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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD RECEIVES NATIONAL INNOVATION IN REGULATION AWARD

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board is the proud recipient of the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies’ 2014 Innovation in Regulation Award. The award highlights the Board’s efforts in 2012 to partner with The Home Depot and local building departments to create and launch PermitsUSA, a kiosk system placed in Home Depot stores allowing contractors and consumers to purchase building permits from multiple jurisdictions at one time. The award also recognizes the Board’s development of a mobile application designed to provide the public with immediate and direct access to contractor license information and filing complaints.

“We are honored to receive this award and have our efforts to assist contractors and consumers recognized on a national scale,” commented NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “These accomplishments were made possible because of the dedication and collaboration from representatives of The Home Depot, building department staff, and Board staff. We thank you for your time and commitment to enhance services for Nevadans across the state.”

PermitsUSA is the product of a unique public-private partnership created to encourage the purchasing of select building permits while enhancing the process and convenience for users to do so. PermitsUSA links to building jurisdictions’ systems, allowing users to interface directly with the various building departments through the in-store kiosk display.

Between September 2012 and June 2013, a total of 644 building permits were pulled using PermitsUSA in Nevada-based Home Depot stores, generating a total of \$42,850 among the four participating jurisdictions. The Home Depot is expanding PermitsUSA to Oregon and Florida this year, among others, and hopes to include options for additional permit purchases, license renewal, a

national licensed contractor database, a national permits database, property data, and improved compliance among its participating jurisdictions in the future.

NSCB's mobile application launched in 2014, making it one of only two states nationally to lead the initiative. Today's consumers and contractors are constantly on the go and in need of a resource that accommodates this mobile lifestyle. NSCB created the free mobile application, which is available for Android and iPhone users, as a solution that offers immediate and direct access to look up a contractor's license and report unlicensed contracting activities. The ability for contractors to submit unlicensed contractor complaints electronically from their phone while out in the field allows NSCB investigators to respond more expeditiously in real time to identify and cite the alleged suspects.

The Innovation in Regulation Award recognizes innovation, creativity, and excellence in regulation of contracting/construction industries, and was presented to the Board at the 52nd Annual NASCLA Conference. Executive Officer Grein, who currently serves as Resources Committee Chair and member of the Executive Committee, was elected to Treasurer at the conference. Her two-year term takes effect Aug. 28.

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MEDIA NOTE - .jpg of Executive Officer Margi Grein receiving the NASCLA Innovation in Regulation Award attached for media use only. Pictured with her is NASCLA President George Whalen.

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