	
APR	138	APR	117	APR	
MAY	119	MAY	114	MAY	
JUN	148	JUN	119	JUN	
4th Qtr: 403		4th Qtr: 350		4th Qtr: 0	

Sting nets 13 unlicensed contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board cited 13 unlicensed contractors during a sting operation in Las Vegas on November 19. Six suspects were cited for allegedly engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.700. Seven were charged with allegedly advertising without a contractor's license (NRS 624.720).

Board investigators contacted unlicensed contractors, inviting them to visit the sting location to discuss performing floor tile installation, drywall and electrical work. According to Nevada law, all electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and heating work must be performed by licensed contractors. All other work requires a license if the cost of the project – labor and materials – totals \$1,000 or more or requires a building permit.

The Board's criminal investigators conducting stings use the interactions to encourage unlicensed contractors to obtain their contractor's licenses



while also fulfilling the Board's mandate to protect the safety, and welfare of the public.

Below are details of each alleged violation for which a citation was issued:

- Paul Arambula, Contracting without a license
- Alfonso Carillo, Contracting without a license
- Jason Gomez (All Star Construction), Contracting without a license
- Robert Gomez, Advertising without a license
- Steven Kesler (K&K Landscape and Handyman), Advertising without a license
- Carl Montes (Star Landscaping), Contracting without a license
- Max Peeks, Contracting without a license
- Jeremy Pelletier (Dickie's

Handyman), Advertising without a license

- David Smith (Dave's Handyman Service), Contracting without a license
- Edgar Hernandez, Advertising without a license
- Paul J. Demichelle, Advertising without a license
- Steven Filipetti, Advertising without a license
- Jossef Behor, Advertising without a license

The Board encourages anyone who comes across unlicensed contracting activities to report the information to NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838. Details to provide the Board, when available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, address (business and/or physical location where work is being performed), phone number, vehicle description, license plate, business card and/or advertisement, contracts signed by the unlicensed individual, etc.

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Committee awards grants to further construction education

At its November 19 meeting, the Nevada State Contractors Board's Commission on Construction Education awarded grants of more than \$170,000 to non-profit agencies, schools and programs for educational endeavors for students and young professionals.

The largest grant - \$43,000 - went to Reno's Academy for Construction Education to kick start a program in which advanced ACE High School students will build small houses that will be sold at auction. School officials noted that the project will provide students real-world experience in estimating and material ordering, along with building methods and code compliance. They said the 800-square-foot homes will sell for more than they cost to build, allowing the project to become self-funded after the first year. The Commission grant represents about half of the program's start-up costs.

The Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter, received \$40,800 to continue its industry training program. Executive Director Sean Stewart said some of the money will be used to help disadvantaged business enterprises become competitive and current on industry practices in anticipation of an increase in road maintenance and construction projects as additional revenue becomes available via indexing of the state's fuel tax. The focused training areas will include accounting and finance, business law, safety and training, construction management and scheduling. Other courses will include building information modeling and OSHA training.

The Commission also voted to allocate \$28,229 to AGC to purchase construction textbooks for Clark County School District schools. The books, which will be purchased from the National Center for Construction Education and Research, will teach students practical skills, plan reading, and finish carpentry, among other applications

over three courses. The books are expected to last five to seven years. The Commission's grant will augment a similar donation from the International Code Council.

The Commission awarded the UNLV Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction \$41,000 to equip a dedicated teaching lab for engineering and construction management students.

Local organizers of the Future Cities competition received \$15,000. They said the local competition challenges more than 1,000 students - about half are girls - in 13 middle schools to conceive and design sustainable cities. The money will provide event-day needs, teacher stipends, student prizes and travel to national competitions for local winners.

Desert Research Institute received \$10,500 for use in its Renewable Energy Deployment and Display Facility, which facilitates research and highlights developments and inventions pertaining to renewable energy technologies. Programs help teachers and students learn about solar wind and thermal energy. The money will be used for teaching materials, student visits to the facility, and travel for discussions in schools. Other funds could be used to host a solar air collector competition for ACE High School.

Grants awarded by the Commission on Construction Education come from donations and fines the Board collects from licensed contractors for violations of state law. Since its inception in 2001, it has awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants. The Commission consists of one member from the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the governor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two have knowledge of construction education programs.

Suspensions for insurance lapses

New law requires Board action against contractors who don't comply

On January 1, a new state law took effect making changes to NRS 624.256. The new law requires the Nevada State Contractors Board to suspend the license(s) of contractors who do not comply with state unemployment and industrial insurance laws.

Assembly Bill 86, passed during the 2013 legislative session, mandates the Board notify contractors when the state obtains a judgment against them for failure to make required contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Fund or when they are found to be non-compliant with laws concerning industrial insurance.

If a contractor fails to satisfy the judgment or prove they are in compliance with laws concerning industrial insurance within 30 days of the

Board's notice, the Board must suspend their license(s).

If the Board suspends a license under these provisions, the contracting company must provide the Board a list of all projects it is working on. The company must not submit any new bids. It will also be removed from qualification lists for certain public works projects until the suspension is lifted. Subsequent violations of non-compliance may result in revocation of the license.

It is the responsibility of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to notify the Board when an Unemployment Compensation Fund judgment is obtained against a contractor or a contractor is

not in full compliance with the requirements of chapters NRS 616A to 617, inclusive.

Contractors can contact DIR and DETR to ensure they meet the compliance directives.

With few exceptions, contractors must contribute to the Unemployment Compensation Fund and either maintain industrial insurance and insurance for occupational diseases, qualify as a self-insured employer, or be a member of an association of self-insured employers.

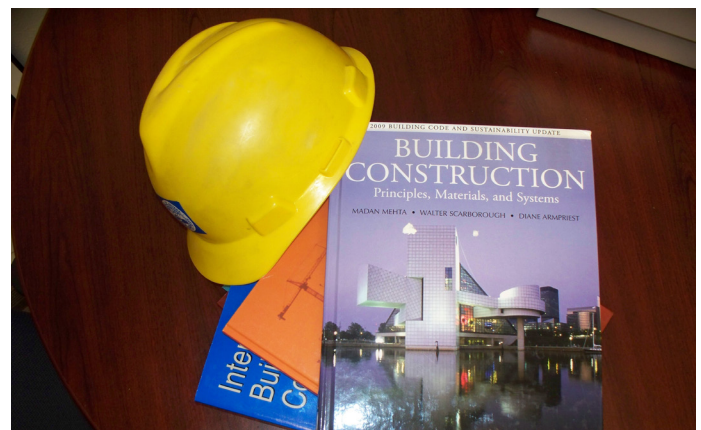
If you receive a notice of possible suspension from the Board, you should contact DIR at (775) 684-7260 or (702) 486-9080, or DETR at (775) 684-4040 or (702) 486-5230 to determine the necessary steps of compliance immediately.

2nd Contractor Training Day planned

Flush with the success of its inaugural event in 2013, the Nevada State Contractors Board is making preparations for its second annual Contractors Training Day this summer.

Details are being discussed, but preliminary plans call for either half-day or full-day seminars in both the Reno and Las Vegas areas during June or July. Topics will be determined based on feedback received from attendees at last year's event, and will be delivered by local building officials, marketing and legal experts and economists.

Topics in 2013 included information on how contractors can ensure they are paid for their work, how they can protect themselves with clear



contract language, how they can use effective traditional and emerging marketing techniques to attract business and how they can help the Board rid the industry of unlicensed contractors.

NSCB expands educational outreach

Staff members from NSCB's Public Information Office and Enforcement Division have begun educating residential community managers about contracting best practices and statutory provisions under NRS 624.

The presentations have assisted community managers who oversee contracting, maintenance and repair services for homeowners associations in gaining a better understanding of contracting requirements and best practices when hiring individuals to perform services. The sessions also have opened a two-way dialogue to address concerns or issues faced by community management professionals in their day-to-day operations.

As a result of these efforts, NSCB is developing an interactive, three-hour continuing education course specifically targeted to this audience, which is expected to be approved and launched at the end of February.

In the Fall of 2013, NSCB secured television time slots in markets across the state to maximize efforts to educate senior citizens about the dangers of home-repair fraud.

The Board's public service announcement featuring Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval is aimed at reaching the maximum number of Nevadans age 55 and over.

Between October and December 2013, approximately 31 30-second spots were purchased in southern Nevada and 58 30-second spots were purchased in northern Nevada on many of the major broadcast television outlets.

In addition to the paid spots, NSCB received 97 30-second spots and 660 15-second weather "crawl" spots in Southern Nevada. Additional free 30 second spots in the Northern Nevada market totaled 25.



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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

Board disciplines contractors

At its October, November and December hearings in Henderson and Reno, the Nevada State Contractors Board took action against several licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.

Coast to Coast Electrical Contractors, license number 72419 (electrical contracting), based out of Boulder City, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to respond to a written request from the Board and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked and the licensee fined \$1,750 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

The Anthony Companies, Inc., dba Imagine Flooring & Design, license numbers 55193 (tiling) and 56653 (finishing floors), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to establish financial responsibility and misrepresentation of a material fact. The licenses were revoked and the licensee fined \$2,800, ordered to pay investigative cost, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,500.

Rogers Water Conditioning, Inc., license number 60832 (install equipment to treat water), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting on a suspended or revoked license and failure to include in an advertisement the name and license number of the licensed contractor responsible for the construction project. The licensee was fined \$150 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Lucero Contracting, Inc., license number 35319 (concrete contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was lowered to \$4.7 million pending a hearing.

Thor Construction, Inc., license numbers 52980 (general building) and 54205 (concrete



contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$250 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

M.G. Equipment, Inc., dba All Valley Paving and Grading, license number 76336 (excavating and grading; sealing and striping of asphaltic surfaces; excavating, grading, trenching, and surfacing; and wrecking buildings) and **Foxy Construction, LLC, dba Foxy Grading and Paving**, license number 69365 (excavating and grading; sealing and striping of asphaltic surfaces; excavating, grading, trenching, and surfacing; and wrecking buildings), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered. The licensees were fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Union Corporation, dba United Air Conditioning and Heating, license number 77831 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for attempting to assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of a license or permit the unauthorized use thereof. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license.

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I Fly High, LLC, dba Wholesale Air, license number 75829 (air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the building law of the state, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to comply with a written request by the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked and the licensee was fined \$600 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Ace Fencing, license number 59653 (fencing and guardrails), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked and the licensee was fined \$1,650 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Highway Technologies, Inc., license number 53106 (sealing and striping of asphaltic surfaces; fencing and guard-

rails), based out of Houston, Tex., was found in violation for failure establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked.

Guillermo Ibaibarriaga, dba Sierra Nevada Painting, license numbers 58046 (painting) 74973 (painting and decorating), **2 K Construction** license numbers 59085 and (residential and small commercial) and **Sierra Nevada Stone**, license numbers 61361 (masonry) and 73735 (concrete contracting); **2 K Roofing, LLC**, license number 76163 (prefabricated steel structures) and 65090A (roofing and siding); **Sierra Nevada Stucco, LLC**, license number 53274A (lathing and plastering); **2 K Construction, LLC, dba 2 K Plumbing**, license number 71717 (plumbing), **2 K Construction, LLC, dba 2K Tile**, license number 72666 (tiling); **2 K Construction, LLC, dba 2 K Electric**, license number 72709 (electrical contracting), based out of Reno, Nev., were found in violation for bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license, accepting a bid from an unlicensed person, contracting on an inactive license, acting as an agent or associate of unlicensed persons, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered,

and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licenses 65090A, 59085A, 72709, 73735, 74973, 76163 were surrendered. Licensee was fined \$4,500 and assessed investigative costs. Licensee must provide the Board with a CPA-prepared financial statement within 90 days or license numbers 61361 and 53274A will be suspended. The monetary limit on license number 53274A was reduced to \$800,000.

Quality First Home Improvement, Inc., license numbers 74998 (pre-manufactured housing; residential and small commercial), 76966 (concrete contracting), 76967 (painting and decorating), 76968 (glass and glazing), 76969 (roofing and siding) and 76970 (carpentry), based out of Citrus Heights, Calif., was found in violation for commencing work on a project without obtaining necessary building permits, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, and failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$1,850 and ordered to pay investigative costs. Licensee must obtain the proper building permit within 120 days.

A.A.C.A., LLC, dba Mr. Rooter Plumbing, license

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numbers 73696 (plumbing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the state's building laws, failure to comply with a written request by the Board, failure to exercise proper authority and supervision of employees, and failure to establish financial responsibility in a timely manner. The licensee was fined \$5,600 and assessed investigative costs. The license will be subject to suspension if fines and costs are not paid within the time ordered by the Hearing Officer.

Around the Clock, Inc., license numbers 63227 (air conditioning) and 69440 (plumbing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the state's building laws and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were suspended pending payment of \$4,500 in fines plus investigative costs and submission of a current financial statement.

Spring Valley Electric, LLC, dba High Tech Electric, license numbers 52141 (electrical contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the state's safety or labor laws and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license will be placed on Inactive status pending pay-

ment of a \$500 fine, investigative costs, and submission of a current financial statement.

Guadalupe Yaneth Castaneda, dba Rainbow Pool Plastering, license number 74187 (plastering), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$600 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license was suspended pending submission of a current financial statement and payment of fines and costs.

Double AA Contracting, Inc., license number 34647 (concrete contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. The license was revoked.

Intrepid Metal Works, Inc., license number 75864 (steel reinforcing and erection), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws and failure to comply with a written request by the Board. The license was suspended for 90 days and is subject to revocation if fines of \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs are not paid.

Judson Enterprises, Inc., dba K Designers, license number 38900 (carpentry), 71229 (glass and glazing), 73114 (awnings and louvers), and 73293 (painting), based out of Gold River, Calif., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs, and the license limits were reduced to \$45,000. All licenses were suspended and will be subject to revocation if a current financial statement and payment of fines and fees is not received within 30 days.

Robert Lynn Wrege, dba Abraham Mechanical Services, license numbers 41908 (plumbing and heating) and 43580 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, and omitting a material fact. The licensee was fined \$1,350 and ordered to pay investigative costs or the licenses will be suspended.

Carmel Flooring, Inc., license numbers 72621 (masonry) and 55151 (install terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action,

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failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, and acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license. The licensee was fined \$650 and assessed investigative costs. The monetary license limit was reduced to \$235,000.

Robert Logan, dba Robert Logan, license numbers 13477 (painting) and 13477A (sealing and striping asphaltic surfaces), based out of Burbank, Calif., was found in violation failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another, failure to take appropriate corrective action, abandonment of a construction project, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond

the scope of the license, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contractor proposal and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. The licensee was fined \$2,900, assessed investigative costs, ordered to pay full restitution to damaged parties and reimburse the board for any payments from the Residential Recovery Fund.

Utek Framing, Inc., dba Utek Gypsum Concretes, license number 64817 (concrete contracting), based out of Mesquite, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a

bond or case deposit and failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,300, assessed investigative costs, ordered to pay full restitution to damaged parties and reimburse the board for any payments from the Residential Recovery Fund.

Philip Joseph Rivas, dba Philip Joseph Rivas Sheetmetal, license number 50409 (sheetmetal), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$750, assessed investigative costs, ordered to pay full restitution to damaged parties and reimburse the board for any payments from the Residential Recovery Fund.

Tell 'em: Insist on licensed contractors

We know the frustrations contractors experience with unlicensed contracting matters, which is why we want to provide you the messaging tools to educate your customers about why hiring a licensed contractor is the best option.

- When you hire a licensed contractor, you receive many protections that are not available to homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors.
- We have passed the required trade and law exams to ensure we are current on what the standards of the industry are - unlicensed contractors do not.

- We carry Workers' Compensation insurance. You could be eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund if any unintended damage to your home results in the work we perform.
- You have up to four years to file a complaint with the Board should something go wrong.
- Unlicensed contractors may have discounted prices to offer you, but you will likely pay more in the long-run due to poor workmanship and cheap materials.

Helping homeowners make informed decisions will benefit the will benefit all legitimate contractors in Nevada.

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.*

Air Conditioning Technology - pg. 5

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/7jdvmmr>
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..**

Air Conditioning Courses - pg. D-191

Architecture - pg. D-196

Building Inspection - pg. D-205

CADD - pg. D-209

Computer & Office Technology - pg. D-211

Construction - pg. D-215

Electrical Technology - pg. D-234



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 a set of tips designed to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For a full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see *The State of Nevada "State Contractors Board Handbook" containing Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy of this valuable resource.*

- 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 of persons with whom you contract are valid and active. *NAC 624.650*
- Be sure that name of the business under which a contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. *NRS 624.305*
- Be sure that 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 624.3015(3)*
- Know what you are contracting for, verify the terms of the contract, and comply with the terms of the contract. *NRS 624.3013(1)*
- If it's 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)*
- Leave Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure with client for all residential contracts. *NRS 624.520*
- Provide your customer with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. **NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 and NAC 624.6932.**
- Make sure your license number is on all advertisements for your business including your vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspaper, website, etc. *NRS 624.720*
- Your license number should be approximately 1½" on your motor vehicle. *NRS 624.288*
- If your address or other pertinent information about your business changes, notify the Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. *NAC 624.640(3)*

You can check license and classification information on the Nevada State Contractors Board website listed below, by using the NSCB's automated phone system or by calling NSCB staff directly.

Nevada State Contractors Board

Southern Nevada Offices
2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074
(702) 486-1100
Fax- 702-486-1190

Northern Nevada Offices
9670 Gateway Dr. Suite 100
Reno, NV 89521
(775) 688-1141
Fax 775-688-1271

www.nscb.nv.gov

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