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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



For much of the third quarter, the Nevada State Contractors Board actively tracked and participated in legislative discussions and hearings, while working to maintain communication with the construction and building industries; offering information and guidance on how individuals could

voice their opinions of pending legislation.

The Board, much like respective industry associations and individual contractors, has maintained a watchful eye on legislative matters that may have an impact on its operational, administrative, and/or regulatory practices. Each of our businesses has its own interpretation of “priority” measures, and until the 2013 Legislative Session draws to a close, the effects of such ideas will not be realized. However, as we await the final outcome, it is important to begin looking at the bigger picture - the “what if” scenarios if many of the bills on our personalized tracking were to become enacted.

As you think in this direction, look at each bill’s effective date, which is usually listed at the end of the text. You’ll want to note the timeframe allowed for implementation. If enacted, will the changes take effect immediately, at the start of 2014, or sometime thereafter? Will there be a financial impact on your business to comply with new requirements, such as information keeping, reports, and/or contracting requirements? These questions may seem premature given the ongoing nature of the Legislature, but they are vital to the future planning of our business activities, especially as the new fiscal year is quickly approaching.

Call it legislative forecasting, if you will, but having a grasp on the “worst-case-scenario” will help you better prepare for the changes that are likely coming in the months and years ahead. Along with our individual needs, it is evident the Legislature is taking interest in how information is stored, shared, and communicated across private, local, and state agencies. There is a push to automate systems, processes, forms, and applications, which if enacted, will be of benefit to you as contractors as you look to renew or apply for licensure.

At the end of session, the Contractors Board will take time to evaluate all newly added statutory requirements and begin developing its map toward implementation. We will do our best to summarize issues of relevance to the industry and provide assistance in offering tips to help you adhere to any changes directly impacting the industry.

One event I’d like to highlight is our upcoming educational seminar. In the coming weeks, you will be receiving an e-mail from the Board inviting you to participate in our first ever Contractors Training Day. Our goal is to provide you with expert speakers on a variety of topics of interest to the industry. I would like to encourage each of you to attend and provide us your feedback on your experience, as it is our intent to enhance this forum on an annual basis.

The *Horizons* newsletter serves as our primary communication tool for contractors, in addition to industry roundtable events, but we welcome and appreciate suggestions on how we can be more effective in serving your informational needs. Please do not hesitate to make your recommendations to Jennifer Turner, JTurner@nscb.state.nv.us, or Scott Smith, SSmith@nscb.state.nv.us.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy start to your summer!

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

While regulatory boards may sometimes be viewed as adversaries by the industries they monitor, I believe communication, interaction and the exchange of ideas can turn that mindset on its head.



To be sure, the Board's foremost role is the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare, and in this capacity, we may find ourselves at odds with some contractors we oversee. But I am convinced that the vast majority of legitimate, competent builders share this aim and are willing to commit to ensure homeowners can engage in repairs and renovations with the confidence that their contractor will deliver skillful workmanship at a fair price.

That is why, especially now with the Nevada State Legislature in high gear, I want to invite Nevada's construction professionals to work with the Board to further our common goals.

Making a service call, bidding on a project and finishing a job are perfect opportunities to reinforce the Board's message that consumers best protect themselves by only hiring licensed contractors. Explain to customers that a license ensures their contractor has demonstrated professional competence and financial stability by passing the required trade and law exams and background investigation.

Remind them that while unlicensed contractors may offer discounted prices, they are likely to get what they pay for. Those lower rates come at

the high cost of homeowner liability, as unlicensed contractors may not carry workers' compensation insurance and are also known for using cheap materials and performing inferior workmanship.

Every year in Nevada, legitimate contractors lose millions of dollars in work to unlicensed individuals. According to our enforcement records, the total was nearly \$2 million in just the first three months of 2013.

One issue winding its way through the legislative process that remains a concern for NSCB is Assembly Bill 334. Although the present text of the amended bill reflects an improvement from the original language introduced, NSCB remains opposed to the concept of providing a carve-out exemption for a particular group of professionals. What the bill fails to address in its amended version is the issue of protections lost for the homeowner. Under this bill, the realtor is likely to be the contracting party. Therefore, under existing statute and in this circumstance, the homeowner would not be eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund or investigative services of the Board to correct workmanship issues because they are not initiating the contractual agreement.

The Board stands firm that the health, safety, and welfare of the public cannot be compromised. By not mandating that realtors share any home repair or improvement project information with the prospective or future homeowners, there is no guarantee or protection in place for the homeowner if workmanship issues arise down the road. We will continue to advocate our opposition and work with the author to amend the bill to ensure these protections remain intact.

As the legislative session comes to an end in the coming weeks and we begin to sift through the changes that are enacted, we will provide you relevant information concerning any changes to licensing requirements.

Margi A. Grein

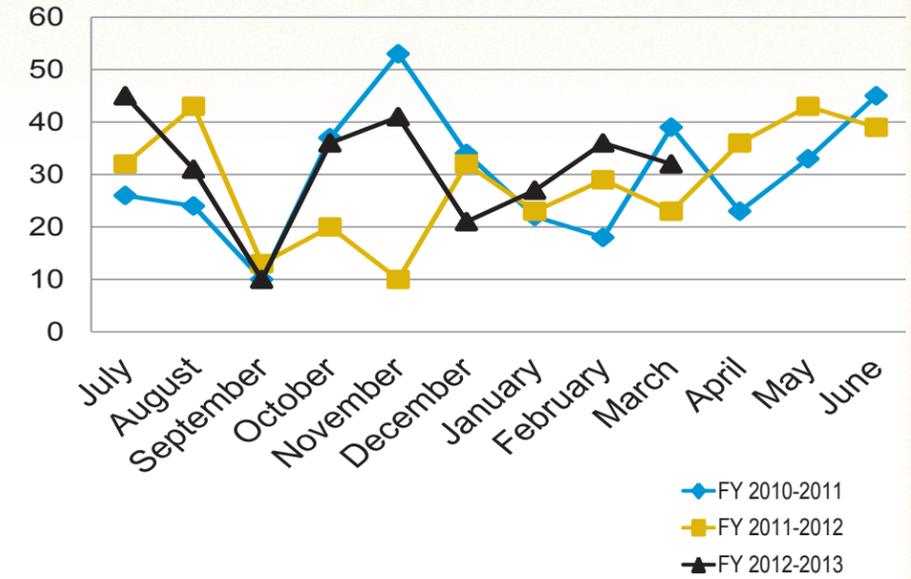
Licensing

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.

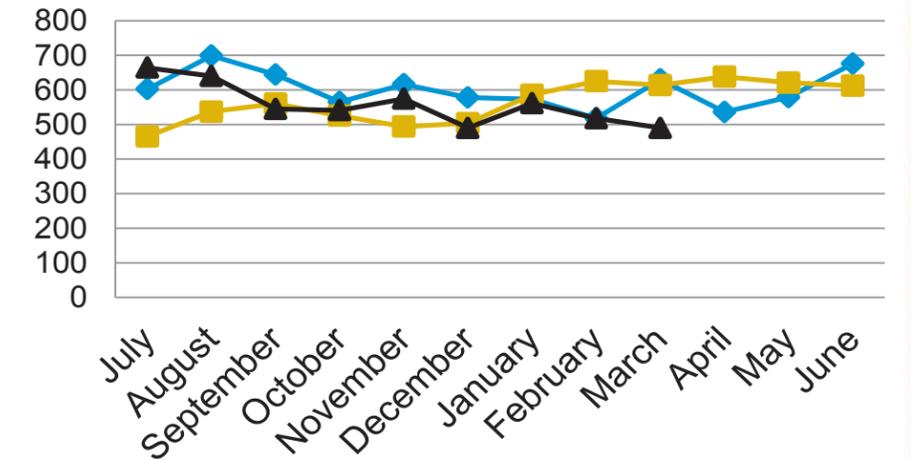
Data from the quarter was mixed regarding the state of the local construction industry. Increases of eight percent in new license applications and 84 percent in one-time limit increase applications are positive indicators. However, renewals of active licenses were down a significant 14 percent and voluntary license surrenders jumped 27 percent.

During the quarter, NSCB's licensing team revised the Contractors Management Survey exam and study guide, promoted Bree Welch to licensing supervisor in the Henderson office and expanded its Business Assistance Program to assist new license applicants with the application process.

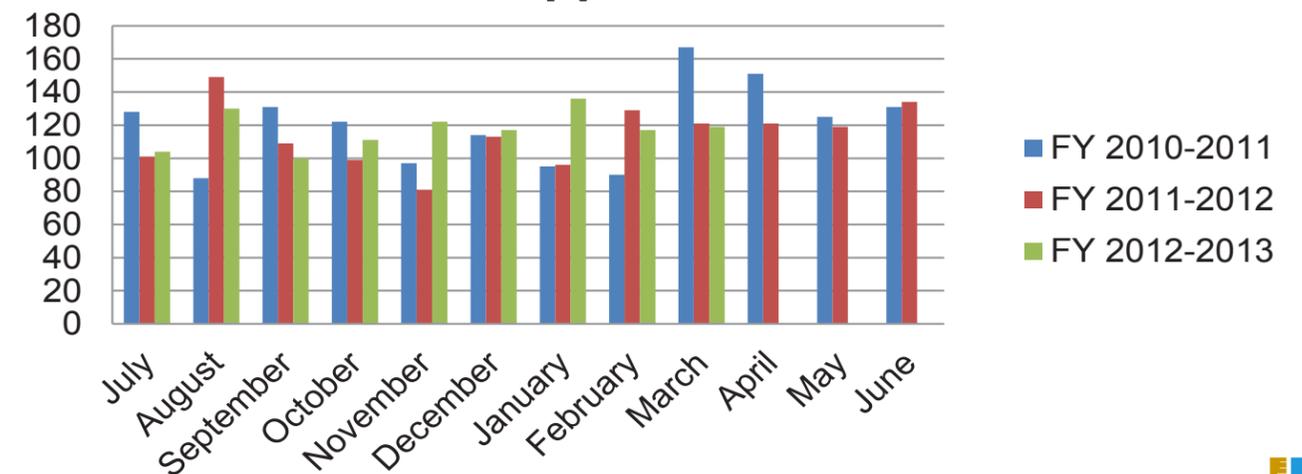
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Active Renewals



New License Applications



Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

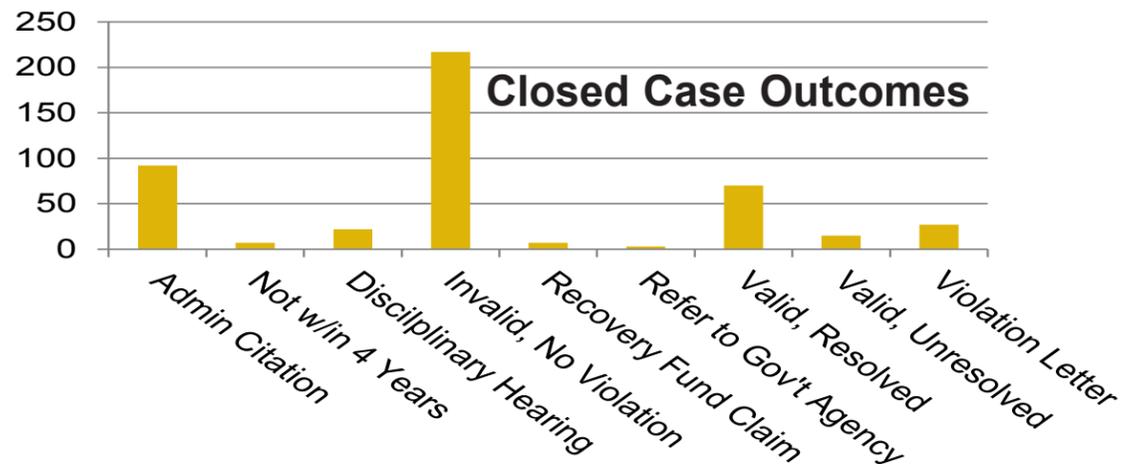
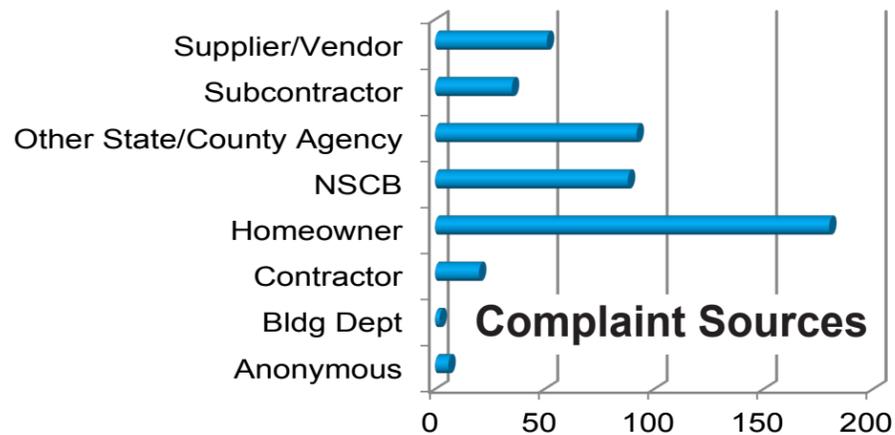
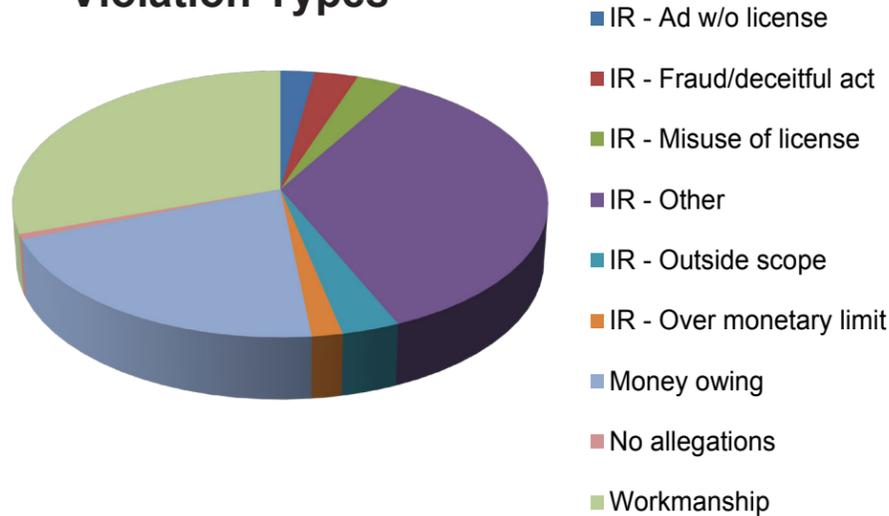
NSCB's Compliance Investigations Division assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

Compliance investigators closed 462 cases during the third quarter of the Nevada State Contractors Board's fiscal year, with about half resulting in validation of claims.

Investigations resulted in 33 cases being referred to Board members for disciplinary hearings, at which 20 licenses were revoked. Another 71 contractors received administrative citations.

The Board is currently exploring the feasibility of allowing contractors cited for disciplinary action to complete training courses in lieu of paying monetary fines.

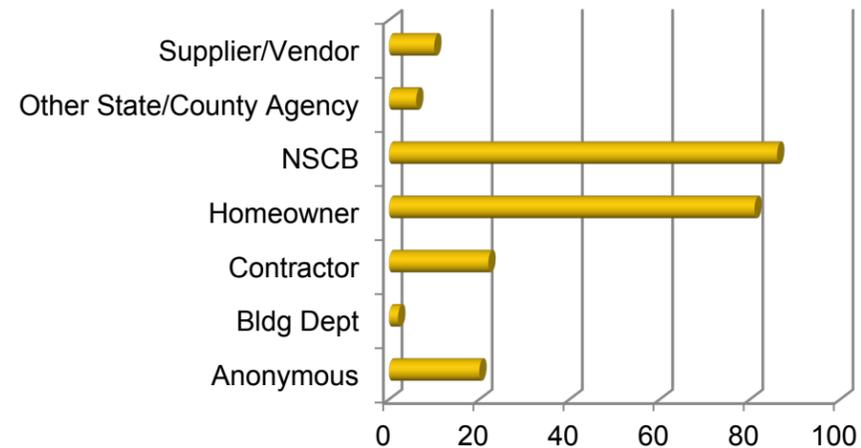
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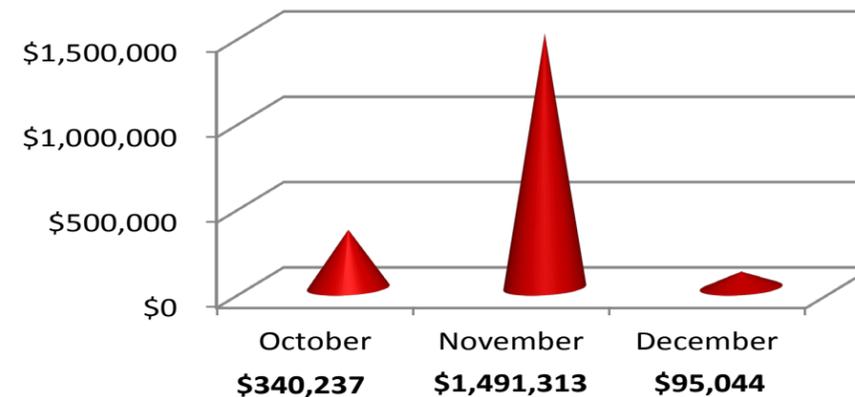
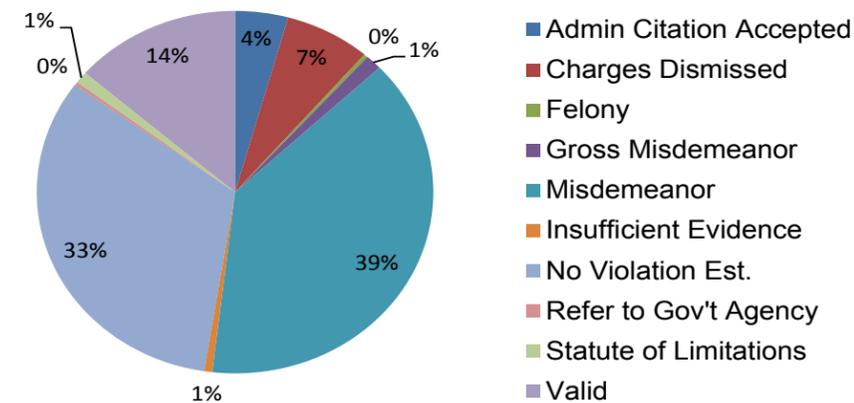
Enforcement - Unlicensed Contractors

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.

Sources of Filed Complaints



Closed Case Outcomes



The Board closed 301 criminal investigations against alleged unlicensed contractors during the quarter. All cases were closed within 90 days and resulted in 74 criminal convictions.

As warm weather arrives in Nevada, NSCB criminal investigators also are asking homeowners and legitimate contractors to be on the lookout for traveling bands of con artists who cheat consumers using home repair schemes.

Travelers often use high pressure sales tactics, "too good to be true" deals, and "today-only" discount offers. Travelers often claim they have performed work for others in the neighborhood and have extra materials left over that could be used to "fix" a similar "problem" on the target's home.

"Unfortunately, travelers come to Nevada every year when the weather turns warm," noted NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "They move from state to state, working out of trucks and vans, installing inferior materials using shoddy workmanship and leaving town before their victims realize they have been scammed."

Board reduces residential assessment

The Nevada State Contractors Board has reduced the assessment contractors must pay into the Residential Recovery Fund.

“The Board is pleased to announce this latest reduction as a way to help our licensed residential contractors navigate through our tough economy,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “Effective July 1, 2013, the biennial assessment for all licensed general and subcontractors who engage in residential construction will drop to \$500 for unlimited licenses, \$250 for limits of \$1 million and up and \$100 for limits of less than \$1 million.”

The Nevada State Legislature established the Residential Recovery Fund to provide protection for Nevada homeowners whose properties are harmed by the failure of a licensed contractor to properly perform qualified services including construction, remodeling, repair and improvement. The Board previously reduced the assessment 15 percent at the beginning of 2012. The latest reduction cuts assessments to 50 percent of the maximum allowed amount as set by statute.

Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.520 requires all residential contractors to provide information regarding the Residential Recovery Fund upon establishing a residential contract. This information is specifically outlined in statute and must be included in all contracts. The Board has developed a [brochure](#) that includes all the per-

tinent information. Distributing this brochure to all clients is a sure way to avoid running afoul of the statute - however, for your protection, be sure the brochure is stapled to your contract and that the homeowner initials a statement that they received the Recovery Fund information on the contract itself.

Contractors who do not use the Board's brochure should include information in their contracts informing homeowners that payment may be available from the fund if they are damaged financially by a project performed on their residence pursuant to a contract, including construction remodeling, repair or other improvements. This recompense is available if the damage resulted from certain specified violations of Nevada Law by a contractor licensed in Nevada.

The disclosure also must inform homeowners that they can obtain additional information relating to the Recovery Fund, by contacting the Board at either location:

Nevada State Contractors Board
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Reno, Nevada 89521
Telephone: (775) 688-1141

Or

Nevada State Contractors Board
2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200
Henderson, Nevada 89074
Telephone: (702) 486-1100

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Lien filings require strict compliance

One characteristic of Nevada's improving economic environment is the return of the mechanic's lien, attorney Donald Williams told a construction trade association.

Mechanic's liens prevent an owner from refinancing or selling a property. Used properly, they are contractors' best weapon in securing payment for services or materials. "Two years ago it was a waste of money to file a lien, Williams told attendees at the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of Nevada luncheon. "Bank loans had priority, and by the time they got paid there was nothing left for the contractor. But that's turning around; property values are on the rise."

To get the most out of their lien rights, contractors must adhere to strict timeframes and accuracy standards, a local attorney told area subcontractors, Williams said. That includes such simple but crucial details as filing paperwork on time, and recording the correct property owner and parcel number. Getting them wrong could doom contractors' efforts to collect.

During his presentation, Williams highlighted sections of *Lien Law and Collection in Nevada: Protecting Your Rights from Day One*, a booklet he prepared and distributed to attendees.

The first step in the lien process is to serve the project owner with a notice of your

right to lien within 30 days of beginning work or delivering material. The notice should include the jobsite location and description and the general or higher-tier subcontractor with for whom the work is done or the material supplied. This pre-lien notice is not required of the general contractor or anyone else with a contractual relationship directly with the owner. Contractors who are required to take this measure should obtain proof they have done so by obtaining an affidavit from the process server or the return receipt if the pre-lien notice is sent via certified mail. Find specific notice requirements in Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 108.245.

If you don't get paid and want to proceed with the mechanic's lien, you again must follow specific steps to ensure it holds up to judicial scrutiny. Importantly, the lien must be filed within 90 days of project completion. But be aware that the owner can shorten this window to 40 days by filing a Notice of Completion. These 40- and 90-day deadlines are extended on residential projects because contractors must serve the owner with a Notice of Intent to Lien at least 15 days before recording the lien. Then the lien itself must be served on the owner and the prime contractor (if the prime is not the entity filing the lien) within 30 days of recording.

The next important window



DONALD WILLIAMS

extends from 30 days to six months after the lien's recording. This is the period in which the contractor may file suit to foreclose on the liened property. Similar filing and notice to owner regulations cover the required complaint, Notice of Pendency or Action and Notice of Foreclosure paperwork.

Williams emphasized that the foreclosure proceeding does not preclude the contractor from seeking redress by other means. Specifically, foreclosure actions usually are accompanied by suits alleging breach of contract against the higher-tier contractor, a claim against the surety that issued the higher-tier contractor's bond and against any of the higher-tier contractor's indemnitors.

Williams suggested contractors contact an attorney for advice and/or lien actions in specific cases.

“Most Wanted” contractor arrested

A longtime member of the Nevada State Contractors Board’s Most Wanted list has been arrested in California. The California Department of Consumer Affairs, Division of Investigation took Steve Charles Yon into custody at a relative’s house in Orangevale, near Sacramento, on March 25, 2013.

Yon is wanted on a warrant issued by the Justice Court of Incline in September 2009. NSCB added him to the Most Wanted list in January 2010 after his arrest on a felony charge for diversion of funds after he failed to provide any materials or labor after obtaining a \$9,245 payment for a fencing job in the Reno area.

Yon was a licensed fencing contractor in Nevada and California, working under the business name Alpine Fence.

An NSCB investigator con-



STEVE YON

tacted the California State License Board last fall with information that the relative lives in the Sacramento area. An investigator from CSLB’s Statewide Investigative Fraud Team conducted surveillance and identified Yon at the relative’s house, where he was arrested. Yon will

be extradited to Nevada.

Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity. Contractors and members of the public can go online at www.nscb.state.nv.us and click “Ten Most Wanted” on the quick-link menu to review suspect profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

For a list and photos of the other members of NSCB’s Most Wanted lists for northern and southern Nevada, visit http://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/most_wanted.php. To report any unlicensed contracting activity in Nevada, call NSCB’s Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at: (775) 850-7838 or (702) 486-1160.

Inter-agency action nets results

Responding to a request from the Nevada State Contractors Board, the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Development Division provided home rehabilitation assistance for a resident at 5505 Eugene Ave. The homeowner, Sheila Walling, complained of discomfort that she thought may have been an allergic reaction to the fiberglass or cellulose insulation seeping from her attic.

NSCB made the request to

the city after Investigator Greg Welch reopened the case at the homeowner’s request. Welch’s inspection corroborated earlier findings by Board Investigator Gordon LaPointe that contractors had installed the cellulose insulation properly. Nevertheless, he was concerned that problems in the house could be the cause of Walling’s reactions.

A subsequent inspection of the property by the city re-

vealed numerous holes in the ceiling soffit eave vents and gable ends, insufficient 3/8-inch roof sheathing, a three-tab composition roofing system that was in need of replacement and a heat pump mechanical system that had been inoperable for some time. Economic and Urban Development Department (EUDD) Director Bill Arent and Division Manager Tim Whitright authorized the

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Unlicensed contractor joins Top 10

The Nevada State Contractors Board has added Benjamin A. Smith to its “Top 10 Most Wanted” list.” Smith, who does not possess a valid Nevada contractor’s license, is known for taking on commercial projects, but may also do residential work. NSCB has received reports that Smith’s engaging in construction work in both northern and southern Nevada.

He may be working under the business names KB Companies, BSA Construction and Development or BSA Construction, LLC.

The contractor’s license for BSA Construction and Development was cancelled in February 2008 for non-renewal, and the license for BSA Construction, LLC was revoked by the Board in June 2010 for failure to es-



BENJAMIN SMITH

tablish financial responsibility; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; fraudulent or deceitful act; failure or refusal to respond to request to cooperate in investigation of complaint; and failure or refusal to

comply with a request for information or records.

“Unlicensed contractors who refuse to adhere to state laws are placing their customers at a huge risk and disadvantage should something go wrong during the project,” stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “We encourage anyone who comes into contact with Mr. Smith to please contact the Board or their local law enforcement immediately.”

Smith is described as a white male, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 185 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. He also has tattoos on the backs of both arms. The Justice and Municipal Court of

Carson Township has issued a warrant for Smith for contracting without a license.

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investment of nearly \$24,000 in redevelopment agency 9-percent Set-Aside funds to provide Walling’s home with several energy efficiency improvements: a new heat pump (including new registers and duct sealing), attic air sealing, R-38 blown in fiberglass attic insulation, capping of all soffit eave vents, new gable end vents and ridge vents, new half-inch roof sheathing and a three-dimensional roofing system with a 30-year warranty.

Although the City of Las Ve-

gas’ single family housing rehabilitation program had been inactive for more than a year, EUDD determined that this would be a positive opportunity to test out a newly proposed Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation program.

The intent was to use this property as a pilot project while providing much needed assistance to a low income resident.

Walling receives \$1,119 each month through Social Security for an annual total of \$13,428.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Income Guidelines, she earns less than 30% of the Area Median Income, which is considered to be “extremely low income.” The energy efficiency improvements provided will significantly reduce her heating and cooling costs as well as extend the life of the home while bringing it up to current building code.

As a result of the repairs, Walling is no longer experiencing the allergic reactions.

Attract customers across generations

When it comes to tools of the trade, the ability to attract customers from all generations is as important to contractors as a nail gun or reciprocating saw. That is the message public relations professional Kassi Belz delivered to air conditioning and refrigeration contractors on April 16.

Kassi Belz, vice president of Mass Media Marketing Advertising PR, said today's generational landscape is more pronounced than ever, with each group responding to specific needs, desires and stimuli to make purchasing decisions. Savvy companies identify these influencers and design their business development, sales and marketing efforts with an eye toward each demographic's triggers.

While she acknowledged distinctions are stereotypical "and there are plenty of outliers," Belz backed up her assertions with statistics that verified what most would suspect. Younger people are more reliant on technology for their information, while older Americans rely on traditional media: network television and newspapers.

But other revelations are not so intuitive. Belz said Generation Y - those from age 18 to 34 - are more focused on improving the world through green initiatives and social equality. They also place great emphasis on the opinions and



values of their parents.

Contractors who want to attract customers in various age groups must tailor their messages and media to reach their target markets.

For instance, information exchange among younger people is accomplished largely online through social media. Because of this, Belz said "word of mouse" publicity is important in reaching this crowd. This means developing content-heavy, interactive experiences on company websites ensuring this content is available on a variety of devices and making the company visible on Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Linked In, Google+, etc.

"People in this category will have researched everything

about your company and your competitors," Belz said. "They know what a good deal is, and they expect you to be socially responsible."

She said Generation X saw the emergence of the savvy woman consumer. Women aged 35 to 50 make many buying decisions, not only for themselves, but their families and often their parents. They are not swayed much by price if they think a more expensive product or service will bring better quality or make life easier.

She expects sellers to provide information and demonstrations rather than a high-pressure sale. And if she has a bad experience with a company, it will be difficult to woo her back.

Warm weather water safety

As warmer weather approaches, the Nevada State Contractors Board joins the Southern Nevada Health District and the Southern Nevada Child Drowning Prevention Coalition in urging swimming pool contractors to educate their customers on the ABC&D's of Drowning Prevention.

The Southern Nevada Child Drowning Prevention Coalition has developed "The ABC&Ds of Drowning Prevention," an educational campaign that teaches simple rules to stay safe around water:

- A = Adult Supervision
- B = Barriers (for your pool)
- C = Classes (swim lessons and CPR)
- D = Devices (personal flotation, life jackets, and rescue tools)

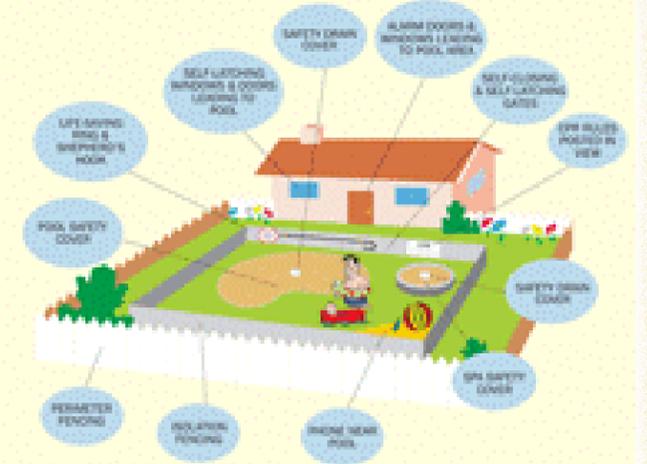
The coalition reminds the state's residents why it is important to remain vigilant during water recreation:

- Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional death for children in Clark County.
- The most common drowning victim is 4 years of age or younger.
- The majority of drowning deaths occur in the family pool.
- Drowning is a quick and silent killer. In 4-6 minutes, a submerged child can sustain permanent damage or die.
- Drowning deaths can be prevented.

Many child drowning victims were last seen safe inside the home, but somehow managed to let themselves outside to the pool/spa area. The installation and proper use of barriers helps ensure that if a child manages to get outside unsupervised, he or she will be unable to access the pool or spa and avoid a terrible accident.

Southern Nevada Pool Code plays an important role in protecting small children from accessing backyard swimming pools and spas and accidentally drowning. With provisions requir-

The ABC & D's of Drowning Prevention



ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 FIRST IN ANY EMERGENCY!

The ABC & D's of Drowning Prevention Create Layers of Protection

- > **A** is for **Adult Supervision**
- > **B** is for **Barriers** (For Your Pool)
- > **C** is for **Classes** (Swim Lessons and CPR)
- > **D** is for **Devices** (Life Jackets, Rescue Tools and Safety Drain Covers)

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ing pools to have layers of protection, such as fences, self-latching gates and door alarms, the pool code is a valuable tool to help keep children safe by preventing their ability to access bodies of water.

Contractors should review Chapter 8 (PDF) of the Southern Nevada Pool Code for specific information about barriers, accessibility and safety. Please note that Chapter 8 is only a portion of the code; all provisions of the code as a whole are necessary for swimming pool and spa integrity and safety.

For more information or to obtain free ABC&Ds of Drowning Prevention brochures and posters, contact Mike Bernstein at bernstein@snhdmail.org. For more information about the ABC&Ds of Drowning Prevention program, visit <http://gethealthyclarkcounty.org/be-safe/drowning-prevention-abcd.php>.

Board takes disciplinary action

At disciplinary hearings held in February and March, the Nevada State Contractors Board took action against several licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624:

Do Rite Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., license number 75933 (Plumbing, Heating Cooling Circulating Air, and Water Heaters), based out of Gardnerville, was found in violation for substandard workmanship; commencing work on a project without obtaining necessary building permits; allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; failure to include the monetary license limit on a contract or proposal; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; 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 surrendered his license, was fined \$3,650 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Alpine Steel, LLC, license number 42951 (Steel Reinforcing & Erection), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was placed on probation for a year and licensee is required to provide a new financial statement within 30 days, obtain a \$20,000 license bond within

10 days, submit bimonthly documentation that it remains current on payments to creditors, and pay investigative costs. The licensee's monetary limit was reduced from \$2.5 million to \$1.7 million. All fines and costs must be paid within the timeframe established by the hearing officer or the license will be suspended.

Rise & Run, Inc., license number 46724 (Carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, 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 Board ordered \$20,000 restitution be paid to the complainant. The licensee was fined \$600 and ordered to pay investigative costs. All fines and costs must be paid within the timeframe established by the hearing officer or the license will be suspended.

Bulldog Framing, license number 74171 (Carpentry), **H.C. Development, LLC**, license number 71064 (Residential and Small Commercial) and **Reliabuilt Construction Co., LLC**, license number 39858 (Residential and Small Commercial), all based out of Henderson, were found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to

pay investigative costs. License number 74171 will be surrendered after the costs are paid. License numbers 71064 and 39858 will remain suspended until a new managing member and qualified individual are placed on the licenses.

Harvard Construction Co., Inc., license number 66500 (General Building), based out of

Henderson, was found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to establish financial responsibility and willful disregard of the building laws of the state. The licensee was fined \$2,500 in fines and ordered to pay investigative costs. If the licensee does not provide a current financial statement and pay the fines and costs within the timeframe set by the hearing officer, the license will be revoked. The license is currently suspended.

A.L.S. Development and Management Corp., dba Paul Davis Restoration of Southern Nevada, license numbers 49038 (Residential and Small Commercial), 77072 (Carpentry), and 77073 (Painting and Decorating), and **A.L.S. Development and Management Corp., dba Dependable Construction**, license number 24161 (Residential and Small Commercial), all based out of Las Vegas, were

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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 include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. If the fines and costs are not paid within the timeframe set by the hearing officer, the license will be suspended.

Ted Mount, dba Natural Energy, license number 44635 (Solar Contracting), based out of Escondido, Calif., was found in violation for contracting on a suspended or revoked license and failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$1,050 and ordered to pay investigative costs. If the fines and costs are not paid within the timeframe set by the hearing officer, the license will be suspended.

Bens Floor Covering, Inc., license number 37311A (Covering Floors and Carpet Laying), based out of Reno, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The license was revoked, and licensee was fined \$750 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The licensee must pay all fines and costs, make full restitution

to damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid from the Residential Recovery Fund before future licensure will be considered.

Floor Coating Creations, Ltd., license number 52883 (Painting), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked, and licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs. Full restitution to damaged parties and reimbursement of the Board for any monies paid from the Residential Recovery fund must be paid prior to consideration of future licensure.

Southwest Stone and Tile, Inc., license numbers 46544 (Tiling) and 46545 (Terrazzo and Marble Installation), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to notify the board of bankruptcy proceedings. The licensee's probation was extended for six months, during which time, a financial statement that supports the license limit must be provided to the Board.

C & M Garage Door Services, LLC, license numbers 62109 (Overhead Doors) and 76590

(Ornamental Metal), based out of Henderson, was found in violation for misuse of a license and bidding or contracting for a construction project in excess of the limit placed on the

license. The licensee was fined \$1,100 and assessed investigative costs.

Southwest Roofing Company, license number 64952 (Roofing), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for willful disregard of the building laws of the state, failure to comply with a written request from the Board and aiding or abetting an unlicensed person. The licensee was fined \$1,750 and assessed investigative costs.

Panda Refrigeration, license number 26472 (Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Sheet Metal), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure establish financial responsibility. The licensee was placed on probation for 90 days and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license limit was lowered to \$10,000.

Renovations of Las Vegas, license number 72107 (Residential and Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for substandard workmanship and willful disregard of the building laws of the state. The licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

O'Rourke & Associates, LLC, license number 59516 (Residential and Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for contracting on a suspended or revoked license, abandonment

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of a construction project, failure to notify the Board in writing of bankruptcy proceedings, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked.

Lindco Electric, LLC, license number 74494 (Electrical), based out of Henderson, was found in violation for failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked, and the licensee was fined \$750, assessed investigative costs, and required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

Timberwolf Cabinetry & Millwork, license number 53269 (Carpentry), based out of Henderson, was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, contracting on a suspended or revoked license, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the building laws of the state, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, failure to provide in writing required disclosures to the owner of a

single-family residence, 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 license was revoked, and the licensee was fined \$6,100, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund prior to consideration of future licensure.

D.K.R.M. Commercial Builders, Inc., license number 67676 (Residential and Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, was summarily suspended on pending charges including failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to uphold the safety or labor laws of this state. The hearing was continued 60 days, at which time the pending charges will be heard. The licensee shall not enter into any new contracts during this time.

Albrights Carpets, Inc., license numbers 23859 (Floor Finishing), 46905 (Carpentry), 46906 (Tiling) and 46907 (Terrazzo and Marble Installation), was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a request from the Board, and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licenses were revoked.

Bar K, license numbers 66593 (Maintenance) and

66596 (Plumbing and Heating), based out of Las Vegas, was summarily suspended on pending charges including failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with the statutory and regulatory provisions, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a contract or bid, and failure to provide information on the Residential Recovery Fund. The hearing was continued 30 days, at which time the pending charges will be heard. The licensee shall not enter into any new contracts during this time.

Richard Joseph & Company, license numbers 54499 (Glass and Glazing), 60517 (Siding), 68945 (Residential and Small Commercial) and 75001 (Residential and Small Commercial), based out of Reno, was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board required the licensee to provide a financial statement for license number 75001. The other licenses were revoked.

Desert Mountain Tile, license number 31978 (Tiling), based out of Reno, 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, and licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution to the complainant.

Policy aids military spouses, vets

NSCB plan credits military experience and streamlines licensing procedures

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers a Veterans Assistance Program for veterans transitioning into civilian employment and spouses of active-duty military who are relocating with their service members to the state.

Because military spouses move from state to state far more often than the general population as their loved ones are transferred, they face special challenges in obtaining licenses to perform their trades. And veterans sometimes find they do not receive proper credit for the work experience they gain in service to their country. The NSCB program offers several services to alleviate these challenges:

- A dedicated NSCB staff member is specially trained to evaluate transferable military training and experience from all branches of the military that meet minimum licensing requirements.
- Military experience and training will be considered when the Board evaluates college credit to determine acceptable 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 email her at bamiller@nscb.

state.nv.us.

Military spouses must supply copies of their current out-of-state contractor's licenses with their Nevada application.

Veterans must include copies of their certificate of release or discharge from active duty (DD-214) and transcripts of education and training courses provided by the military.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is proud to offer these special services for those who have served our country.

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. 32.
Residential Codes & Introduction to Building Information Modeling - pg. 7.	Fire Protection - pg. 63.
Building/Plumbing Codes - pg. 16.	Geographic Information Systems - pg. 67.
Construction Technology - pg. 21.	Landscape - pg. 76.
Computer Aided Drafting/Design - pg. 22.	Mechanical pg. 82.
Construction Management - pg. 32.	Sustainable Construction - pg. 106.
	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/7jdvmrr>

Contact: wdce@tmcc.edu or (775) 829-9010

TMCC Course Schedule: <http://www.tmcc.edu/schedule/downloads/documents/ADMIClassScheduleSpring13.pdf>

***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. 1

Computer & Office Technology - pg. 17.

Architecture - pg. 4.

Construction - pg. 21

Building Inspection - pg. 12.

Computer Aided Drafting & Design - pg. 16

Electrical Technology - pg. 32

Great Basin College

Once you click on the links listed below, make sure to also click on "Current Offerings" to view dates, times and locations of courses. Some courses may require prerequisites.

Computer Aided Drafting & Design: <http://tinyurl.com/74c8vv4>

Electrical Theory: <http://tinyurl.com/7s2enda>

Geographic Information Systems: <http://tinyurl.com/8xh6wt5>

Computer Office Technology: <http://tinyurl.com/767e06y>

General Inquiries Contact (775) 738-8493

Western Nevada College

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

***Please Note:** This link is a PDF document. The following locations are listed for your convenience. Some courses may require prerequisites.

Computer Aided Drafting Design - Carson City, pg. 19.

Construction Courses - Carson City, pg. 20.

Geographic Information Systems - Carson City, pg. 23.

Computer Applications/Internet Courses - Carson City, pg. 30.

Renewable Energy Courses - Carson City, pg. 34.

Short-Term Construction Courses - Carson City, pg. 48.

Short-Term Online Computer Courses - pg. 49.

Contact: info_desk@wnc.edu or (775) 445-3000





Nevada Contractor's Checklist

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

- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. *NAC 624.640(5)*
- Keep your bond current. *NRS 624.270*
- Check to ensure that licenses of persons with whom you contract are valid and active. *NAC 624.650*
- Be sure that name of the business under which a contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. *NRS 624.305*
- Be sure that amount of the bid or contract is within the monetary limit of the contractor. *NRS 624.3015(2)*
- Be sure that the contract is within the scope of work/license classification. *NRS 624.3015(3)*
- Know what you are contracting for, verify the terms of the contract, and comply with the terms of the contract. *NRS 624.3013(1)*
- If it's not in your written contract, it doesn't exist – Make sure all change orders are in writing and signed by all parties. *NRS 624.3013(1)*
- Leave Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure with client for all residential contracts. *NRS 624.520*
- Provide your customer with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. **NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 and NAC 624.6932.**
- Make sure your license number is on all advertisements for your business including your vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspaper, website, etc. *NRS 624.720*
- Your license number should be approximately 1½" on your motor vehicle. *NRS 624.288*
- If your address or other pertinent information about your business changes, notify the Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. *NAC 624.640(3)*

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

Nevada State Contractors Board

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

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

www.nscb.nv.gov

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