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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



The Nevada State Contractors Board's primary goal is public protection, and as a licensed contractor, I fully understand the responsibility I share in upholding this mission. Too many times I have seen the damaging effects created by unlicensed contractors on innocent and unsuspecting homeowners. Whether it's a matter of abandonment, fraud, egregious workmanship, or elder abuse, there are few positive stories that have come before me as a contractor and chairman of the Board that lend my sympathies to the underground economy.

Every day, Board investigators are responding to complaints, following up on leads of unlicensed activities, and working with partnering authorities to end criminal contracting activities taking place in our communities. But they can't do it alone. We as licensed contractors have several ways in which

we can contribute to the efforts to end unlicensed contracting.

As you may recall, in January of this year, the Board launched its mobile application, allowing contractors to report unlicensed contracting activities from their phone in a quick mobile format, which is directly sent to the criminal investigative unit at the Board to follow up on. I am pleased to note this application, along with the Board's Home Depot partnership to create Permits USA, received national recognition for innovation at the 2014 National Association of State Contractor Licensing Agencies' annual conference.

If you haven't already, quickly access the Board's website to download the mobile application, or search for "NSCB" in your application store to install it today. Being the eyes and ears in our community is paramount to combating the unlicensed activities. We know what to look for, what seems out of place, who looks reputable, and who may be operating illegally. Take a few seconds when you notice these suspicions to report as much detail as possible to the Board through its mobile application or by calling the Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838.

However, simply reporting these activities is not enough. We can and should be the voice

of public protection to our customers. Think of all the people you reach on a daily basis. How many of them did you speak to about the dangers of unlicensed activities? How many people did you educate about the license verification services and hiring resources offered by the Contractors Board? How many of your customers understand the protections they receive because you took the time to obtain your contractor's license?

We can't expect change if we don't help to integrate these efforts in our daily operations. Everyone on our workforce must be united, consistent, and clear with these messages. Our employees must also understand the importance of being a licensed contractor - not just the individual(s) who applied for the license.

We are the public interface for the industry, and we have the power to empower people every day in their decisions to hire contractors. We maintain a responsibility to be the voice and action of public protection in our communities. Help licensed contractors throughout this state by not devaluing your license by overlooking the significance you serve in the fight against unlicensed contractors.

Together, we can and will make a difference. Thank you for your efforts and continue to set the example for others in our industry.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The first quarter of NSCB's fiscal year is over, and we have pick right off where the 2013-14 year ended, continuing our focus on technology while also expanding our communications and customer service initiatives.

Furthering our goal of strengthening our partnerships with Nevada's construction industry, we held roundtable discussions with northern Nevada building officials, industry representatives and contractors. The interactive conversation dealt with issues of importance to the industry and successfully opened the lines of communication with various stakeholders. Continuously learning the issues that affect contractors and building inspectors provides the Board with specific matters to address and respond to.

We also are taking steps to increase inter-departmental cooperation and coordination with the state's law enforcement agencies to seek their assistance in identifying unlicensed contractors. It is hoped that fraud and detective units will be better able to recognize the signs of illegal contracting activity, extending the Board's reach in eliminating a problem that plagues the industry and penalizes legitimate contractors.

On the communications



front, the Board will continue to develop and produce collateral materials, key messaging for target audiences, and outreach initiatives to engage the public, state and local partners, and industry representatives. This year's strategies are geared toward proactive development of media relations. Look for Board staff presence in articles, editorials and interviews with the mainstream media and trade publications to more widely disperse the Board's information to the public.

The Board's Licensing Department worked with vendors and exam administrators to review and make changes to the B-classification exam, which takes effect this month. Additionally, staff will be making a recommendation to the Board at its October 23, 2014 hearing concerning a new subclassification for tenant improvement and remodel of high rise buildings. The language will

be presented to the Board for authorization to move forward with a Regulation Workshop and Hearing on the matter, at which time public comment and input will be received.

As we continue to enhance, improve, and evaluate the efficiencies in all facets of Board activities, we will be keeping the industry apprise of any notable information that may be of interest to licensed contractors. Conversely, if there are matters of interest to you that the Board can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact our offices to share your thoughts and concerns.

On behalf of the Contractors Board, I hope each of you finds time in the coming months to enjoy the holiday season while spending quality time with friends, family, and colleagues.

Margi G. 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.

QUARTERLY STATS

370 New License Apps

- 347 Approved
- 50 Tabled/Denied
- Avg. Processing Time 63 days

310 Issued Licenses

847 License Change Apps

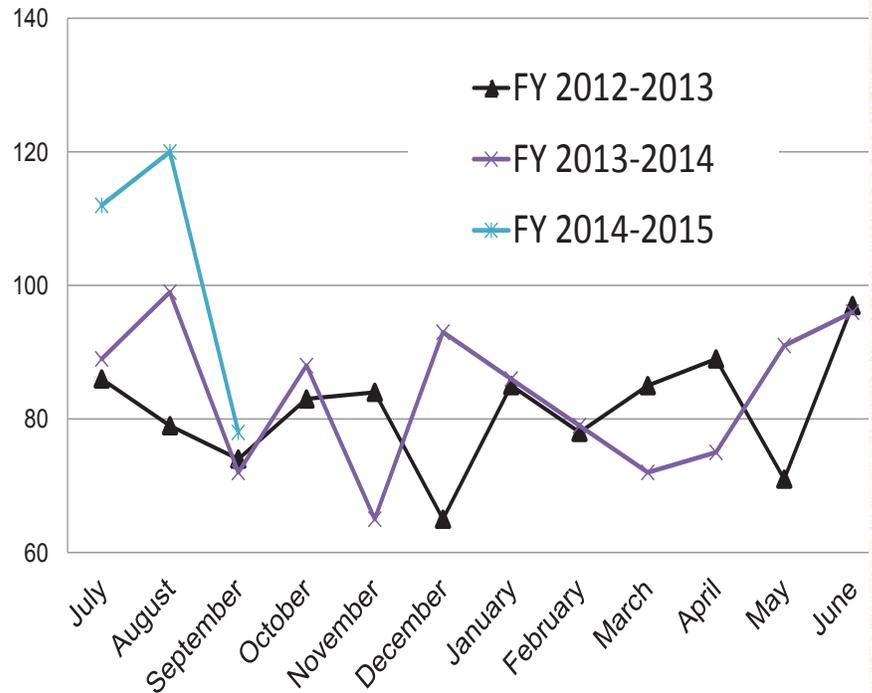
- Avg. Processing Time 22 days; 73% approved/denied within 30 days

14,846 Active Licenses

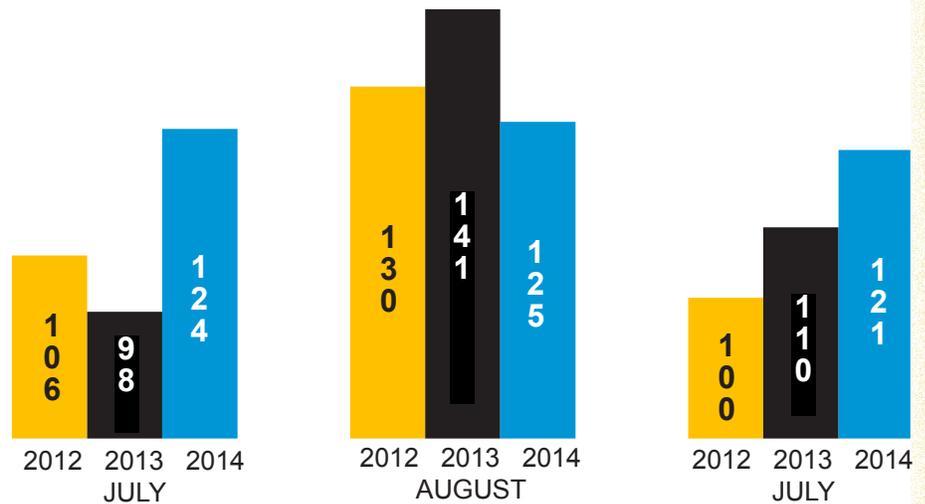
1,178 Inactive Licenses

- 59 Placed on inactive status during Q1

Issued Licenses



New License Applications



JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014

Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	16,113
New Licenses Issued	310
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(539)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	140
Licenses (End of Quarter)	16,024

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 Violations

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

COMPLIANCE TIPS

- Prominently display your license number and monetary limit on all bids, contracts and marketing material, including trade show displays, service vehicles, business cards, letterhead and websites.
- Notify the Board of any changes to your address, qualifying person or other relevant information within the statutory timeframe.
- Including the relevant Residential Recovery Fund language on all residential contracts.
- Never advertise, bid or contract for work outside the scope or monetary limit of your license. When hiring subcontractors, always check that their licenses are active and valid for the work they are to perform.
- Don't forget to renew your license online. You also can find instructions on expanding the license's scope or limit, changing a business address or a qualified person and more at http://www.nscb.nv.gov/contractor_apps.html.

QUARTER SNAPSHOT

487 Opened Complaints

- 189 Workmanship
- 78 Money Owing
- 231 Industry Regulation

470 Closed Complaints

310 Pending Cases

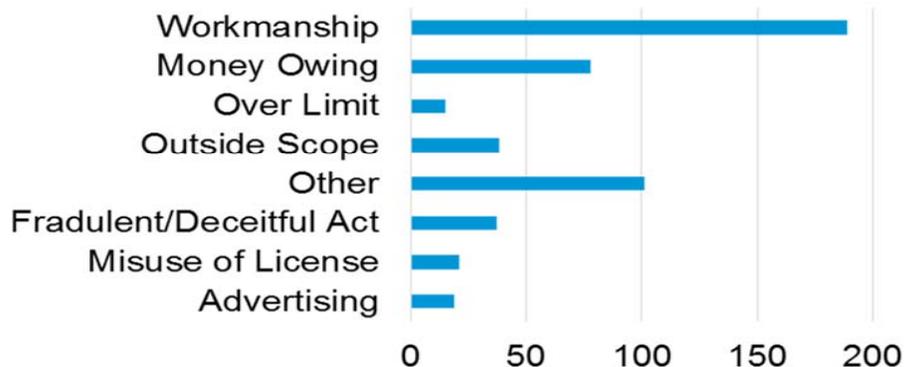
90 Administrative citations

- \$75,300 in Fines
- \$29,596 in Investigative Costs

32 Cases referred for Disciplinary Hearing

- 18 licenses revoked
- 58 fines imposed totalling \$45,250

Violation Types



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.

QUARTER SNAPSHOT

361 Opened Complaints

- 189 Contracting w/o License
- 170 Unlawful Advertising

364 Closed Complaints:

Pending cases: 1,275

31 Criminal charges filed

116 Criminal convictions

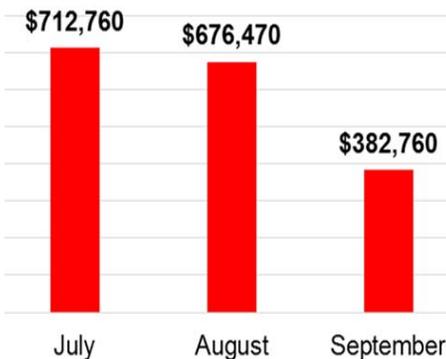
- 108 Misdemeanor
- 8 Gross Misdemeanor

125 Cease and Desist Orders

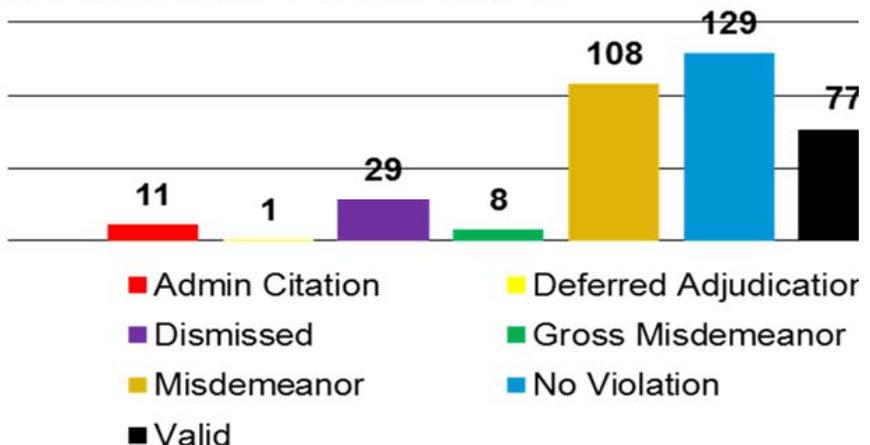
Criminal Complaints Filed

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
	Complaints	Complaints	Complaints	Complaints
JUL	93	128	107	131
AUG	138	114	89	109
SEPT	80	81	89	121
1st Qtr:	311	323	285	361
OCT	105	106	92	
NOV	60	64	101	
DEC	73	57	55	
2nd Qtr:	238	227	248	0
JAN	73	107	111	
FEB	107	104	121	
MAR	107	83	121	
3rd Qtr:	287	294	353	0
APR	136	117	164	
MAY	119	114	164	
JUN	148	119	135	
4th Qtr:	403	350	0	0

Approximately \$1.77 million lost to unlicensed contractors in last three months



Closed Case Outcomes



NSCB earns innovation honor

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

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

PermitsUSA is the product of a unique public-private partnership created to encourage the purchasing of select building permits while enhancing the process and convenience



NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein accepts NASCLA's Innovation in Regulation Award at the 2014 annual conference in August.

for users to do so. PermitsUSA links to building jurisdictions' systems, allowing users to interface directly with the various building departments through the in-store kiosk display.

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

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

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

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

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 or talking to potential customers.

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.



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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



Most Frequent Reasons Why Inspections Are Rejected

The following is a list of the most frequent reasons why inspection are rejected. By far, the most common reasons for rejection, which apply to all inspections, are:

- **Not ready for inspection.** Please do not call for an inspection just because it is “on the schedule.” Make sure the job is ready in order not to waste our time, your time, and possibly incur a re-inspection fee which must be paid prior to calling for another inspection.
- **No approved plans on the job.** Approved plans must be readily available at the jobsite.
- **Not constructed per approved plans.** If you deviate from the approved plans, you must have approval from the Building Official, and may be required submit revisions to the approved plans.
- **No access, or no permission to enter, if required.** This is most often encountered in residential situations, such as pools, patio covers, etc., when no one is at home.

Insulation

- Required insulation not installed in accordance with approved plans
- Insulation (fiberglass batts) is compressed when installed
- Insulation Certificate not available (final inspection)

Ceiling Grid / Suspended Ceiling

- Not approved support wires or fasteners
- Wire supports not spaced properly, or not plumb
- Wrong type of grid (light, intermediate or heavy duty)
- Two sides must be secured to wall angle - opposite sides must have spreader bars between grid (if required by manufacturer’s installation recommendations)
- Seismic wires not installed or improperly spaced, (where required)
- Lights and mechanical ducts not supported and not attached to grid
- Mechanical and electrical inspections

Exterior Lath / Stucco

- Improper nailing / fastening
- Failure to follow ICBO Report, 1 coat system
- High Rib improperly installed
- No caulk at penetrations
- Improperly lapped window flashings
- Weep screed not installed or not adequate clearance

Ufer Ground

- Concrete poured without inspection

Sign Inspection

- Not properly supported

Energy Efficiency Incentives for Commercial Customers

NV Energy's Sure Bet Program offers technical assistance and cash incentives to commercial customers to select energy efficient equipment that will save energy and lower utility bills.

Customers can select a project from a prescriptive list of measures or propose a custom project with verifiable energy savings.

- Incentives are available for new construction, major renovation and existing facility project improvements.
- Prescriptive measures range from lighting, refrigeration and commercial kitchen equipment to HVAC, variable frequency drives and more.
- Program staff can help identify energy efficiency opportunities.



BOOST YOUR BOTTOM LINE

Since energy costs are the largest and most controllable operating expense for most businesses, every dollar saved can make a big impact on your bottom line. In addition, many energy efficiency measures reduce maintenance demands and improve comfort.

Energy Savings Add Up

Need some ideas for energy-saving projects? Following are just a few measures from our prescriptive program.

- Try LEDs (light-emitting diodes) for exterior signs. LEDs use 65 percent less energy than incandescent lamps and emit less heat than neon lights.
- Install sensor-controlled bi-level LED fixtures in 24-hour parking garages and stairwells for safety and savings.
- Change high intensity discharge parking lot lighting to LED.
- Upgrade high intensity discharge fixtures to T5 high output or T8 fixtures to save 25 to 45 percent of energy use. These fixtures can be switched on and off immediately, which eliminates re-strike time.
- Install lighting controls to existing fixtures.
- Add controls to vending machines. It is quick, easy and can cut the machine's energy use by as much as one-half.
- Install anti-sweat heater controls on refrigerated cases to reduce heater energy use up to 70 percent.

Hardesty: Yes on appeals court

With the unanimous approval of the Nevada Legislature, Nevadans will consider Question 1 on the November ballot. The measure improves access to justice, shortens the time to disposition of appellate cases, and increases the number of published opinions by creating a Court of Appeals that will operate at a minimum cost to the taxpayers.

Nevada is one of only ten states lacking a separate court of appeals and, of those ten states, it has the largest population. Indeed, the Nevada Supreme Court justices have the largest caseload per justice of any state supreme court in the nation. Moreover, the Supreme Court must decide all appeals, including those involving driver's license revocations and inmate disputes over the quality of their food and clothing. As a result of this heavy caseload, 56 percent of appeals require more than six months to be heard, with 29 percent taking more than one year. Further, the Supreme Court is forced to resolve more than 90 percent of appeals through unpublished orders that only bind the parties to the case being decided, rather than published opinions that establish statewide precedent. The increasing backlog of cases is delaying justice in Nevada and, as a consequence, justice is being denied in the Silver State. This hurts Nevada's citizens and business alike.

Question 1 would create a Court of Appeals to consider some of the cases currently decided by the Supreme Court. The court would func-

tion under a "pushdown" system, such that all cases would still be filed with the Supreme Court, but certain types of cases that lack precedential value would be pushed down to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals would have a minimal fiscal impact on



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Nevada. It would be housed in existing courtrooms and offices in Nevada, thereby eliminating capital costs. Additionally, because all appeals would still be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, there would be no added clerks, central staff, or bureaucracy. The sole operating cost is limited to the salaries for judges and staff, and even that cost has been mitigated by several years of reversions or returns to the State general fund from the Supreme Court's budget.

Most importantly, a Court of Appeals would promote a quicker resolution of all cases and would increase the number of published opinions in all areas of Nevada law, providing much needed legal clarity. Certainly, it would decrease the time to resolve construction defect and lien cases. A "yes" vote to establish a Court of Appeals will enable Nevada's court system to meet the demands of the twenty-first century and provide our citizens and businesses with a cost effective way to improve the level of appellate review already available in 40 other states.

For more information about Question 1, visit the campaign's website at: nvcourtofappeals.com.

VOTE
YES
QUESTION 1
JUSTICE DELAYED
IS JUSTICE DENIED.

California needs well drillers

Nevada contractors encouraged to seek California licence to help alleviate health and safety issues during state's driest year on record

SACRAMENTO – The California State License Board encourages drilling contractors licensed in Nevada to consider seeking work in California, in order to help alleviate threats to public health and safety, as the state faces the driest year in recorded history. CSLB has a reciprocity agreement in place for well drillers who are licensed in Nevada, which will expedite the California licensing process.

Continued water shortfalls in California has prompted Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to proclaim a state of emergency and direct state officials to take all necessary actions to offset these drought conditions.

With the drought now posing health and safety concerns for families who rely on well water and businesses that need ground water resources, CSLB is expediting applications for C-57 Well Drilling contractors.

In order to legally contract for well drilling projects in Cali-



Nevada's licensed drilling contractors can take advantage of a reciprocity agreement with California to fast-track the approval process in the wake of that state's water emergency.

fornia, individuals and companies must be licensed by CSLB and possess the C-57 Well Drilling classification. Contracting companies that want assistance expediting process can contact CSLB's Classifications Deputy at (916) 255-4118 or waterwellinfo@cslb.ca.gov.

CSLB is encouraging California "A" General Engineering contractors that are authorized to perform water supply projects (but not well drilling unless they possess a C-57 Well Drilling classification) to add the C-57 classification to their license.

The California Employment Training Panel funds job training for "emergency needs related to drinking water" in eligible counties. Employers interested in accessing this fund to train

and hire additional employees under the new pilot program are encouraged to visit the CETP website.

CSLB and partner agencies – the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Air Resources Board, Department of Water Resources, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research – are identifying potential bottlenecks that might slow the regulatory processes enabling well drillers to perform their trade, or for out-of-state well drillers to assist.

ARB has identified an existing process to allow drilling rigs that do not meet current air standards to operate in the state for emergency operations; an ARB fact sheet explains air quality standards during a state emergency.

Board takes action against 26

At Hearings held during the first quarter of its 2014-15 Fiscal Year (July-September), the Nevada State Contractors Board took action against 27 licensed contractors who were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.

Eduardo Augusto Vergara, dba Edverg Construction and Development, license number 52630 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, allowing the unauthorized use of a license and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$70 and assessed investigative costs. The license limit was reduced to \$245,000.

Quality Contracting LLC, dba Quality Commercial Maintenance, Inc., license number 74839 (landscape contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written request from the Board. Licensee was assessed investigative costs.

Rancho Flooring, license numbers 66919 (install terrazzo and marble) and 68805 (tiling), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, willful disregard of the state's building laws and acting beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$2,750 and assessed investigative costs. License limits were reduced to \$19,000. Licensee was ordered to repair or have repaired the work in question.

Rise & Run, Inc., license number 46724 (carpentry), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services. Licensee was fined \$100 and assessed investigative costs. The license remains on suspension.

Around the Clock, Inc., license numbers 69440 (plumbing) and 63227 (air conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws.

Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

H.A.T. Development, license numbers 70004 (general building) and 70421 (concrete contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked.

All Lit Up Electric, Inc., license number 57885 (electrical contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$750 and assessed investigative costs. **T&M Electrical, dba Two Master Electricians**, license number 70562 (electrical) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting unlicensed persons, permitting the unauthorized use of a license, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

James V. Sheehan, license number 52877 (residential and small commercial) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for entering into a contract with an unlicensed person. The license limit was reduced to \$245,000 and the licensee was assessed investigative costs.

Equivest Services EIS, Ltd., dba EIS Construction, license number 69943 (residential and small commercial), **Equivest Services EIS, Ltd.**, license number 75483 (concrete), **Equivest Services EIS, Ltd., dba EIS Fire Protection**, license number 73065 (fire sprinklers) and **Capital Fire Protection, LLC**, license number 75002 (automatic fire sprinklers) based out of Carson City, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to obtain a building permit, willful disregard of the state's

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building laws, failure to include the monetary limit on a bid or contract, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$6,750 and assessed investigative costs.

Reno Heating & Air, license number 56404 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to provide the Board with a current financial statement.

James Ray Gray, dba JG Enterprises, license number 41766 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for attempting to permit the unauthorized use of a license, allowing a license to be used by an unauthorized person, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Arise Construction, license numbers 17414 (general building), 77783 (painting and decorating) and 77784 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship and failure to take appropriate corrective action. The licensee was fined \$750 and assessed investigative costs. The limit on license number 17414 was reduced to \$8.7 million.

Southwest Air Conditioning, license numbers 9679 (refrigeration and air conditioning), ***Southwest Air Conditioning Service***, license number 11556 (refrigeration and air conditioning) and ***Southwest Plumbing***, license number 35044 (plumbing and heating) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs and ordered to provide the Board a current financial statement.

Sienna Splash Technologies, license number 77956 (maintenance and repair of pools and spas), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for bidding or contracting in

excess of the license limit, willful disregard of the state's building laws, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal and failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days. Licensee was fined \$1,600 and assessed investigative costs.

J.G. Plumbing, license number 41193A (plumbing and heating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Shon Fainaru, dba Unique Counter Tops, license number 39750 (finishing counters), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, willful disregard of the state's building laws, bidding or contracting in excess of the license limit, and contracting beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$1,150 and assessed investigative costs.

Wilmar Contracting, license numbers 35892A (general engineering) and 39937A (concrete), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to respond to a written request from the Board, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, and failure to notify the Board within 30 days of a change in personnel. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,050 and assessed investigative costs.

Magnum Restoration Services, LLC, license number 68798 (residential and small commercial), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, failure to disclose information

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on all subcontractors and material suppliers on a project, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,650 and assessed investigative costs.

A Plumberman Inc., dba Plumberman Plumbing license numbers 49309 (plumbing and heating) and 71039 (air conditioning), based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to a written request from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$750 and assessed investigative costs.

Murrell E. Redding, Jr., dba Redding Drilling, license number 38155 (drill wells, install pumps, pressure tanks and storage tanks), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting as a contractor without possessing the required licensure and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$550 and assessed investigative costs. The license will remain suspended until the Board is provided with required financial statement.

Color Country Construction, license numbers 42168 (residential and small commercial), and 36464 (painting and decorating), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, and knowingly submitting false information on an application for public works. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Premier Design & Construction LLC, license number 75944 (carpentry), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, acting beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the state's building laws, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay \$3,000 restitution. The license limit was reduced to \$15,000.

Ted's Marble & Granite, license number 48015B (install terrazzo and marble), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Lawrence Landscapes LLC, license number 69787 (landscape contracting), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for acting beyond the scope of the license, disregard of the state's building laws, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract or proposal, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, bidding or contracting in excess of the license limit, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$9,000 and assessed investigative costs.

S. J. Hart Plumbing LLC, license number 77674 (plumbing), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to respond to and comply with a written request from the Board, and failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Omega Construction Group Inc., dba Forte Construction Group, license number 77096 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal, acting beyond the scope of the license, willful disregard of the state's building laws, knowingly entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor, acting as a contractor without possessing the required licensure, and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,950 and assessed investigative costs.

Tip leads to multiple criminal charges

Toward the end of 2013, NSCB investigators received an anonymous complaint concerning an unlicensed contractor performing work at a various locations in Spring Creek. Upon visiting the job sites, investigators identified the unlicensed contractor and issued him a citation for contracting without a license.

The investigation didn't end there, however. Information obtained by investigators unveiled the suspect had been working as an "independent contractor" for multiple licensed contractors. Entering into agreements such as "General Power of Attorney" and "Authorization to Act as Agent," the licensees in question allowed the unlicensed contractor to pull permits, call for inspections, perform residential construction work and undertake all acts on behalf of their businesses.

Further evidence uncovered this was not the only "independent contractor" being used - as many as 18 unlicensed contractors were found to operating be under such illegal agreements among the group of licensees.

The result? Eight misdemeanor charges were submitted to the Elko District Attorney's office against the original suspect for engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license. Additional cases were forwarded to the district attorney against the remaining unlicensed contractors for misdemeanor charges. The licensees were found guilty of aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors and attempting to assign, transfer, permit the unauthorized use or otherwise dispose of a license.

Alleged chronic unlicensed plumber caught

Edgar D'Mattus has been on NSCB's radar for the past two years for illegally operating his plumbing business, "EDROOTER Sewer and Drain" throughout Clark County, Nev. His latest victim, a 78-year-old female, hired D'Mattus to replace a sewage line. After jack-hammering her garage floor to a trench depth of 15 feet and taking \$8,400 from her, D'Mattus refused to patch the floor and abandoned the project.

D'Mattus falsely claimed to be a Nevada licensed contractor by providing customers with his California contractor's license number and a local business license number. His scheme? Meet with the victims, offer them a reasonable estimate, begin work on the project, and identify "other problems" to charge the victim more money, then abandon the unfinished project.

With over 30 NSCB criminal investigations forwarded

to the local district attorney for prosecution, D'Mattus was indicted by a Grand Jury of a gross misdemeanor charge and was placed on probation. Parole and Probation were immediately notified of D'Mattus' continued illegal activity and he was taken into custody on a felony warrant for unlawful advertising. Additional charges are being pursued in addition to at least four other felony charges pending from NSCB.



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Southern Nevada

College of Southern Nevada

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Fire Protection - pg. 62

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Sustainable Construction - pg. 110

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General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

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Contact:

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1 (877) 651-OSHA

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Truckee Meadows Community College

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

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

Courses of interest to contractors include:

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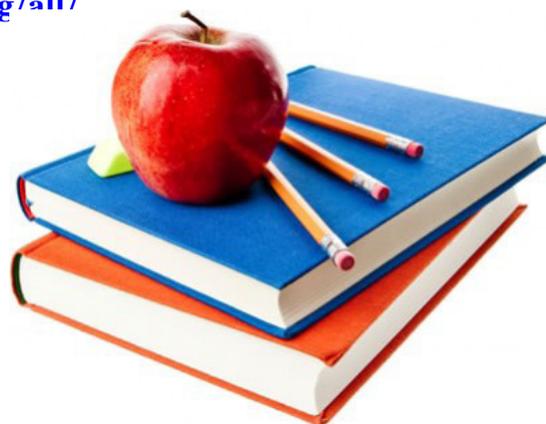
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Nevada Contractor's Checklist

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.

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