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\$140K In Construction Education Grants Awarded

On Feb. 26, 2008, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to four Nevada organizations totaling \$140,034.04 for use in furthering their educational services.

Truckee Meadows Community College received \$7,582 to fund its Construction Management Program. Funds will be used to purchase an integral CAD and estimating software program that is becoming a standard in the residential and commercial design community.

Associated Builders and Contractors – Sierra Nevada Chapter received \$28,825 for its Career in Education program and \$16,627.04 for its Construction Workforce Recruitment program. Career in Education will provide hands-on training for high schools to develop necessary tools needed to make informed decisions and understand the benefits of having a career in the construction trades. The Construction Workforce Recruitment program will assist in the promotion of the trades and recruitment for statewide apprenticeship programs, and also help to dispel stereotypes of the construction industry and its workforce.

Western Apprenticeship Coordinators Association received \$30,000 for the high school recruitment, marketing and follow-up effort for the 14 building trades' 39 individual apprenticeship programs in 13 rural and urban Northern Nevada counties.

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Associated Builders and Contractors – Las Vegas Chapter received \$57,000 to present more than 42 safety and craft-training classes to more than 400 workers employed by Southern Nevada's construction industry.

The Construction Education Commission was created by the Nevada Legislature in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled workforce. It 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.

The commission is totally funded through voluntary contributions and fines levied through the State Contractors Board disciplinary process. A goal of the program is to increase awareness that a career in the construction trade is a viable profession that offers competitive salaries and high job satisfaction.

Grant applications are available on the Nevada State Contractors Board website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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