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# Message from Chairman Jan Leggett



As chairman of the Nevada State Contractors Board, nothing remains more important to me than upholding the agency's mission and watching the fruits of our labors make real differences in people's lives. As the state's construction economy gathers steam, technological advancements promise greater efficiency, innovation, and productivity. However, with the good, comes the ugly in the form of scams and unscrupulous contractors looking to prey upon the most vulnerable and trusting in our communities. More opportunities simply mean the need for public protection has never been greater.

The Contractors Board's fiscal year ends June 30, offering me the chance to reflect on the past months. I am proud that the Board's proactive pre-licensing diligence – conducting criminal background checks on all applicants, ensuring each licensee meets financial

responsibility requirements and verifying he or she demonstrates the necessary qualifications and experience for the trade, which all support our mission to protect the health safety and welfare of the public. I hope Nevada's contractors realize that by enforcing these requirements, the Board is also promoting homeowners' confidence in the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry. You should be proud of your status as a licensed Nevada Contractor.

Our Board goes to great lengths to protect the public; it is our primary mandate, and we continue to identify new strategies and opportunities to increase these efforts. In the past year, our enforcement division has created a fraud unit to more aggressively target those individuals and businesses who are placing consumers at the greatest risk. We have enhanced partnerships with local law enforcement on unlicensed contracting sting events. We have increased our reliance on administrative law judges and industry experts to streamline our investigations and disciplinary hearing processes.

Still, we are faced with the threats posed to consumers by the underground economy of unlicensed contractors who offer "too good to be true" deals that often place homeowners at an unknowingly high risk of

liability and loss of protection.

Again, while we make these improvements primarily to safeguard the public, they also benefit the industry. I call on all licensed contractors to work with the Board to eradicate unlicensed contracting in Nevada. Protect property owners by protecting your livelihood and promoting the value of your license.

The Board will be highlighting the significant contributions the construction profession has made to the state during several stops on its 75th anniversary campaign tour of Nevada.

Teaming up with other state agencies and private organizations dedicated to promoting the construction industry, as well as students and education providers, the Board and its partners will discuss construction education resources throughout the state, the economic benefits brought on by the industry, and how the construction profession helps make Nevada a great place to live.

Finally, I am pleased to report that Board staff has worked over the last quarter to review and revise our license application. The new version is clearer, better organized and three pages shorter!

I hope you enjoy this issue of Horizons.

# Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The last three months have been packed with activities at the Contractors Board. But before I touch on some of our efforts, I wanted to inform you of a national exam initiative that may be of interest to you and your colleagues.

Some of you may or may not be familiar with the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies, better known as NASCLA. At the recent mid-year meeting in March, NASCLA informed us of a new Nationally Accredited Electrical Exam series that is expected to launch in 2017.

The goal is to develop a nationally recognized Residential Electrician/Residential Electrical Contractor trade examination. If you pass the exam, your score would be eligible for consideration in participating states. That means you would not incur the time and money investment needed to take similar exams in each state; however, you would still need to apply for and meet each states' licensing requirements in their entirety.

There is also an Accredited Exam for Commercial Building Contractors. For more information on how you can apply to take the exam and learn of the participating states, please visit [www.nascla.org](http://www.nascla.org) or contact their office at (623) 587-9354.

Another national initiative



taking place in the months to come is the NASCLA multi-state unlicensed contractor sting event. This is an opportunity to not only gain national media coverage on the dangers of unlicensed contracting from sites like Craigslist, but gives each state an added opportunity to highlight the importance of hiring licensed contractors.

Although we welcome joint ventures such as this in Nevada, we also conduct multiple stings each quarter based on leads provided to us through various sources. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to upload our mobile application to your smart phone. This will allow you a quick and painless format to report unlicensed contracting while out in the field.

As you will see in our enforcement statistics, there were 188 criminal convictions for unlicensed practices this past quarter, which included

60 gross misdemeanor and 7 felony convictions for individuals who are repeat offenders. There will always be a vast pool of unlicensed activity despite these successes, which is why we encourage and appreciate the leads you provide us on a daily basis.

As the Board celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, we are taking every opportunity to educate the public about unlicensed activities, scams targeting the elderly, and the important steps to take when hiring a licensed contractor. Later in the year, our statewide campaign will feature events on disaster recovery, public protection initiatives, and the value of the construction industry to the State of Nevada.

Having been with the Board for over 30 years, I know firsthand the contributions made by the industry to boost the state's economy, create jobs, expand educational opportunities, and establish communities that have made a way for life to flourish in this great state. I look forward to sharing the Board's message while promoting the integrity and confidence of the industry in the months to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margi Grein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Division is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.

## New Licenses Issued

January to March 2016	
Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	16,027
New Licenses Issued	276
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(333)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	108
Licenses (End of Quarter)	16,078
# of Licenses on Oct 01, 2015	16,027
# of Licenses on Dec 31, 2015	16,078
Net YTD (Fiscal Year)	
Licenses Gained / Lost	51

### New user-friendly application forms

The Contractors Board has streamlined the new license application, reorganizing information, deleting redundant instructions and providing greater resources for applicants who need assistance.

The new applications were posted to the Board's website in March.

### Quarterly Statistics

New License Applications: 414 (+12.5%)

292 Approved

23 Tabled/Denied

Issued Licenses: 276 (+6.2%)

Active License Renewals: 1,914 (+11.3)

Inactive License Renewals: 88 (-28%)

Online Renewals: 421 35% of all renewals

Active Licenses: 15,155 (+1%)

Inactive Licenses: 923 (-13.3%)

42 Placed on Inactive Status During Q3

License Change Applications: 765 (-0.5%)

Voluntary Surrender: 79 (+11.3%)

License Suspensions (no bond): 163 (-9.9%)

Licenses Cancelled: 231 (+2.7%)

Application Denial Hearings: 20 (-13%)

Financial Responsibility Hearings: 7 (-50%)

# 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 Complaints Filed

	Money Owing					Workmanship					Industrial Regulation				
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
JUL	42	22	19	22	18	52	48	54	60	54	53	87	73	90	76
AUG	47	23	30	36	17	69	48	43	60	71	108	87	72	73	69
SEPT	43	30	21	20	15	57	45	61	68	53	70	95	42	68	66
<b>1st Qtr:</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>211</b>
OCT	56	47	27	30	23	64	53	38	53	85	84	84	66	68	76
NOV	60	33	21	12	30	37	58	24	50	52	90	67	64	63	56
DEC	44	19	22	18	20	46	34	55	42	48	84	80	57	65	49
<b>2nd Qtr:</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>181</b>
JAN	53	42	22	25	29	42	38	32	52	43	74	103	69	64	59
FEB	53	36	17	20	22	33	32	48	71	100	87	100	62	78	104
MAR	41	31	29	27	23	31	48	44	63	64	88	71	59	65	68
<b>3rd Qtr:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>231</b>
APR	44	26	30	35		36	45	47	51		81	95	71	87	
MAY	39	27	27	30		36	47	55	48		83	72	80	90	
JUN	31	23	32	32		48	45	57	66		83	62	78	76	
<b>4th Qtr:</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>0</b>

## License revoked; charges sought

The Board revoked the license of Walter Douglas Bernard of Reno Sunrooms after an investigation revealed he took a total of \$110,000 from five northern Nevada homeowners before abandoning the projects he promised to deliver. The five victims may seek recovery through the Board's Residential Recovery Fund.

Bernard admitted he used the money he collected for business costs other than the projects in question.

NSCB is seeking felony prosecution with the Washoe and Lyon County district attorneys for the five alleged counts of diversion of construction funds per NRS 624.750.

## Homeowners receive relief after projects abandoned

Three homeowners received the maximum award of \$35,000 from the Contractors Board's Residential Recovery Fund, after the committee validated their claims against Bormann Construction, Ltd.

Investigators confirmed that Bormann abandoned foundation and interior repairs at the complainants' homes. Performing as little as 10 percent of the contracted work after collecting \$162,000 in down payments.

### QUARTERLY STATISTICS

**Opened Complaints: 487**

203 Workmanship

71 Money Owing

213 Industry Regulation

71 administrative citations issued

\$66,100 in Fines

\$27,498 in investigative costs

Pending cases: 295

**Closed complaints: 405**

41 Cases referred for disciplinary hearing

12 licenses revoked

32 fines totalling \$57,100

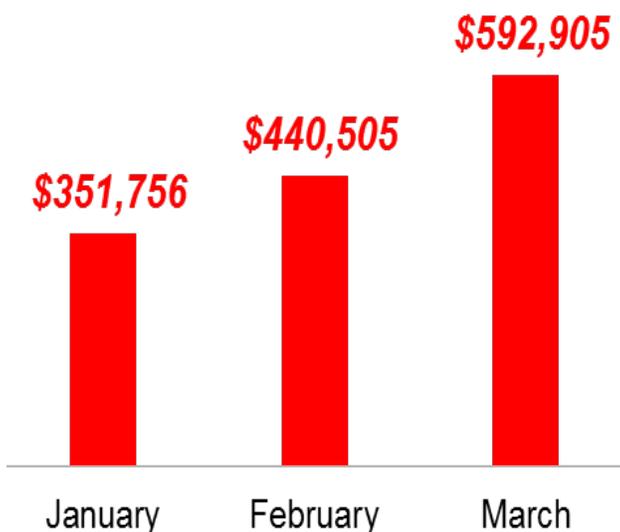
# Enforcement - *Unlicensed Contractors*

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.

## Violation Types

	CWL					Criminal Fraud					Unlawful Advertising				
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
JUL	60	84	55	58	93	3	4	3	0	7	36	46	45	70	83
AUG	93	76	65	64	71	1	6	1	0	3	47	37	25	44	39
SEPT	46	37	52	67	78	3	0	1	0	2	36	43	36	56	64
<b>1st Qtr:</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>186</b>
OCT	55	73	56	77	83	5	1	0	1	3	48	30	35	67	37
NOV	38	47	63	49	60	1	5	0	3	1	22	14	30	50	24
DEC	46	36	36	82	52	1	1	0	2	3	28	21	20	32	18
<b>2nd Qtr:</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>79</b>
JAN	43	53	68	72	67	0	0	0	0	3	29	57	40	48	36
FEB	53	61	60	91	64	3	3	0	1	26	54	43	56	52	26
MAR	69	55	81	104	60	0	3	0	2	14	40	30	38	41	13
<b>3rd Qtr:</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>75</b>

Nearly **\$1.4 million** in contract values was lost to unlicensed contractors during the third quarter. This figure is based on the contract values associated with unlicensed complaints received by the Board.



## QUARTERLY STATS

### 296 Opened Complaints

- 191 Contracting without a License
- 75 Unlawful Advertising
- 43 Criminal Fraud

### 279 Closed Complaints

- 21 Administrative Citations
- 60 Criminal Citations Issued
- 30 Criminal Charges Filed

### 188 Criminal convictions recorded

- 121 Misdemeanor
- 60 Gross Misdemeanor
- 7 Felony

### 90 Cease and Desist Orders

**Pending cases: 1,377**

# Solar firm's licenses revoked

At the Nevada State Contractors Board's March 31 disciplinary hearing, Judge Philip M. Pro ordered the revocation of Summerlin Energy Las Vegas, LLC's (Summerlin Energy's) licenses. Pro made the ruling after hearing testimony from Board investigators, homeowners, and suppliers.

Summerlin Energy's license numbers 78571 (electrical) and 78570 (general building) were revoked after the contractor was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract therefore causing material injury to another, abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project, diversion of funds, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered, failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility.

In all, Pro sustained 46 of the 48 Causes of Action against Summerlin Energy, which were affiliated with nine complaints – seven from homeowners and two from vendors.

"Protecting the public is our primary mission, and the Board makes every effort to ensure its licensees uphold their responsibilities and do right by their customers," said



NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "It is unfortunate that the bad business decisions of one contractor can negatively affect so many trusting homeowners. We empathize with the financial hardships many are experiencing right now and look forward to the opportunity to assist eligible homeowners in recouping some of their losses through the Board's Residential Recovery Fund."

In November 2015, the Board began receiving complaints from homeowners against Summerlin Energy. Toward the end of January, 2016, a significant number of complaints were filed, including complaints from vendors. On February 3, 2016, the Board summarily suspended the licenses of Summerlin Energy.

The Board will now begin

the process of receiving and validating claims to the Residential Recovery Fund. Homeowners who meet the criteria for the Residential Recovery Fund may be eligible for financial recourse up to \$35,000; however, the fund is limited to paying out \$400,000 per contractor. If eligible claims exceed the \$400,000 limit, a pro-rated amount would be awarded to qualifying individuals as determined by the Residential Recovery Fund Committee.

Persons interesting in filing a claim or complaint can download the forms from the Board's website, or contact the Board's office for assistance.

# Repeat offender pleads guilty

## *Delbridge gets probation; must pay restitution*

On March 23, chronic unlicensed contractor Michael Delbridge was ordered to pay nearly \$65,000 in restitution to victims and sentenced in Las Vegas District Court to 19 to 48 months in prison for engaging in business without a license, a felony because of his multiple prior convictions on the same charge. Judicial Officer Elizabeth Gonzalez suspended the sentence in lieu of placing Delbridge on probation for up to five years.

Delbridge pled guilty to the charge, a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624.750 (2) (c), as part of a plea agreement that included dismissal of several other charges.

Terms of Delbridge's probation include stipulation that he not commit similar offenses, and complete 16 hours of community service (to be served concurrently with similar requirements from a previous case). Gonzalez ordered restitution to 15 victims, ranging from \$500 to \$13,500. Delbridge also was ordered to pay more than \$8,000 to reimburse the Nevada State Contractors Board for costs it incurred in investigating and compiling evidence against him.

The Contractors Board investigation alleged that Delbridge, operating as "Southwest Construction,"



**MICHAEL DELBRIDGE**

"Roadrunner Construction" and "Michael Delbridge Construction," preyed on unsuspecting homeowners – often seniors. Claiming to be a licensed contractor, Delbridge often offered to perform construction work for a bargain price in exchange for a 50 percent cash deposit, ostensibly to take advantage of sales on materials that would save homeowners money. Deposit in hand, he then would abandon projects with little or no work being done.

He has been the subject of the Board's criminal investigations since 1994, amassing more than 17 unlicensed contracting cases with the Board. Delbridge's offenses have included

allegations of posing as a licensed contractor, obtaining funds under false pretenses, diversion of funds, and victimizing vulnerable persons.

"Repeat offenders like Mr. Delbridge are the very reason the Contractors Board exists," stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "It is easy for an unsuspecting homeowner to become victimized by a well-versed salesman, which is why we want to caution the public that if it sounds too good to be true, it often is. The Board encourages all legitimate, licensed contractors to educate their customers on the dangers of unlicensed contracting."

The Board encourages residential contractors to remind their customers to always verify a contractor's license number on the Board's website or contact the Board directly at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141 before signing a contract. It is also recommended to display your contractor Pocket ID card to all customers as validation of your licensure.

A valuable messaging tool for licensed contractors is promotion of the Residential Recovery Fund. Explaining to homeowners they may be financially protected up to \$35,000 should something go wrong during the course of the project is an added incentive for hiring a licensed contractor.



*Nevada State Senator Patricia Farley (upper left) moderates a panel discussion on senior safety, scams, and elder abuse issues at the Doolittle Community Center. Representatives from state and local agencies participate in the discussion and vendor fair.*

# Anniversary tour underway

The Nevada State Contractors Board is celebrating 75 years of protecting the state's homeowners and advocating for competent, licensed construction professionals.

Foreseeing the stratospheric growth about to grip the state, the Nevada State Legislature established the Board in 1941.

It was during that year that the El Rancho hotel, boasting a huge casino, posh restaurants, lush landscaping and expansive parking, opened in the southern Nevada desert.

El Rancho's success spawned construction of more upscale casinos along the dusty "Las Vegas Strip." Construction of Reno's Mapes Hotel broke

ground a few years later, ushering in the era of Reno's casino heyday. And such began Nevada's first modern population and construction boom.

Buoyed by the war effort – Basic Magnesium, which anchored what would become Henderson, and the Army Gunnery School, which would become Nellis Air Force Base, both were founded in 1941 – and the Baby Boom that followed, contractors scurried to build apartments, housing subdivisions, roads, factories, schools, offices and shops in southern Nevada.

And while the Reno area has bustled as a transportation hub since before the Comstock era, it really took off in the 1940s. In 1941, the University of Nevada

constructed a state-of-the-art gymnasium (the Nevada State Legislature spared no expense, allocating up to \$300,000!) and engineering building (\$175,000).

The Nevada State Legislature, foreseeing the stratospheric growth about to grip the state, established the State Contractors Board in 1941. And the Board has been ensuring only qualified, licensed contractors were allowed to build the foundations for one of the world's most recognizable skylines, overseeing development of "The Biggest Little City in the World" and protecting homeowners and legitimate contractors throughout the state ever since.

“Now, as then, the Nevada State Contractors Board works to ensure private and public construction projects adhere to the state’s strict building laws and regulations,” says NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “With a mandate to protect citizens’ health, safety and welfare, the Board takes special pride in its services to help Nevada’s seniors research qualified construction tradespeople, avoid rip-offs, and make good decisions regarding their homes’ repair and maintenance.”

The Board protects homeowners by issuing licenses to contractors who demonstrate, among other requirements, the skills and experience of their trade; knowledge of the state’s building, labor, and business laws; and financial stability. All license applicants are also subject to criminal background checks.

NSCB is celebrating its diamond anniversary in a big way.

Consumer protection agencies, community leaders, senior advocates and organizations from across the state are banding together to help the Contractors Board celebrate “75 Years of Protecting Nevadans and Promoting the Integrity of the Construction Industry.” The year-long celebration kicked off with the Board’s participation in a Consumer Protection Week event, joining other Nevada consumer affairs and public safety agencies, law enforcement, legal aid organizations, and fair housing, finance and employment advocates for

a free public forum in Las Vegas. The event was followed by Board-sponsored “Protecting Nevada’s Seniors” information fairs and informational panel discussions in Las Vegas, Boulder City and Reno.

“Education is power when it comes to defending against fraud,” noted NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “The advent of warmer weather means an increase in unlicensed and unscrupulous contracting in Nevada. When consumers learn to recognize the warning signs, they know the questions to ask, how to verify a contractor’s license, insist on written contracts containing all provisions, and to only make payments commensurate with the work’s progress.”

Representatives from the Nevada Attorney General, local District Attorney office, law enforcement, elected officials and prosecutors joined the Board to show seniors and their loved ones how to recognize and avoid scams and physical and emotional abuse. Other exhibitors presented information on where older Nevadans can turn to for medical, financial, legal, emotional, and other support from government agencies, charities, and service providers.

The Contractors Board will host similar events on various topics throughout the state:

### **Disaster Recovery.**

Floods, fires, and high winds are common disasters experienced by homeowners in Nevada every year, but how many

of us know how to prepare for them and protect our homes and livelihoods? Join the Contractors Board along with state and local representatives who will offer tips to prepare for such events, steps to take following a disaster, resources available for assistance, and how to identify and avoid scams and unscrupulous individuals looking to prey on vulnerable homeowners.

### **Consumer Protection.**

Every day, agencies across the state are working with one mission in mind – protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Attend this event to learn of the various ways the Contractors Board, law enforcement, and state and local agencies are working to prevent wrongdoing in our communities and take action against those who take advantage of the public.

### **Building a Better Nevada.**

Participants will learn about the impact construction has had on the state’s economy – past, present, and future, construction education resources throughout the state, and how the construction profession helps make Nevada a great place to live. The Contractors Board will spotlight the contributions of the industry over the past 75 years, and how it protects not only homeowners but also legitimate, hard-working licensed contractors.

# 19 cited for unlicensed contracting

The Nevada State Contractors Board issued citations to 19 suspected unlicensed contractors during two January undercover sting operations in Henderson and Sparks. Board investigators cited suspects for contracting without a license and/or illegally advertising construction services. Both are violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.

Investigators identified suspects through complaints to the Contractors Board and by examining advertisements on Craigslist and other bulletin board services. Unlicensed individuals are not allowed to advertise for construction work, which requires a contractor's license.

Nevada requires contractors to be licensed to perform any electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning work, any construction work that requires a building permit and any project with a value of \$1,000 or more, including labor and materials. Suspects who submitted estimates for work in the prohibited trades or in excess

Suspect	Alleged Offense(s)
David Allen	Advertising without a License
Jorge Armenta-Lopez	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Mike Baker	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Narciso Cervantes	Advertising without a License
Barry Egert	Advertising without a License
Mark Hamilton	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Edward Hawes	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Ronald Johnson	Advertising without a License
James O'Connell	Contracting without a License
Scott Ribeiro	Contracting without a License
Armando Rosas Ramirez	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Carlos Salcido	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Jose Saldana-Esparza	Advertising without a License
Roni Salguero	Contracting without a License
Michael Serwicki	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Joseph Siracusa	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Ernesto Tenorio-Delaluz	Contracting & Advertising without a License
Ignacio Velasquez	Advertising without a License
John Zeller	Contracting without a License

of the \$1,000 ceiling received contracting without a license citation.

At least two of the suspects have criminal records and at least one has been previously cited by the Contractors Board "We appreciate the cooperation we receive from Nevada homeowners, the state's licensed contractors and local law enforcement as we work to stamp out illegal contracting," said NSCB Executive Officer

Margi Grein. "The Henderson Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff's Office provided valuable support for this operation, demonstrating our agencies' shared commitment to protect Nevada's homeowners and legitimate contractors."

The Board's criminal investigators conducting stings used the interactions to educate suspects and offer encouragement and resources to help them to obtain a contractor's license.

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April 29, 2016

## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

### **SUBJECT: Metallic Gas Pipe – Time Extension for Enforcement of UPC Section 301**

Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention (CCDBFP) previously informed industry that effective May 2, 2016, the enforcement of UPC Section 301 would occur. This code section requires all Pipe and Fittings in a gas piping system be listed by an approved listing agency to the appropriate Standard.

Since that letter, the Department has held several meetings with Industry as well as with several pipe and fittings suppliers, manufacturers and listing agencies. During the course of those meetings, it is our understanding that there are now four major suppliers/manufacturers for pipe (Kloeckner-Sha Thai; Mueller; Wheatland; Valencia) that have completed the listing process. We have been advised that these four firms represent a very large percentage of the supply of pipe for the Southern Nevada market. In addition, we understand that there are now multiple pipe fitting suppliers/manufacturers that are also either listed or have started the process of getting listed. However, there is still concern from industry that even though there has been significant and positive progress towards the listing of pipe and fittings, that there will not be a stable and sufficient supply of listed pipe and fittings by the enforcement date. Therefore, in an effort to accommodate this supply concern, CCDBFP will extend the enforcement date till July 5, 2016.

Sincerely,

Samuel D. Palmer, P.E., CBO  
Assistant Director  
Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention

# Board disciplines contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board took disciplinary action against several licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 during its January, February and March hearings in Reno and Henderson.

**Buckeye Drywall & Paint, LLC**, license number 77247 (painting and decorating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, diversion of funds, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs. Licensee was ordered to make restitution of \$65,000 and to provide the Board with a current financial statement that supports the license limit. The license was placed on probation for five years.

**Carl Agbleze, owner, dba C. A. Builders**, license number 67913 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to provide notice of intent to file a lien, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$850 and assessed investigative costs. The license will remain suspended until the Board receives a current finan-

cial statement that supports the license limit.

**Morrison Construction**, license number 47260A (carpentry and repairs), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,650 and assessed investigative costs. The license limit was reduced to \$10,000.

**Rod Koprek Roofing**, license number 50820 (roofing and siding), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a contract or proposal. Licensee was fined \$100.

**Calvada Concrete, LLC**, license number 78388 (concrete contracting), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with a Board request for information or records, and failure to comply with an order of the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,500 and assessed investiga-

tive costs.

**Reno Sunrooms Inc.**, license number 49308 (pre-manufactured housing), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment of a construction project and diversion of funds. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$12,000 and ordered to pay restitution.

**North Shore Custom Flooring**, license numbers 73508 (finishing floors) and 73509 (tiling), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for knowingly entering into a contract with an unlicensed person, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, failure to maintain proper records of contracts, documents and receipts, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

**Raymond Mathew Ellwanger, owner, dba Home Innovations**, license number 67302 (low-voltage electrical), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, contracting beyond the scope of the license, and substandard

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workmanship. The license was revoked. Licensee was ordered to make restitution.

**Mold Doctor, LLC**, license number 68357 (taping and finishing, drywall), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, and contracting beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$1,600 and assessed investigative costs.

**Larry Silecchio, owner, dba Silecchio Construction**, license number 46112 (residential and small commercial) **Discount Builders**, license number 79779 (residential and small commercial), **Desert View Remodelers, dba Universal Windows Direct**, license number 77650 (residential and small commercial) and **Platinum Remodeling, dba L.S. Remodeling**, license number (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship and failure to comply with a notice to correct. Licensee was fined \$750, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to hire and pay a licensed contractor to satisfactorily complete the project.

**S.E.S. Roofing**, license number 75500 (roofing and siding), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, substandard workmanship, contracting on a suspended or revoked license, and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

**Summerlin Energy Las Vegas, LLC**, license numbers 78571 (electrical) and 78570 (general building), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract therefore causing material injury to another, abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project, diversion of funds, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered, failure

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**Unlicensed Contractor Hotline**

<b>Las Vegas</b>	<b>Reno</b>
702-486-1160 (ph.)	775-850-7838 (ph.)
702-486-1166 (fax)	775-850-7854 (fax)

**24-Hour License Verification**  
702-486-1100 or 775-688-1141 (Information Line)  
[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)

to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Both licenses were revoked.

**M 2 Core Drilling & Cutting, Inc.**, license number 70665 (general engineering) and **Sierra Cutting & Core Drilling, LLC**, license number 77426 (general engineering), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to respond to and comply with a written request by the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The monetary limits for both licenses were reduced to \$10,000 pending receipt of a current financial statement, at which point the license limits will be raised to the amount the financial statement supports.

**Bryan Charles Bastasini, owner, dba Narwhal Constructors**, license numbers 54140 (Residential and small commercial), 54139 (plumbing and heating), and 61451 (carpentry), based out of Spring Creek, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license, making a false statement regarding a lien, substandard workmanship, and failure to disclose informa-

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tion regarding subcontractors or suppliers. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,900 and assessed investigative costs.

***Bradley Construction, Inc. dba New Image Contracting***, license number 55152 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information, license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$100 and assessed investigative costs. The hearing was continued to April 20, 2016 where additional Causes of Actions will be considered.

***Addison Landscaping, Inc.***, license number 46744A (landscape contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license, and aiding or abetting an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs. The hearing was continued to May 18, 2016 where an additional Cause of Action will be considered. The licensee is required to hire properly licensed contractors to make corrections to work performed as indicated by the hearing officer, and pull ap-

propriate permits and schedule proper completion inspections if required.

***Palmetto Construction, Inc.***, license number 68528 (general building), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$800 and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended until a current financial statement that supports the license limit is received by the Board.

***Lero Enterprises, Inc., dba A Plus Restoration***, license number 73620 (wrecking buildings), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for contracting on a suspended or revoked license, failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information and license limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with an order of the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$10,250 and assessed investigative costs.

***N M N Construction, Inc.***, license number 77919 (residential and small commercial), based out of Tustin, Calif., was found in violation

for lending the license to an unauthorized individual who is not on the license, attempting to assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a license or permit the unauthorized use thereof, misrepresenting or committing a fraudulent or deceitful act to obtain a license, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

***Stuart Spear, dba Stuart Spear Construction***, license number 78240 (residential and small construction), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days, failure to include the monetary license limit on a contract or proposal, failure to display the license number on each commercial vehicle, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs. The license was suspended pending receipt of payment of fines and fees.

***Yan Hong Liu, dba C & L Enterprise***, license number 60690 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for construction or repairing a mobile home without an appropriate license. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

# Be a “card-carrying” licensed contractor

The Nevada State Contractors Board continuously reminds property owners to check contractors’ pocket identification cards before agreeing to proposals, signing contracts or allowing anyone to perform work on their homes or businesses.

As these outreach efforts continue, NSCB also encourages all licensed contractors to carry the pocket cards while on the job and especially in situations where they think they might be soliciting business.

The hard plastic license pocket cards recently were redesigned to include NSCB’s logo and the state seal in addition to the license number, business name, classification(s), and license expiration date. One card is issued upon issuance and renewal of the license. NSCB allows con-



tracting companies to purchase additional cards at \$10 each to distribute to key on-site personnel to use when potential customers inquire about services.

To obtain additional pocket cards, call the Board offices at 702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 775-688-1141 in northern Nevada.



## Nevada State Contractors Board

# MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For veterans making the transition into civilian employment and spouses of active-duty military personnel relocating with their service members to Nevada

- A dedicated, specially trained NSCB staff member to evaluate transferable military training and experience from all branches of the military that meet minimum contractor licensing requirements.
- Military experience and training will be considered along with college credit when the Board evaluates acceptable technical education levels for license applicants.
- Military spouses’ current records of licensure will be evaluated to determine whether he/she is eligible for waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.



To determine eligibility or for questions concerning NSCB’s expedited service for veterans and military spouses, contact License Analyst Barbara Miller at 775-850-7814 or 702-486-1100, extension 7814, or e-mail her at [bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us](mailto:bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us)



# Safety Up Date



## Final Silica Rule Published

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a final rule to curb lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney disease in America's workers by limiting their exposure to respirable crystalline silica. The rule is comprised of two standards, one for Construction and one for General Industry and Maritime.

OSHA estimates that the rule will save over 600 lives and prevent more than 900 new cases of silicosis each year, once its effects are fully realized. The Final Rule is projected to provide net benefits of about \$7.7 billion, annually.

About 2.3 million workers are exposed to respirable crystalline silica in their workplaces, including 2 million construction workers who drill, cut, crush, or grind silica-containing materials such as concrete and stone, and 300,000 workers in general industry operations such as brick manufacturing, foundries, and hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. Responsible employers have been protecting workers from harmful exposure to respirable crystalline silica for years, using widely-available equipment that controls dust with water or a vacuum system.

### Key Provisions

- Reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, averaged over an 8-hour shift.
- Requires employers to: use engineering controls (such as water or ventilation) to limit worker exposure to the PEL; provide respirators when engineering controls cannot adequately limit exposure; limit worker access to high exposure areas; develop a written exposure control plan, offer medical exams to highly exposed workers, and train workers on silica risks and how to limit exposures.
- Provides medical exams to monitor highly exposed workers and gives them information about their lung health.
- Provides flexibility to help employers — especially small businesses — protect workers from silica exposure.

### Compliance Schedule

Both standards contained in the final rule take effect on June 23, 2016, after which industries have one to five years to comply with most requirements, based on the following schedule:

**Construction** - June 23, 2017, one year after the effective date.

**General Industry and Maritime** - June 23, 2018, two years after the effective date.

**Hydraulic Fracturing** - June 23, 2018, two years after the effective date for all provisions except Engineering Controls, which have a compliance date of June 23, 2021.

**For more information including the text of the final rule fact sheets for different industries, and answers to frequently asked questions visit**

<http://www.osha.gov/silica/index.html>

# Continued Education & Training

**T**echnology 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>

**Contact:**  
**OSHAOTIEC@csn.edu** or  
1 (877) 651-OSHA

**Computer Courses**  
<http://tinyurl.com/6twzcu>

**Contact:**  
**DWED@csn.edu**  
(702) 651-4747

**Computer Basics**  
<http://tinyurl.com/6wubnmm>

**Contact:**  
**DWED@csn.edu**  
(702) 651-4747

# Northern Nevada

## Truckee Meadows Community College

**Safety and Training Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7m226hq>  
contact: [salquist@tmcc.edu](mailto:salquist@tmcc.edu) or (775) 857-4958

**Computer Courses:** <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvrr>  
Contact: [wdee@tmcc.edu](mailto:wdee@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

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## Great Basin College

**Course catalog**                      **General Inquiries Contact** (775) 738-8493

Great Basin College offers several courses of interest to Nevada's contractors:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design

Electrical Theory

Industrial Millwright Technology

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Office Technology

Welding

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## Western Nevada College

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

**Courses of interest to contractors include:**

Air Conditioning

Applied Industrial Technology

Building Codes and Inspections

Computer Aided Drafting Design

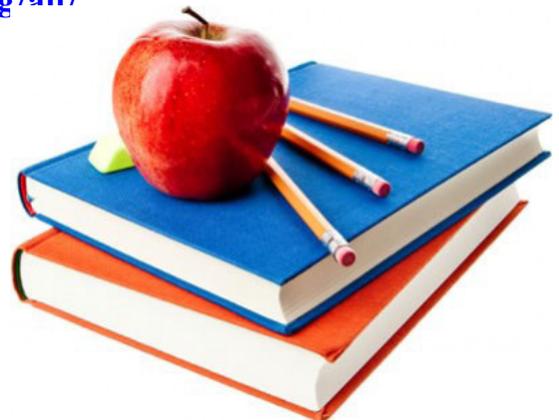
Construction Management and Trade Courses

Geographic Information Systems

Computer Applications/Internet Courses

Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses

Contact: [info\\_desk@wnc.edu](mailto:info_desk@wnc.edu) or (775) 445-3000





# Nevada Contractor's Checklist

The following information is provided to help Nevada Contractors work within the law. For full text of laws that affect contracting in Nevada, see The State of Nevada "State Contractors Board Handbook," Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administration Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- 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 or persons with whom you contract are valid and active. NAC 624.650
- Be sure name of business under which contractor is contracting is the same as the license number. NRS 624.305
- Be sure the 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 terms of the contract, and comply with terms of the contract. NRS 624.3013(1)
- If it is 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)
- Include Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure on all residential contracts. NRS 624.520
- Provide customers with required Notice to Owner Disclosure. NRS 624.600(1)(2) and (3) as described in NAC 624.693 & NAC 624.6932
- Make sure your license number is on all business advertisements, including vehicles, business cards, letterhead, signage, directories, newspapers, website, etc. NRS 624.720
- Always make sure license number and monetary limit is on all contracts or bids. NAC 624.640(5)
- Your license number should be approximately 1 1/2 inches on your motor vehicle. NRS 624.288
- If your address or other pertinent information about the business changes, notify Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)

# BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

## History of Building Safety Month

For the last 36 years the 57,000 worldwide Members of the ICC have celebrated advances in constructing safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient buildings and homes. The ongoing support of Building Safety Month and the important role code officials play in public safety in the built environment comes from the President of the United States, governors, mayors, county & city executives and other government officials and construction industry professionals. The Building Safety Month campaign helps to improve public safety by increasing awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play.

This year's theme is ***Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety.*** Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety.

### Weekly Themes

#### **WEEK ONE // May 2–8, 2016**

*Building Solutions for All Ages*

#### **WEEK TWO // May 9–15, 2016**

*The Science Behind the Codes*

#### **WEEK THREE // May 16–22, 2016**

*Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow*

#### **WEEK FOUR // May 23–29, 2016**

*Building Codes: A Smart Investment*

*Mark Your Calendar &  
Help Spread the Word!*

