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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



From teams of experienced investigators based in Henderson and Reno to a comprehensive public awareness campaign to partnerships with law enforcement and district attorneys offices to vigorously prosecute offenders, the Nevada State Contractors Board expends significant resources to combat the problem of unlicensed contractors throughout the state.

Here is a summary of our efforts on the unlicensed contracting front this quarter:

- Acting on information concerning unlicensed contracting activity obtained during an earlier investigation, investigators returned to Elko on April 8-9. They cited eight people for allegedly engaging in business or submitting a bid without contractors' licenses.

- Investigators conducted a sting operation February 25 at a Las Vegas residence. Unli-

censed contractors advertising tiling, drywall, electrical, and other repair/installation services that require a contractor's license were targeted. Those who responded to the investigator's appointment to bid the project were greeted with a citation for advertising without a license and/or contracting without a license.

- During a routine check for unlicensed contractors, two Board investigators in southern Nevada found three men loading drywall onto a truck and performing tile work in a garage. The investigators contacted the design firm the men claimed to work for and received dubious W-4 forms for the men. Digging further, the investigators found the social security numbers on the forms did not belong to the workers. The workers were located the next day and cited for contracting without a license. The design firm is slated for a disciplinary hearing.

As you can see from these cases, the Board is not only battling so-called "handymen" who perform small repair and maintenance projects without the required licenses, the Board is also working to mitigate problems with licensed contractors, homeowners and community association managers who either unwittingly or maliciously disregard Nevada's

strict contracting laws.

During the quarter, Board staff developed a three-hour continuing education course to train community managers on how to hire licensed contractors, how to evaluate and seek guidance to determine the appropriate license classification for a particular job, how to utilize the Board's resources for researching contractors, and promote proactive communication with the Board on licensing and contracting matters.

Finally, keep an eye out for the Board's two new public service announcements hitting the airwaves this spring. Both offer a fresh, humorous look at the dangers homeowners face when they hire unlicensed contractors.

The 30-second television spots feature an overtly unskilled and unlicensed contractor performing work and hard-selling projects, with the warning "A bad contractor is never this obvious." Both spots end with a visual of the Board's website and information on how to hire licensed contractors.

I invite all licensed contractors to join the Board in the fight against unlicensed contracting activities. Call the NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 850-7838.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

As we approach the final quarter of our 2013-14 Strategic Plan, technological developments will continue to play an important role in the Board's progression toward becoming a model regulatory agency. In the coming fiscal year, we also will focus on advancing programs and projects within each department that will increase efficiency, foster communication and protect the public.

During the quarter, we hosted industry roundtable discussions with pool and building trade contractors. We discussed trade issues and regulations. We also engaged City of Las Vegas personnel with presentations focused on hiring licensed contractors and promoting proactive communication with the Board.

The application denial hearing process has been streamlined to provide for more efficient disposition of applications.

Also on the licensing front, the Board held a hearing to obtain comments on two sets of proposed regulations, R095-12 and R096-12, aimed at making changes to certain licensing classifications.

Also during the quarter, the Board received approved language from the Legislative

Counsel Bureau on two sets of proposed regulations concerning tree trimming services and the imposition of fines. These regulations, known as R018-14 and R019-14, have been scheduled for a workshop and hearing.

Our information technology team has been steadfast in its efforts to develop and launch our first mobile application, while making necessary enhancements to the Board's operating systems to improve our efficiency and internal capabilities.

The mobile application makes reporting unlicensed contracting activity and verifying license information easier. The application, compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android, is available as a free download.

With the application, users can search by business name, principal name, or license number to ensure a contractor maintains an appropriate Nevada contractor's license.



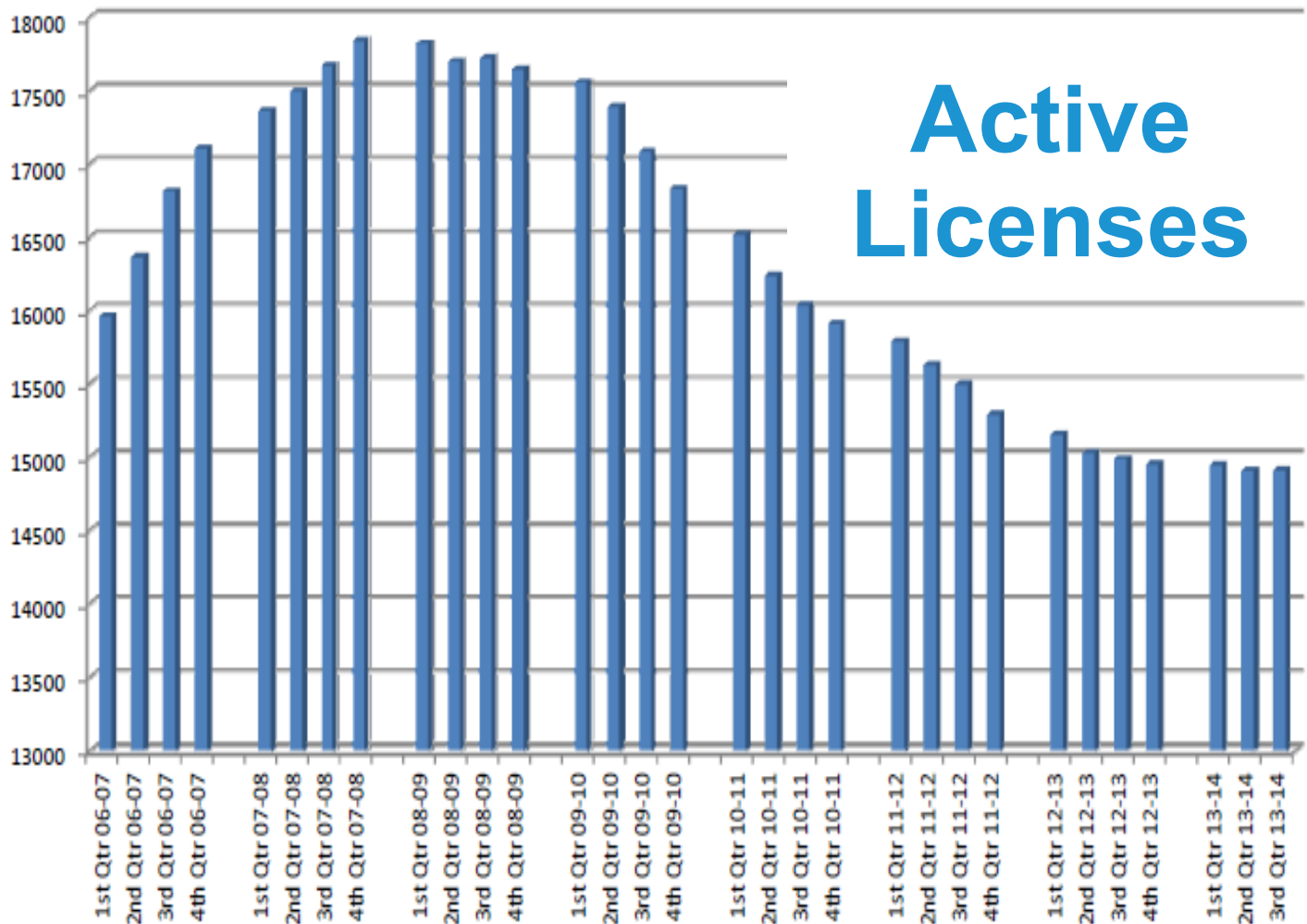
Users can find disciplinary actions the Board has taken against licensed contractors during a specified time period or by discipline type. The mobile application can also be used to report unlicensed contracting activity.

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

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

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

The Board received 414 new license applications During the third quarter of fiscal year 2013-14, a 12-percent increase over the same quarter last year. The Board issued 237 new licenses during the quarter, a 4-percent decrease. At the end of the quarter, there were 14,904 active licenses in the state, a 0.6-percent decline.



January to March 2014	
Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	16,214
New Licenses Issued	237
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(321)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	63
Licenses (End of Quarter)	16,193

Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

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

Ex-contractor pleads guilty in Washoe Co.

An individual previously one of the Nevada State Contractors Board's 'Most Wanted' has pleaded guilty to diversion of funds, a gross misdemeanor, in the Second Judicial District Court located in the County of Washoe.

Steve Charles Yon received a suspended one-year jail sentence and was placed on probation for 36 months. Yon was ordered to pay the victim \$9,745 in restitution and \$400 in administrative fees and reimbursement to the county Public Defender's office.

The Board revoked Yon's contractor license in March 2009. His company, Alpine Fence, was paid \$9,745 for a fencing project that he never completed. Yon fled to the Sacramento, Calif. area and was living with a relative. NSCB worked with the California State License Board and local law enforcement, which placed the relative's home under surveillance. Yon was observed in the garage and was taken into custody.

He was then extradited back to Nevada.

QUARTER SNAPSHOT

Opened Complaints: 371

124 Workmanship; 68 Money Owing; 179 Industry Regulation

Closed Complaints: 381

152 single-family residences; 7 multi-family residences; 14 public works projects; and 56 commercial projects

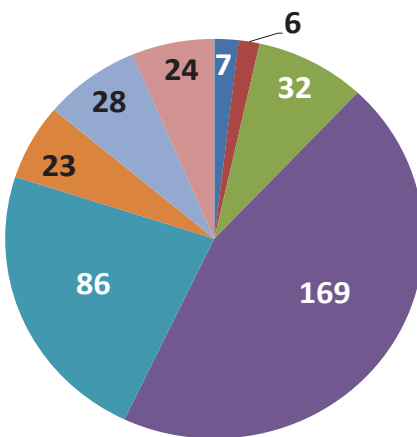
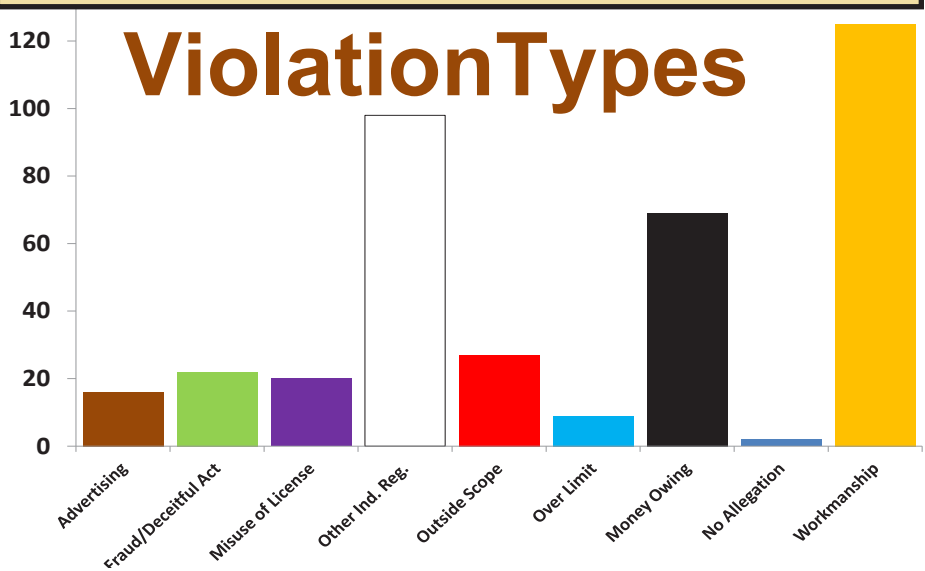
Pending cases: 258; 13 over 90 days

Administrative citations issued: 75

\$64,950 in Fines; \$23,364 in Investigative Costs

Cases Referred for Disciplinary Hearing: 33

11 Licenses revoked;; \$36,800 in Fines; \$46,692 in Investigative Costs

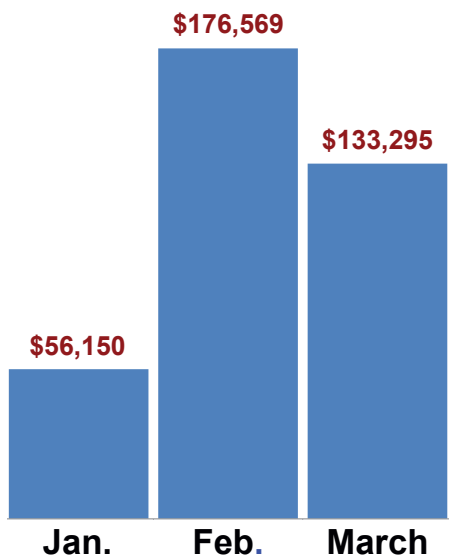


Sources of Complaints Filed

- Anonymous
- Building Dept.
- Contractor
- Homeowner
- NSCB
- Other Agency
- Subcontractor
- Vendor

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.



More than \$365,000 in project costs were lost to unlicensed contractors in Nevada between January and March 2014.

Report unlicensed activity with NSCB's new mobile app

A new mobile application developed by the Nevada State Contractors Board makes verifying license information easier. The application, compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android, is available as a free download.

To download the free application, visit the Contractors Board website at nscb.nv.gov and look for the cell phone icon on the home page.

For Apple downloads, you also can 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.imd.nscb>.



FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
Complaints		Complaints		Complaints	
Jul	93	Jul	128	Jul	107
Aug	138	Aug	114	Aug	89
Sep	80	Sep	81	Sep	89
1st Qtr:	311	1st Qtr:	323	1st Qtr:	285
Oct	105	Oct	106	Oct	92
Nov	60	Nov	64	Nov	101
Dec	73	Dec	57	Dec	55
2nd Qtr:	238	2nd Qtr:	227	2nd Qtr:	248
Jan	73	Jan	107	Jan	111
Feb	107	Feb	104	Feb	121
Mar	107	Mar	83	Mar	121
3rd Qtr:	287	3rd Qtr:	294	3rd Qtr:	353
Apr	136	Apr	117	Apr	
May	119	May	114	May	
Jun	148	Jun	119	Jun	
4th Qtr:	403	4th Qtr:	350	4th Qtr:	0

12 cited in latest NSCB sting

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators cited 12 unlicensed contractors during a sting operation in Las Vegas on February 25. Seven suspects were cited for allegedly engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 624.700. Five were charged with allegedly advertising without a contractor's license (NRS 624.720).

Board investigators identified potential unlicensed contractors through Craigslist postings, bulletin board flyers, home show participation and other means. Acting as property owners, the investigators contacted unlicensed contractors and invited them to visit the sting location to discuss tiling, drywall, electrical and other work. According to Nevada law, anyone performing repair and maintenance projects must possess the proper licensure if it involves electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, heating, or refrigeration work, the job requires a building permit, or if the cost of the project – labor and materials included – totals \$1,000 or more.

“Sting operations serve to identify illegal activity and encourage unlicensed contractors to obtain a contractor's license. More importantly, it is one of our most effective tools in reducing future risk to homeowners,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “Homeowners often don't realize the financial protections they lose when hiring unlicensed contractors. They are no longer eligible for reimbursement from the Residential Recovery Fund nor are they able to receive assistance from the Board to get workmanship issues corrected.”

Cited for contracting without a license:

Bradley Kallsen
Kelly Vickers
Frank Lowenthal
Francisco H. Rico-Murillo
Antonio Carl Montes
Graham Watson
Luis Manuel Casais-Najera

Cited for conducting unlawful advertising:

Sergio Rubio
Kenneth Davis
Sergio Samano
Jossef Behor
Francisco Igna Merlos-Barajas

The Board's criminal investigators conduct stings to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Cases against unlicensed contractors are referred to the local district attorney's office for prosecution. A first offense is punishable by a misdemeanor, second offense is a gross misdemeanor, and third offense is a class-E felony.

The Board encourages anyone who suspects unlicensed contracting activities to report it to the NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838. If available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, business address, project location, phone number and vehicle make, model, color and license plate number. When contracting for home repair and maintenance projects, always verify the contractor's license number on NSCB's website at www.nscb.nv.gov.

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Help educate the public. Place our new bumper stickers on your work vehicles today!

Training seminar set for June 25

Experts to discuss finance, marketing, green building, OSHA, ADA and more

Save the date for The Nevada State Contractors Board's second annual FREE educational seminar Wednesday, June 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Licensed contractors, those interested in becoming a contractor and anyone involved in the industry are invited to attend, but space is limited.

The seminar will be held concurrently in both Reno and Las Vegas:

- Northern Nevada (Reno) Seminar: Associated General Contractors, Nevada Chapter
5400 Mill Street, Reno, NV 89502

- Southern Nevada (Las Vegas) Seminar: Clark County Building Department
4701 West Russell Road, Las Vegas, NV 89118

Responding to feedback received from attendees at the 2013 seminar, this year's event has been expanded by three hours to allow time for more indepth exploration of some topics and to provide ample time for question-and-answer periods.

The tentative schedule includes presenters on topics such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, social media marketing, construction accounting, green and sus-



Attorney Paul Georgeson discusses liens and contracts at the 2013 event in Reno. Contractor Training Day in Reno and Las Vegas will include presentations from experts on construction marketing and finance, ADA, OSHA and green construction, among others.

tainable building and the fight against unlicensed contractors.

Some of the session experts/discussion leaders have been identified already, but the Board is seeking speakers for others.

If you feel qualified to present or know someone who might be interested, please contact Scott Smith at 702-486-1165 or ssmith@nscb.state.nv.us.

Include the topic you're interested in presenting and which venue you will be attend-

ing.

Sessions range from 50 to 80 minutes, including the question-and-answer period.

While the seminar will be free, NSCB will collect a fee for a boxed lunch, as the presentations will continue through the noon hour.

Once the speakers have been engaged and the scheduled finalized, the Board will issue an Industry Bulletin to invite reservations and payment for lunch.

NEW REGULATION ON LEAD:








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YOU NEED:

-  To be trained and certified as a renovator
-  To use lead-safe work practices
-  To keep required records
-  To make required disclosures
-  To know that there is a potential \$37,500 penalty per violation

Why is it important?



LEAD DUST HURTS KIDS!

Repair or remodeling projects which disturb lead paint can produce enough lead dust to evenly cover this card. That amount will poison a 1,500 sq. ft. house or apartment, and will fail inspection.

For information: <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/rrpfactsheet2008.htm>

Or call: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
(415) 947-4164

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 Nevada's homeowners make informed decisions will benefit all legitimate contractors in the state.



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

Board disciplines contractors

Imtiaz Ahmed, dba Lobo Roofing, license number 70178 (roofing) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the safety or labor laws of the state, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$700 and ordered to pay investigative costs within 90 days or the license will be suspended.

D N Roofing, Inc., license number 57056 (roofing), based out of Carson City, 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 and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,600, ordered to pay investigative costs, make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

Arrow Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal, LLC, dba Aire Serv of Las Vegas, license number 53066 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the building laws of the state. The licensee was fined \$1,000, ordered to pay investigative costs and pay restitution to the homeowner in the amount of \$500 within 30 days or the license will be suspended. The license limit was reduced to \$200,000 and the indemnitor on the license removed.

Rise & Run, Inc., license number 46724 (carpentry), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and restitution in the amount of \$13,500 to the homeowner. The licensee must provide the Board a current financial statement supporting the license limit within 30 days. If the

financial statement fails to support the current monetary limit, the license limit will be reduced to the amount the financial statement supports. The license will be subject to suspension if fines, costs and restitution are not paid in the time permitted by the Hearing Officer.

Charles Owen Clark, license number 71989 (finish carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the building laws of the state and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,850, ordered to pay investigative costs, make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

C. M. C. Mechanical, Inc., license number 73802 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting on a suspended or revoked license, failure to comply with a written request by the Board, failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$2,100, ordered to pay investigative costs, make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

Energypros Com, Inc., license numbers 61315 (carpentry), 77929 (electrical contracting) and 78178 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for advertising projects of construction beyond the scope of the license, failure to respond

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to a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$850, ordered to pay investigative costs, make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

Spring Mountain Construction, Inc., license number 49520 (residential & small commercial) and **Preferred Construction LLC**, license number 78203 (residential & small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, 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 failure to disclose information on all persons who furnished material to be used in the project. License 78203 is subject to suspension if fines of \$300 and investigative costs are not paid within 30 days of the hearing.

Budget Flooring, license numbers 52558 (finish carpentry), 52559 (tiling) and 52560 (finishing floors), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship. The licensee was fined \$250, assessed investigative costs and ordered to provide restitution to the homeowner within 30 days of the hearing or the licenses will be suspended.

M. R. I. Solar, LLC, license number 76875 (water heating), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for misuse of a license, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, and bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license. The licensee was fined \$2,250 and assessed investigative costs to be paid within 60 days or the license will be suspended.

Faith Vision, Inc., dba Vision Landscape, license number 74087 (landscape con-

tracting) and **Faith Vision, Inc., dba Vision Builders**, license number 74754 (residential & small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for misrepresentation or omission of a material fact to obtain a 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 \$2,600 and ordered to pay investigative costs within 90 days. The monetary limit was reduced to \$110,000 for license number 74087 and reduced to \$200,000 for license number 74754. Licensee must provide a current financial statement with bank verification to the Board. License 74087 remained suspended. Failure to pass the trade and law exams for license number 74087 shall result in revocation of the license.

Water Resources, license number 69866 (install equipment to treat water), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, acting as a contractor without possessing other required licensure in this state, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, willful disregard of the building laws of the state, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$4,250, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

ABC Road Builders, license number 75110 (sealing & striping of asphaltic surfaces and paving streets, driveways and parking lots), based out of West Jordan, Utah, was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a

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contract or proposal, willful disregard of state industrial insurance laws, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person by allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$3,250, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Finish Pros Carpentry, LLC, license number 76270 (carpentry), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of state industrial insurance laws and failure to comply with a written citation within the time-frame permitted for compliance. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Sun Leisure, Inc., license number 53693 (pools & spas of fiberglass and maintenance & repair of pools & spas), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license, misuse of a license, failure to furnish an unconditional lien release to the owner upon payment for any portion of the work performed, failure to ensure the deposit on the contract did not exceed \$1,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less and failure of the general contractor to provide required notice and information to the owner, including the estimated date of completion and language concerning change orders. The licensee was fined \$2,050 and ordered to pay investigative costs within 90 days or the license will be suspended.

Cheney Construction, license number 40475 (residential and small commercial), based out of Washoe Valley, Nev., was found in violation for failure to take appropriate corrective action and failure to establish financial responsibility.

The license was suspended and the licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs and restitution to damaged parties in the amount of \$30,500 or the license will be revoked.

Silver State Steel Group, Inc., dba Silver State Ornamental Iron, license number 54299 (structural steel; ornamental metal; metal doors & windows; prefabricated steel structures; awnings & louvers), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked.

One Management of Nevada, Inc., dba One Energy of Nevada, license number 78074 (solar contracting), based out of Tempe, Ariz., was found in violation for engaging in the business and submitting a bid on a job situated in this state without a license, failure to provide the Residential Recovery Fund information and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$550 and assessed investigative costs to be paid within 30 days or the license will be suspended.

Artisan Contractors, license number 75588 (general building), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the building laws of this state, failure to provide the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. The licensee was fined \$1,500, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to provide a current CPA-prepared financial statement.

Southwest Roofing Company, license number 64952 (roofing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate correc-

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tive action and failure to respond to and comply with a written request of from the Board. The license was suspended. The licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs, ordered to pay \$13,000 restitution to damaged parties and submit a current CPA-prepared financial statement to the Board within six months or the license will be revoked.

Marathon Resources, Inc., dba Gordon Construction Co., license number 59702 (residential and small commercial), based out of Scottsdale, Ariz., was found in violation for misuse of a license, failure to include the name and license number in an advertisement, failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for compliance, failure to obtain a one-time raise in limit, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was placed on probation. The licensee was fined \$1,850, assessed investigative costs and ordered to provide a current CPA-prepared financial statement and other documentation to the Board.

Springer Construction & Remodeling, license number 60170 (awnings and louvers), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,100, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Redco Construction, Inc., license number 14900A (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for compliance and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,250, assessed investigative costs and ordered

Three “Most Wanted” surrender, await trial

Enforcement investigators added three individuals to the Board’s Most Wanted list during the quarter. In February, consumers throughout northern Nevada and California were alerted to be on the lookout for Dror Gal and Joshua Kanan affiliated with Advanced Green Builders, Inc., after warrants for their arrest were issued containing six charges involving felony diversion of construction funds and felony theft.

A month later, Graciela Banuelos-Gonzalez was added to the Most Wanted list after four warrants were issued by the Las Vegas Justice Court totaling more than \$138,000. Banuelos-Gonzalez was operating under a revoked license in which she would bid a job and only partially complete the work or take the money and abandon the project all together.

Thanks to the Board’s quick efforts to notify the public, all three individuals turned themselves in to local law enforcement and are currently awaiting trial.

to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Mercury Steel & Placing, Inc., license number 64991 (steel reinforcing and erection), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$2,500, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

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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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

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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/7jdvmrr>
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

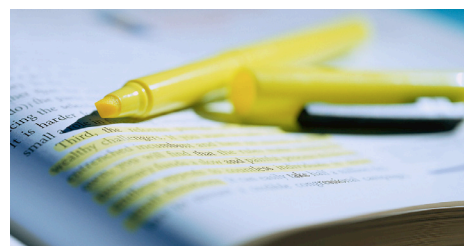
Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding



Western Nevada College

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

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2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074
(702) 486-1100
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