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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



The 2013 Legislative Session is finally behind us and we are already underway working on new initiatives to enhance the operations and efficiency of the Board.

One area of focus for the Board is to make it easier for current and prospective licensed contrac-

tors to interact with the Board and comply with its regulations, and for the Board to interact with its sister agencies across the state. One such initiative requires the Board to make all forms and applications available on its website for electronic submission to the agency by June 30, 2015.

While the compressed timeframe will present a challenge for NSCB staff, it is for the overall benefit of our customers. We are committed to overcoming the logistical hurdles and meeting the deadline in order to take advantage of the customer service benefits technology offers.

We already have begun discussing and evaluating ways to design and implement the program and to integrate it into our overall communications and outreach strategies. Automation will occupy a prominent position in NSCB's progress toward more streamlined and more frequent open communication with executive agencies, the media, homeowners and contractors throughout the state.

The Board recently approved its FY 2013-14 Strategic Plan, which outlines 18 objectives across each department of the Board to be pursued in the coming months. In addition to the technological advances, our Licensing and IT Departments will be exploring ways to create a search-

able/sortable database of licensed contractors by classification, as we know this is of great interest to the industry and consumers alike.

Our Investigative Department will be analyzing opportunities for licensees to complete specific training courses in lieu of paying monetary fines for violations. The goal is further promote education and awareness among our licensees in an effort to deter future offenses and repeat violations.

Consumer education and outreach efforts will remain in full swing as we begin to look at ways to expand our collateral pieces to include more focused areas of education. A new initiative being developed is a mobile application designed to streamline the ability of the public to look up a contractor's license, as well as report unlicensed contractors. We hope to launch this application in the coming months and will provide more information as it becomes available.

Lastly, partnering continues to be a significant priority of the Board. We hope this next year to expand our opportunities and relationships with city and county building departments and further engage elected officials in Board programs and issues of importance to us.

One program we will be initiating that concerns the industry will be an Industry Outreach Program. The program is designed to partner with both construction and non-construction industry groups to better understand and respond to their respective needs, educate them on the Board's goals, and ultimately help one another get out important messages to the public at large.

I hope you enjoy this quarter's issue of *Horizons*. We continue to strive toward making this a publication of value and interest to you. There's a lot of great information and more to come, so stay tuned!

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

With the beginning of fiscal year 2013-14 upon us, the Nevada State Contractors Board has finalized its Strategic Plan for 2013-14. Much of the coming year's emphasis will be on expanding the outreach, education and customer service successes we enjoyed over the previous 12 months.



ening connections with contractors, complementary agencies and other industry partners. Our first Contractors Training Day, held concurrently in Las Vegas and Reno on June 27, was well received and a successful event. More than 80 contractors listened as local experts delivered hour-long presentations focused on enhancing marketing and social media strategies, information relative to building codes, NSCB investigative efforts, unlicensed contracting prevention, and liens and contracts. Based on the immediate response and interest from the contracting community, we anticipate conducting similar sessions at least annually.

Looking forward, we will continue to place focus on pursuing unlicensed contractors. Our newest tool will be a mobile application to make it easier for legitimate contractors and members of the public to report unlicensed activity. The new app, set to launch later this year, will allow witnesses to submit the location the suspicious activity is occurring, descriptions of the suspects and their vehicles, including license plate numbers, company name and contact numbers displayed.

The app, which will be functional on Android and Apple phones and tablets, also will include the Board's easy-to-navigate, web-based search function to determine the validity of a contractor's license and access disciplinary actions taken against the company.

We've got an ambitious agenda ahead of us for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and we look forward to reporting on our progress in future issues.

Other strategies will focus on streamlining our internal operations and external communications to better serve homeowners, contractors, and state agency partners.

Board members and staff have spent the last several weeks digesting how the Legislature's actions will influence public safety, the industry, and the Board. Our legislative efforts this session consisted mainly of attempts to block or amend bills that we deemed detrimental to the public's health, safety, and welfare. The Board registered strong opposition to Assembly Bill 334, which exempts real estate salespersons and brokers from certain construction laws, essentially allowing them to act as general contractors.

Through the Board's and industry's efforts, the new law will better protect homeowners by requiring the repair work be performed by licensed contractors, be under \$10,000 dollars within a six month timeframe, and be performed only on residential property.

On the communications and outreach front, we have already begun establishing and strength-

Margi Grein

Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Division is responsible for assisting individuals interested in obtaining a Nevada contractor's license, as well as processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met.

New applications for contractors' licenses increased by more than 6 percent in Fiscal Year 2012-13, while non-renewals of active licenses dropped by 10 percent. Both numbers indicate a strengthening of the construction economy in Nevada.

The trendline for new applications has been positive for the past 10 months.

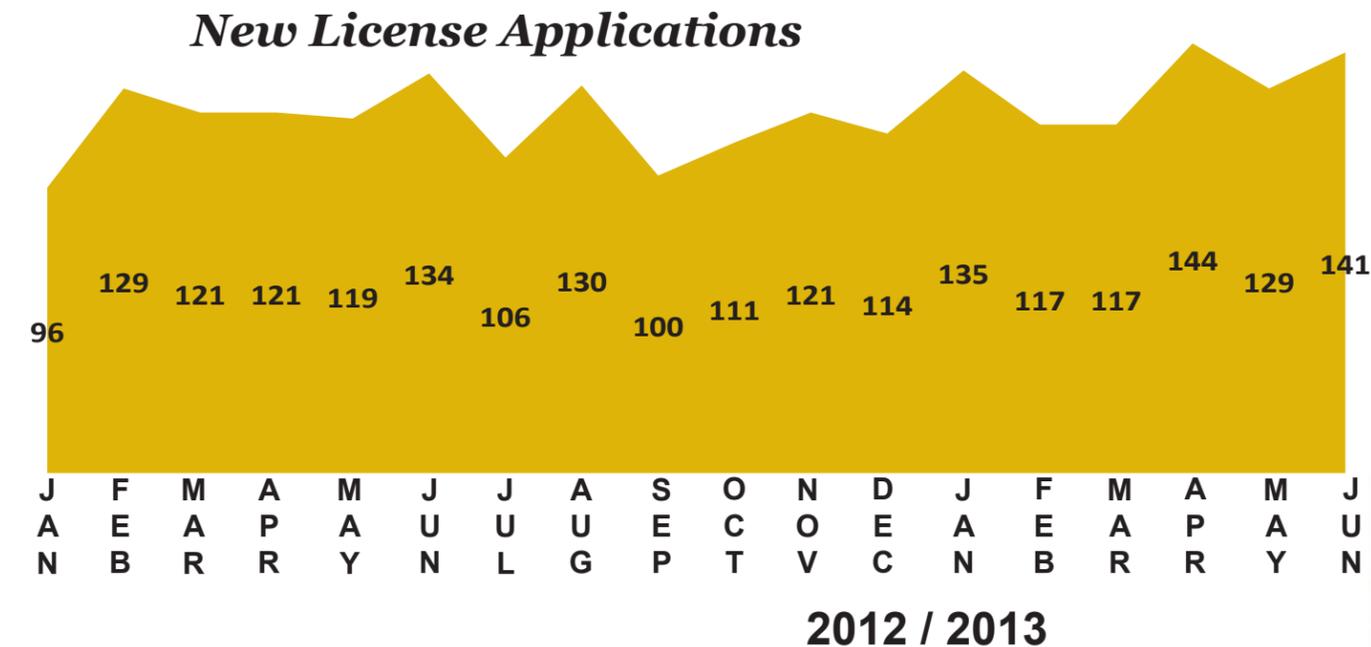
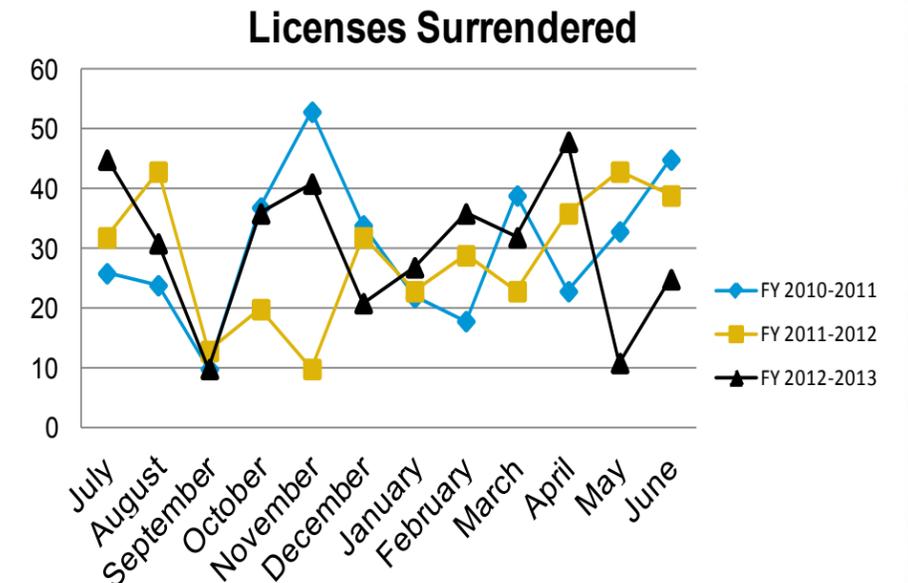
Contractors renewing their licenses after July 1 will see a reduction in their assessment for the Residential Recovery Fund.

In other licensing news, the

Board has launched a new CMS exam for determining license applicants' proficiency in applying the state's business and management laws.

Look for the Board's new mobile application for contrac-

tor license searches and reporting of unlicensed contracting! Although still in the beginning stages, the licensing and information technology departments hope to launch the new application before the end of the year.



Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

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

In compliance, not in trouble

Licenseses can avoid regulatory headaches by following the law:

- Prominently display your license number and monetary limit on all bids, contracts and marketing material, including trade show displays, service vehicles, business cards, letterhead and websites.

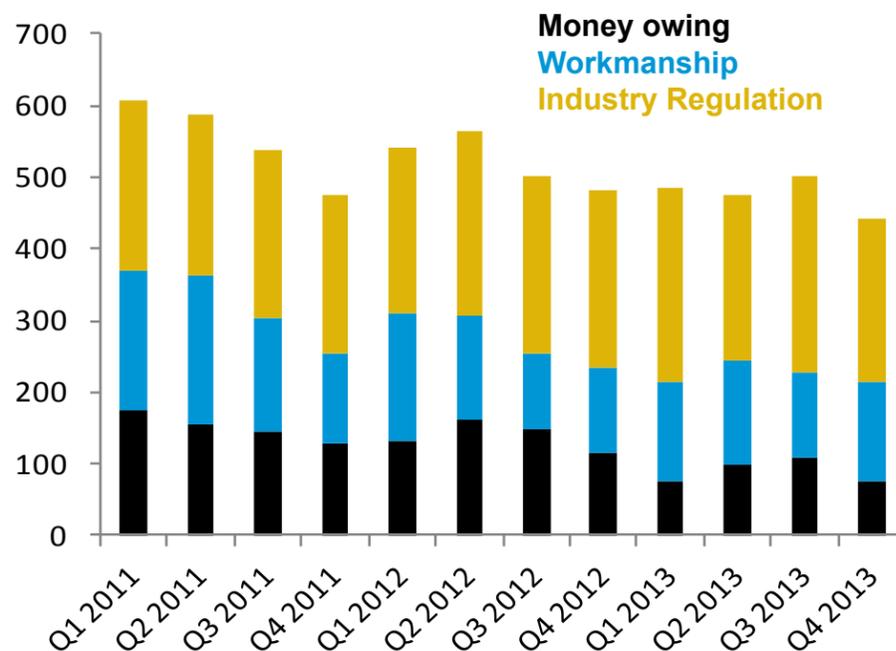
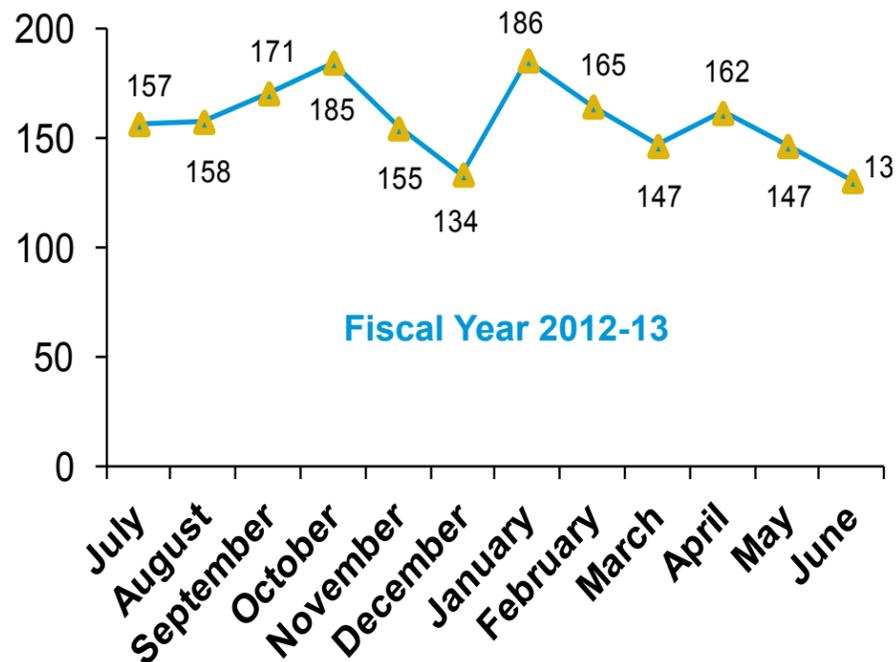
- If your address, qualifying person or other relevant information changes, notify the Board in writing within the statutory timeframe.

- Including the relevant Residential Recovery Fund language on all residential contracts.

- Never advertise, bid or contract for work outside the scope or monetary limit of your license. When hiring subcontractors, always check that their licenses are active and valid for the work they are to perform.

- Don't forget to renew your license online. You also can find instructions on expanding the license's scope or limit, changing a business address or a qualified person and more at www.nvcontractorsboard.com/contractor_apps.htm.

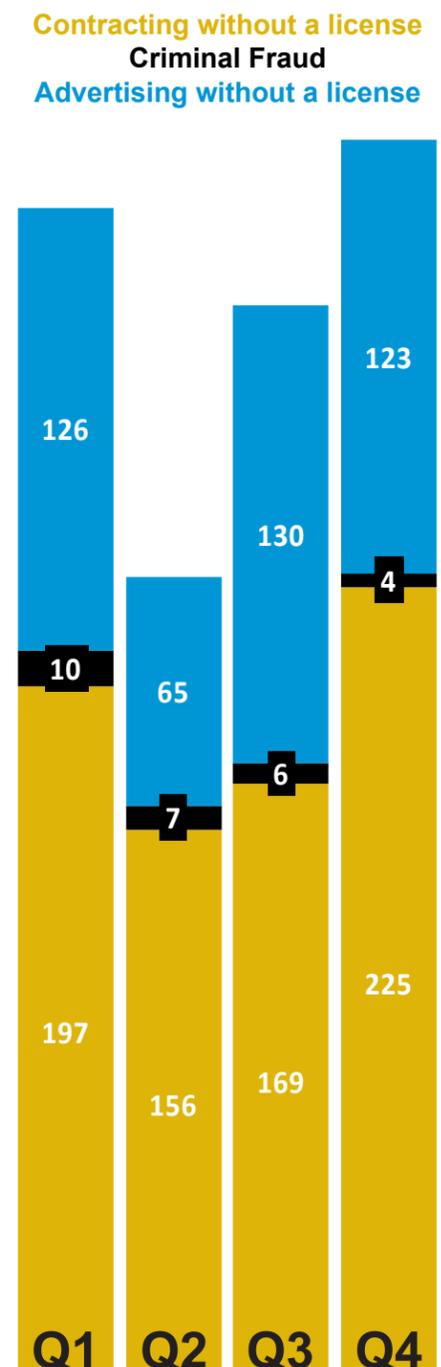
Compliance Complaints



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.

Criminal Complaints Fiscal Year 2012-13



Unlicensed contractors sentenced for felonies

A three-year Nevada State Contractors Board investigation has culminated in a prison term of 19 to 48 months for unlicensed contractor Francisco Orozco.

The Board investigated 13 separate complaints against Orozco and filed six felony charges of contracting without a license. Orozco was known to use 13 different aliases and various business names during his "career."

Orozco pleaded guilty and was remanded to Nevada State Prison to begin his term. He also was also ordered to pay \$4,150 in restitution to his victims.

James Gregg, a "traveler" charged with scamming three older Reno women, pled guilty in Washoe District Court to one felony count of obtaining money by false pretense and was sentenced to more than three years in prison. The original sentence of 19 to 48 months was doubled to up to eight years under Nevada's "elderly enhancement" law because of the age of the victim.

Gregg was ordered to pay



FRANCISCO OROZCO

\$4,350 in restitution to the three victims, as well as investigative costs to the Nevada State Contractors Board and the cost of his extradition from Arizona.

Travelers generally are organized groups of home repair con artists who move from town to town scamming consumers. They typically knock on a business or homeowner's door and offer to perform work with materials they claim are left over from another job. After a deal is struck the travelers perform substandard, useless, or sometimes destructive work. They quickly move on, often before the homeowners even realize they have been defrauded.



Jackie Shelton of JAX Marketing kicked off the Reno seminar with a discussion of traditional and social marketing tools contractors can use to increase business.

Nearly 100 attend NSCB training day

More than 85 of the state's leading contractors attended an intensive half-day training session hosted by the Nevada State Contractors Board on June 27 in Reno and Las Vegas. The free Contractor Training Day brought together experts in various fields to help contractors improve their businesses.

After meeting with members and staff of the Contractors Board, the attendees settled in for four one-hour training sessions.

For the first hour, Jackie Shelton of JAX marketing in Reno and Carl Sanders of Mass Media in Las Vegas discussed how contractors can incorporate social media into their

marketing plans.

Next, building officials Ron Lynn of Clark County and Don Jeppson of Washoe County led lively discussions of the regions' local amendments to the International Building Code, International Residential Code and other adopted guidelines.

NSCB attorneys then presented the Board's efforts against unlawful contracting activities – by both licensed and unlicensed contractors. Louis Ling delivered the information to the Reno audience, while David Brown led the discussion in Las Vegas. He was joined by Bart Pace of the Clark County District Attorney's office in discussing the prosecu-

tion of unlicensed contractors.

The final session centered on lien laws and construction contracts. Paul Georgeson in Reno and Richard Peel in Las Vegas guided contractors through the timing and procedures for filing notifications and lien actions.

All speakers made use of multimedia, and all were well received. The one-hour time limit per session left many attendees desiring more, and the Board may alter the format for future seminars to allow for more in-depth information.

"The Board is pleased to offer seminars to help Nevada's

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contractors rebound from the tough economy and position themselves to prosper during the recovery," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We had a great turnout for our first event, which encourages us to offer similar opportunities in the future."

Seminar topics, gleaned from extensive contractor surveys, were designed to provide a spectrum of information construction managers cannot easily obtain elsewhere in a one-stop location, Grein said. She said this information forms the basis contractors need to build their businesses in the new competitive atmosphere in which property values increase and investment capital becomes available.

"The training sessions give contractors an opportunity to step away from the day-to-day concerns of scheduling, payroll, etc. to consider some of the 'big picture' issues that can make the difference in a profitable future," Grein said.

Hosting the seminars also fits seamlessly into the Board's

2nd area code, 10-digit dialing for Clark Co.

Soon contractors and homeowners will have to dial a few more digits to reach the Nevada State Contractors Board's Henderson office. With southern Nevada's growth comes the addition of a second area code. As the new 725 code is phased in beginning August 3, anyone dialing a number in southern



Southern Nevada contractors filled the training room at the Clark County Building Department to hear experts present information on a variety of topics to improve their businesses.

mission and industry outreach goals.

The Board is committed to protecting the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. It is responsible for promoting quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory system designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public. By educating the building community on ways they can remain compliant with state laws, protect and increase their businesses, the Board improves the quality and quantity of Nevada's licensed

contractors.

Based on feedback received from speakers and attendees, future Board training seminars may include sessions on business plans, OSHA regulations lead and asbestos abatement, customer service, sustainable construction, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and more.

Future sessions likely would include more time for each presentation, either by extending the time beyond a half-day or by including fewer and more related topics.

Nevada – even local callers – is encouraged to dial the area code along with the telephone number. The 10-digit procedure will become mandatory on May 3, 2014; calls without the area code will not be completed.

The change is necessary because Clark County has out-

paced the number of telephone numbers available in the 702 area code. Beginning June 3, 2014, new phone service may be assigned numbers with the 725 code.

According to CenturyLink, existing phone numbers, including their area codes, will not change.

Hernandez newest Board member



JOE HERNANDEZ

Governor Brian Sandoval has announced the appoint-

ment of Jose "Joe" Hernandez to the Nevada State Contractors Board effective April 22, 2013 through October 31, 2015. Hernandez will serve as the public member of the Board. The Board is comprised of seven members, six licensed contractors and one representative of the public.

"The Contractors Board wishes to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Hernandez who will be representing the interests of the general public," expressed Margi A. Grein, NSCB executive officer. "Mr. Hernandez's expertise within the insurance industry will be a unique skill set to add to the Board's membership. We look forward

to his contributions and insights on Board matters."

Hernandez is principal and partner of Branch-Hernandez & Associates, Inc. Insurance Services,. He has over 39 years of experience as a licensed property and casualty insurance broker and 29 years of agency management experience.

He served as chairman of the Independent Agents and Brokers of America's Diversity Task Force, past chairman of the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents Association, and vice chairman of the Latin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Nevada Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors.

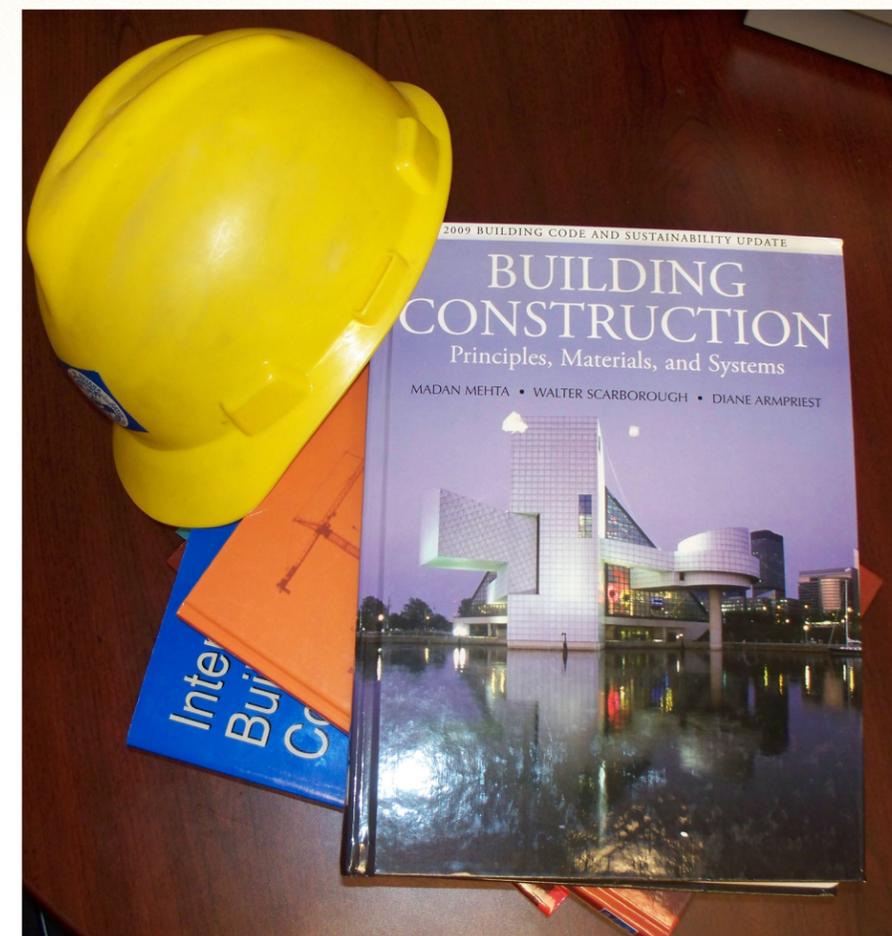
Commission members reappointed

Governor Brian Sandoval has reappointed five members of the Nevada State Contractors Board's Commission on Construction Education to three-year terms. The tenures for Jennifer Lewis, Dale Lowery, Shawn Danoski, David McElwain and Edward Horan will run through June 2016. Sandoval thanked the commissioners for their continued service in letters dated July 1.

The commissioners are responsible for distributing and overseeing grant funds to approved organizations, including high schools, with the goal of teaching students and young professionals construction skills and career opportunities in the construction industry. Grant recipients include community colleges, technical high schools and construction career seminar providers.

Lewis is vice president of Lewis Operating Corp., a privately held real estate development company. She was originally appointed to the commission by Gov. Kenny Guinn in 2007. She is past president of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association.

Lowery is owner of Reno's D & D Plumbing. He is active in the Nevada chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors and a board member of Reno's Academy for Career Education (ACE High School). He was originally appointed by



Gov. Guinn in 2007.

Danoski is a principal with Danoski Clutts Building Group in Las Vegas, where he is in charge of strategic planning. He was originally appointed to the commission in 2010.

McElwain is the coordinator of career and technical education for the Clark County School District.

Horan is a co-founder of ACE High School, and has taught construction for nearly three decades. He is active in Skills USA—a working partnership of students, educators and

the construction industry.

The Commission on Construction Education is funded through voluntary contributions and fines the State Contractors Board levies in disciplinary actions against licensed contractors. The 2001 session of the Nevada State Legislature established the commission to encourage programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled work force.

Grant applications are available on the Board's website at: www.nscb.nv.gov.



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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

Recovery Fund disburses \$275,000

The Nevada State Contractors Board's Residential Recovery Fund has awarded homeowners nearly \$275,000 from January 1 to May 30, 2013. More than \$200,000 – over 72 percent of the cumulative total – was awarded as a result of work contracted with a single contractor, Additions N More.

The Board revoked Additions N More's licenses at a disciplinary hearing on April 17, citing the company for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to establish financial responsibility and other charges.

At hearings held April 17 and May 22, the Residential Recovery Fund Subcommittee substantiated the claims of 18 homeowners against licensed Nevada contractors, including 11 against Additions N

More. Monetary awards from the fund ranged from \$350 to \$35,000 – the maximum single claim amount allowed by law.

The Recovery Fund was established by the Nevada State Legislature in 1999.

"Its purpose is to offer homeowners additional protections when they contract with licensed Nevada contractors," explained Margi A. Grein, NSCB Executive Officer. "It's always a good feeling when the Board can provide homeowners financial recourse when they are harmed financially by contractors performing home repair or renovation projects."

The fund is available to Nevada owner-occupants of single-family residences who conduct business with licensed contractors for the performance of any construction, remodeling, repair or improve-

ment. Once a homeowner files a claim, the Board investigates the claimant's eligibility and the validity of the claim. To be considered for the Fund, the complaint must be filed with NSCB within four years of the work's completion.

Contractors are required by law (NRS 624.400 – 624.560) to provide Residential Recovery Fund information to homeowners when they establish contractual relationships for a project.

A single claim cannot exceed \$35,000 and claims against a single contractor cannot exceed \$400,000. Additional information regarding the Residential Recovery Fund and other services provided by NSCB may be obtained by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

Sting nets 11 unlicensed contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board issued 11 citations to unlicensed contractors during a sting operation in Las Vegas on July 30. Five suspects were cited for allegedly engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.722. Six were charged with advertising without a contractor's license (NRS 624.720).

The sting invited unlicensed contractors to perform floor tile installation, drywall and electrical work. Bids submitted ranged from \$1,898.75 to \$4,140 – all well in excess of the \$1,000 threshold set by law.

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 welfare of Nevada's property and business owners. Cited for contracting without a license were Nathan Mulligan, Las Vegas; Robert Hoomalu, Henderson; Daniel Contreras, North Las Vegas; Mori Hannemann, Las Vegas; and Joseph Olszewski, Las Vegas.

Cited for advertising without a license were John McCarthy, Las Vegas; Steven Samson, Las Vegas; Martin Corneli, Las Vegas; Anthony Love, Henderson; Pedro Soto, North Las Vegas; and James Tibbetts, Wissasset, ME.

The Board encourages Nevadans to report unlicensed contracting activities to the NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1100 or (775) 850-7838.

"10 Most Wanted" person arrested

Investigators with the California State License Board and Madera County, Calif. deputies arrested one of Nevada's "10 Most Wanted" unlicensed contractors in a sting operation in April. CSLB enforcement officers cited Michael Scaggs, 57, of Squaw Valley, Calif. on charges of contracting without a license and illegal advertising. He was instructed to contact Nevada authorities to answer to charges here and was issued a notice to appear in court to answer the misdemeanor charges and a felony count of committing unlawful acts or omissions.

Scaggs, who had occupied a spot on Nevada's Most Wanted list since 2009, was apprehended after he and a partner arrived at the sting location in Coarsegold, Calif., near Yosemite National Park, to bid on ceramic tile work.

Scaggs was driving on a suspended license, and his vehicle was towed.

Scaggs and the others swept up in the sting were targeted via home-made advertisements and business cards posted on bulletin boards.



MICHAEL SCAGGS

Scaggs landed on the Nevada list after the Justice Court of Lake Township issued two warrants for his arrest in March 2009. Scaggs was allegedly paid by a homeowner to install carpet and flooring and failed to completely pay for all the materials.

The persons listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted and/or arrested in sting operations have not been convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

Nevada Homeowners who use the services of an unli-

censed contractor are not eligible for recovery of their damages through the Residential Recovery Fund.

Licensed contractors are encouraged to inform their customers that the Board is limited in its ability to assist homeowners who employ unlicensed contractors and urges the public to hire only licensed contractors in good standing with the Board. Licensed contractors have passed trade and law exams, have demonstrated financial responsibility and are required to carry worker's compensation insurance.

Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to www.nscb.nv.gov.

Legitimate contractors also can urge customers to check references, obtain several bids, insist on and understand written contracts and pay for maintenance or repair work with a check or credit card.

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Board disciplines contractors

Sun Sealer, Inc., license number 57426 (asphalt sealing and striping), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended for 30 days pending payment of the fine. If not paid within 30 days, the license will be revoked.

A&A Parking Lot Restriping, license numbers 76036 (asphalt sealing and striping), based out of Rancho Cordova, Calif., was found in violation for misuse of a license. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and the license was suspended for 60 days. If the fine is not paid within 60 days, the license will be revoked.

T & M Electrical Inc., dba Two Master Electricians, license number 70562 (electrical), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs. The license limit was lowered to \$10,000.

Bar K, license numbers 66593 (maintenance) and 66596 (plumbing and heating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for the partnership, corporation, firm, or association participating in a prohibited act, for failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to obtain a business license, failure to establish financial responsibility, and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$1,350 and assessed investigative costs. The licenses were suspended pending payment and provision of a current financial statement. If payment and financial statement are not delivered within 60 days, the license will be revoked.

Milestone Engineering, license number 41829 (general engineering), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change, failure to keep in

place a bona fide member or employee, who exercises authority in connection with the license and allowing a licensed to be used by an unlicensed person. The licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs and must provide financial statements and install a new qualified individual on the license within 30 days or face suspension of the license.

Nevada Homes Group, Inc., dba Nevada Group Construction, license number 40413 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, 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 \$1,750 and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended for 120 days, during which time the licensee must pay the fines and costs, provide a bank-verified, reviewed or audited financial statement and replace the licensee's qualified individual. Failure to do so will result in the licensee's revocation.

V.W.C. Builders, license number 77562 (general building), based out of Riverside, Calif., was summarily suspended for misrepresentation of a material fact or the commission of any fraud or deceitful act to obtain a license. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The license is suspended pending provision of an indemnification form and payment of fines and costs.

P. M. S. & Associates, Inc., dba Hubb City Construction, license number 73792 (carpentry), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the safety or labor laws of the state, failure to notify the Board of a bankruptcy and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Fines and investigative costs were not assessed due to bankruptcy.

Altair Holdings, LLC, dba Additions N More, license numbers 75302 (residential and

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small commercial), 77256 (refrigeration, air conditioning, sheet metal, maintenance) and 77271 (plumbing and heating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act, failure to prosecute a construction project or operation thereby causing material injury to another, abandonment of a construction project, contracting on a suspended or revoked license, failure to comply with the terms of a construction project thereby causing material injury to another and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Fines and investigative costs were not assessed due to bankruptcy.

Creative Construction and Carpentry, LLC, license number 71967 (residential and small commercial), 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 respond to a written request from the Board, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the building laws of the state, failure to provide the name, license number, business address and telephone number of all subcontractors and persons who furnish materials of \$500 or more for the project, failure to provide customers with required disclosures concerning laws governing contractors and lien laws, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,600, assessed investigative costs, required to make restitution to damaged parties and ordered to reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund in order to receive consideration for future licensure.

A Line Mechanical, LLC, license numbers 70829 (plumbing and heating) and 76459 (refrigeration and air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and willful disregard of the laws of this state regarding industrial insurance, and for the partnership,

corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs, ordered to make restitution to all damaged parties and to reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund in order to receive consideration for future licensure.

Alchemy Installations Enterprises, license number 45315A (covering floors and carpet laying), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for the omission of a material fact to obtain a license; 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 licensee was fined \$2,050 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Judson Enterprises, Inc., dba, K Designers, license numbers 38900 (carpentry), 71229 (glass & glazing), 73114 (awnings & louvers), and 73293 (painting), based out of Gold River, Calif., was found in violation for willful disregard of the safety laws or labor laws of the state; failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; 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 licensee was fined \$4,600, ordered to pay investigative costs, ordered to pay the homeowner \$9,400, ordered to provide the Board a current financial statement, and ordered to provide the Board a list of current projects, amounts, and completion dates of those projects. All licenses were suspended.

D.K.R.M. Commercial Builders, Inc., license number 67676 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the safety laws or labor laws of the state and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs. The license was revoked and the licensee ordered to

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make full restitution to all damaged parties, reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Recovery Fund, and pay all fines and costs.

Ridgeline Restoration, Inc., dba Beacon Construction, license numbers 77578 (residential and small commercial), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation failure to comply with a written request by the Board; misrepresentation or omission of a material fact, or the commission of any other fraudulent or deceitful act, to obtain a license; and constructing or repairing a manufactured home. The licensee was fined \$1,750 and assessed investigative costs. The licensee has 30 days to pay all fines and costs or the license will be suspended.

Sunset Designs Architectural Pools, license numbers 46656 (residential pools) and 38591 (landscape contracting); **B.L. Ingram & Associates, Inc.** license number 72631 (residential and small commercial and speculative building); **B.L. Ingram & Associates, Inc., dba, Sunset Stone & Tile** license numbers 74676 (tiling), 74677 (masonry), and 74678 (install terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to provide notice of lien; failure to include all pool contract requirements in the contract; misrepresentation of a material fact; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensees were fined \$2,750 and assessed investigative costs, which shall be paid within 30 days or the licenses will be suspended. License number 46656 was suspended until a current financial statement supporting the license limit is provided to the Board.

The Roof Doctor, LLC, license number 70228 (roofing and waterproofing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs, which must be paid within 30 days or the license is suspended. The license limit was reduced to \$15,000 and the licensee was ordered to provide the Board a current financial statement.

A to Z Improvements, Inc., license numbers 70656 (carpentry) and 52901 (landscape contracting), 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; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; and willful disregard of the building laws of the state. The licensee was fined \$1,200 and ordered to pay investigative costs within 90 days or the licenses will be suspended.

Kirkwood Stone, Tile & Carpet, Inc., license numbers 63462 (install terrazzo and marble), 63465 (finishing floors), 63459 (carpentry), and 66182 (tiling), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written request by the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked and the licensee was fined \$750 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The licensee is required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Splash Designs, LLC, license number 74305 (commercial and residential pools), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; and failure to comply with a written request by the Board. The license was revoked. The licensee was fined \$1,000 in fines and ordered to pay investigative costs. The licensee is required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Legacy Construction Enterprises, license number 50647 (excavating, grading, trenching, and surfacing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for a conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; failure to establish good character; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,640, assessed investigative costs, required to make restitution to damaged parties and ordered to reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery.

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R-Coat Painting and Drywall, Inc., license number 67321 (painting and decorating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs, ordered to make restitution to all damaged parties and to reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

G & A Corporation, dba Durango Flooring Center, license numbers 70105 (finish carpentry limited to wood floors), 70106 (tiling), and 70107 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; failure to comply with a written request by the Board; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs, required to make restitution to damaged parties and ordered to reimburse the Board for any moneys paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund.

Siding Innovations, Inc., license number 68416 (carpentry, remodeling, and repairs), based out of Reno, Nev., was ordered to pay investigative costs and the monetary license limit was reduced to \$180,000. Costs must be paid within the time ordered by the Hearing Officer or the license will be suspended.

Ital Stone, Inc., license numbers 53369 (install terrazzo & marble) and 58861 (tiling), and **Stone Industries of America, LLC**, license numbers 75856 (tiling) and 75857 (install terrazzo & marble), both based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to prosecute a construction project or operation thereby causing material injury to another; failure to complete a construction project in accordance with the plans and specifications; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; contracting on a suspended or revoked license; and failure to demonstrate

financial responsibility. The Hearing Officer ordered license numbers 53369 and 58861 remain suspended. The licensee is to make restitution to the complainant in the amount of \$20,000.

Access Door and Glass, LLC, dba Access Glass, license number 64736 (glass and glazing) 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. Licensee was fined \$750, assessed investigative costs and required to make restitution to damaged parties.

Extreme Automation, Inc., license number 67124 (low voltage) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project; failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; failure to take appropriate corrective action; willful disregard of the state's building laws; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number contract or proposal; failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for compliance; and acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,350, assessed investigative costs and required to make restitution to damaged parties.

Taylor Refrigeration & HVAC, license number 57909 (refrigeration & air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs and required to make restitution to damaged parties.

Pepco Flooring, Inc., license numbers 72724 (tiling), 72582 (finish carpentry limited to wood floors) and 72583 (carpet laying), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs and required to make restitution to damaged parties.

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/6wubnm>

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
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www.nscb.nv.gov

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