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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



'Tis the season where it can feel like a challenge at times to balance the joys of the holidays with the stresses of our professional lives. Whether you're a residential contractor dealing with homeowners in need of last minute emergency repairs before their family gatherings, or a commercial contractor battling tight deadlines and the chilling winter weather, it is important we not lose sight of customer service and team motivation.

Our customers use us because of our expertise to address and resolve their home or commercial needs. They depend on us to be timely, good communicators, straightforward, honest, and financially conscious when it comes to their expenses owed at the end of the day. These qualities are what keep many of us in business and help build a positive reputation around the community for being contractors who are fair and reasonable.

It's important that we also acknowledge our customers, in large part, are our employees. They are out working at all times of the day to assist us in meeting deadlines, in making our clients happy, and ensuring our promises of quality workmanship are upheld. Find ways to show them appreciation, give them motivation, and warm their spirits as the winter weather becomes harsher in the months to come.

A little effort or motivation can go a long way. It boosts morale within your workplace, which may lead to faster production times, harder working employees, and an overall more positive attitude on the jobsite. Be proactive in your efforts to give your employees something to look

forward to, be proud of, and feel accomplished in.

This holiday season, I challenge you to find one area where you can make a change. If you're an owner, manager, or boss - what extra effort will you make to express your appreciation to your staff or customers? If you're a member of the team or a sales/service representative, how will you make your customers feel like they are your most important client of the day?

Our roles in the construction industry go far beyond building, maintaining, and repairing the things around us. As one of the largest industries in the state, we have an opportunity to enhance our communities, create a positive image of who a contractor is, and build a reputation of holding ourselves to the highest and most professional standards when it comes to satisfying our customers' needs.

I encourage you to take time to think about your role in the industry, how your business or company is helping to shape the image of Nevada's construction workforce, and evaluate whether changes can be made to further enhance these principles and ideals within your operations and procedures. Individually it may not seem like a big change, but if we all made one small effort, we have the potential of positively impacting the lives of thousands of people each day.

And let's not forget the adage of, "What goes around, comes around." Strong work ethics, focused goals and missions, paired with positive and cooperative attitudes sounds like a pretty good recipe for success. We all have a part to play; it's how we go about engaging one another and those around us that determines the big picture outcome.

Know that we at the Contractors Board appreciate the efforts and contributions you make as licensed contractors and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season ahead.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

As we enter our second quarter of FY 2013-14, I'm pleased to report that the Nevada State Contractors Board already has made great strides in accomplishing the tasks set forth in our Strategic Plan. We're particularly proud of our efforts to streamline the ways we deliver information to and receive data and feedback from the publics we serve. For example, we're working to make contractors' and consumers' communication with the Board as simple and interactive as possible by improving and expanding our website, which we hope will present a less cluttered, more aesthetically pleasing interface for visitors to find the precise information they need.



As we look to reorganize our website's structure and enhance user's navigation abilities, we will be looking at opportunities to make more forms available online. Allowing contractors and applicants to download and submit information online will not only help them wade through less paperwork, but should also improve the Board's processing times. We anticipate achieving similar customer- and staff-focused results as we progress in the development of social media and mobile applications that will extend our cyber presence.

Despite the focus on extending customer service online, we have not ignored "face time" outreach. Las Vegas criminal investigators recently completed a tour of rural Nevada, visiting senior centers and other places of interest in Alamo, Caliente, Ely, Eureka, Tonopah and Beatty. And our public information staff continues to publicize the Board's efforts to protect homeowners

from unlicensed and unscrupulous contractors through displays at home shows and presentations to senior and other consumer groups.

Our focus on unlicensed contracting issues remains a priority, and our criminal investigators and management continue to battle the underground economy on a daily basis.

Through sting operations and aggressive investigations, we have been successful in taking unlicensed contractors off the streets and sending a clear message throughout the industry that the Board maintains a zero tolerance policy on the matter. We recognize the underground economy is a vast problem that requires the attention of everyone in the industry, but each case against an unlicensed contractor that ends in a victory is one less we hope to see or hear from in the future for similar issues.

Our battle against unlicensed contractors continues to gain allies as the public information department participates in home shows and safety fairs throughout the state, informing homeowners of the dangers associated with engaging handymen and others who claim professional building skills, but do not have the license to back up their claims for the required trades.

Among the many other initiatives the Board is undertaking, we will be evaluating and making recommendations at how best to classify the various licenses we administer and regulate. Additionally, we will be exploring the feasibility of allowing licensed contractors found in violation of NRS Chapter 624 to complete specific training courses in lieu of paying fines.

I look forward to keeping contractors and the public updated on our progress on all these fronts.

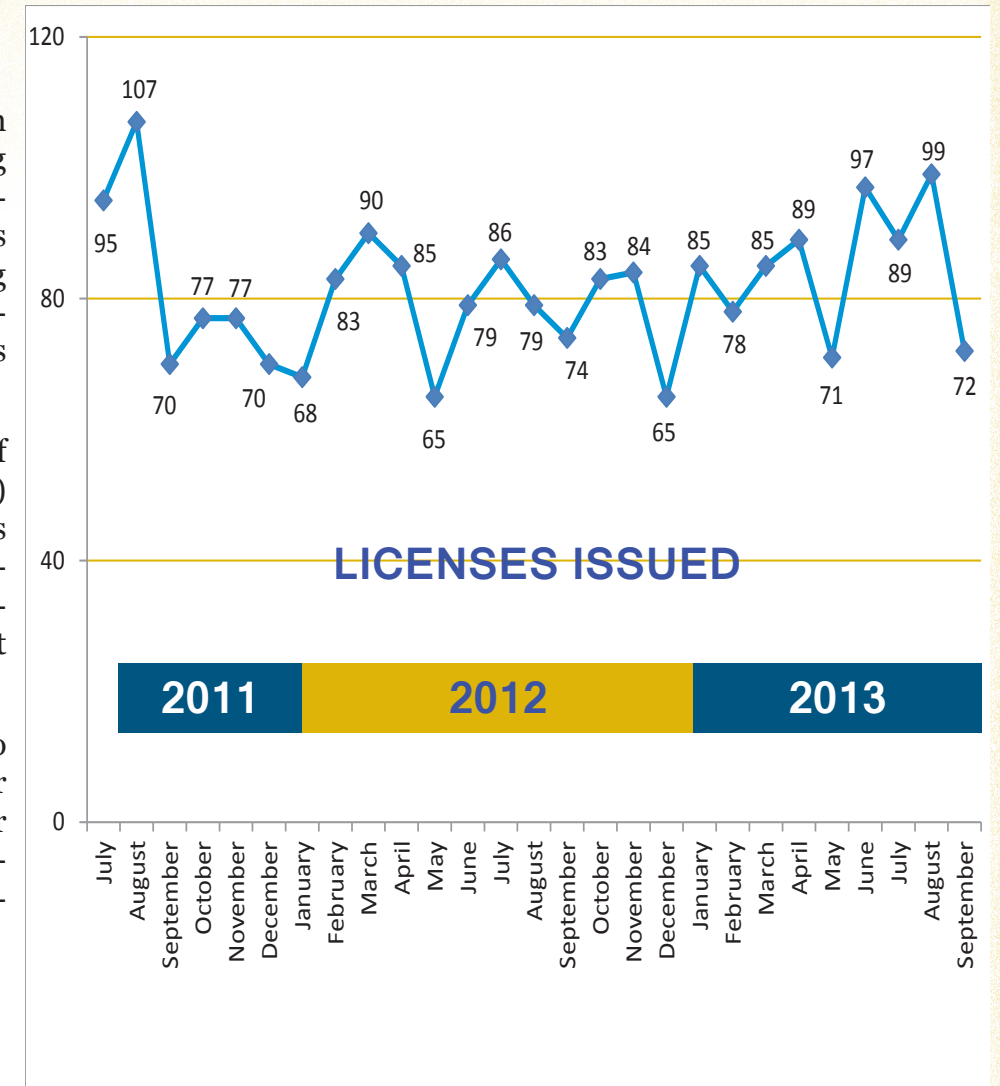
Margi Grein

Licensing

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

During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2013-14 (July-Sept.) the Nevada State Contractors Board received 349 license applications, an increase of 4 percent over the same quarter last year.

Active license renewals also climbed 3 percent to 1,902 over the 3-month period, a further indication that the state's construction economy is stabilizing.



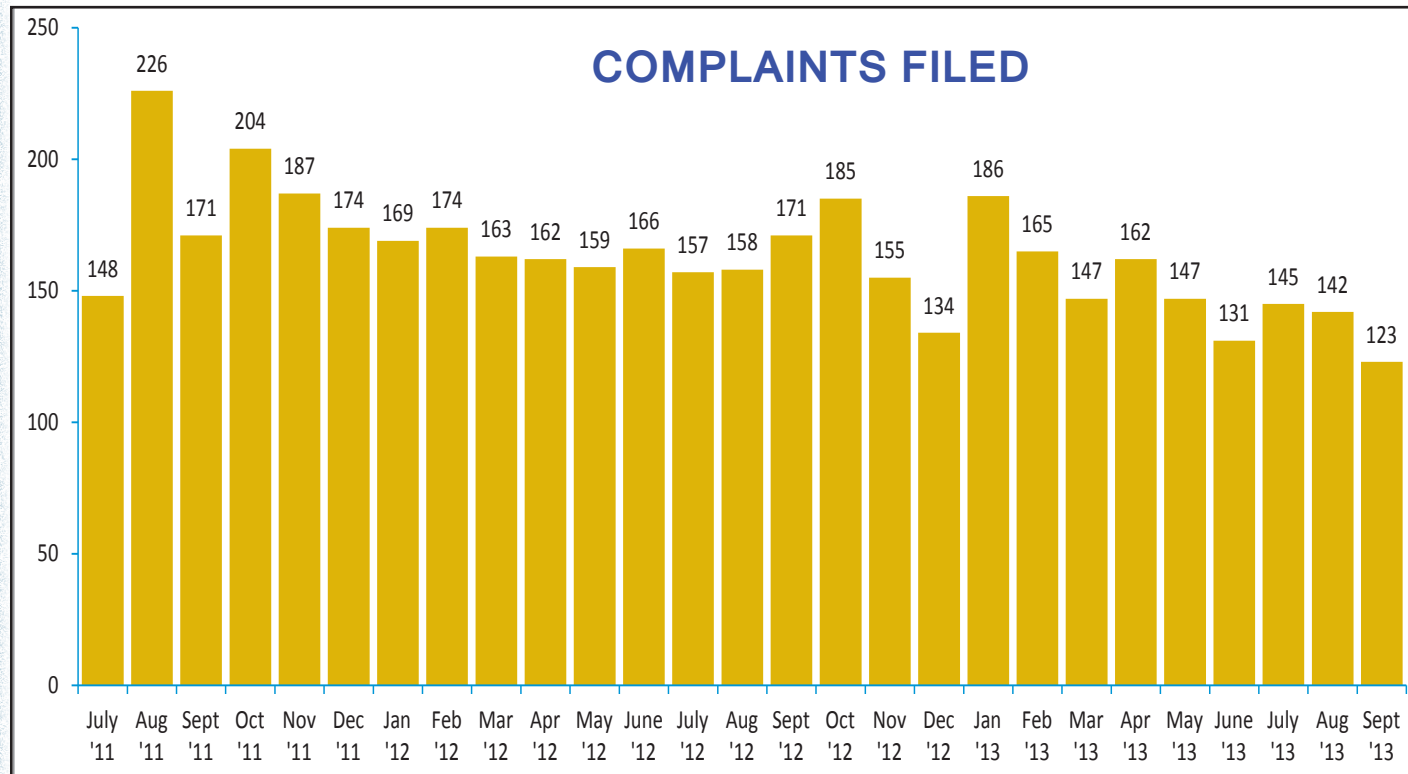
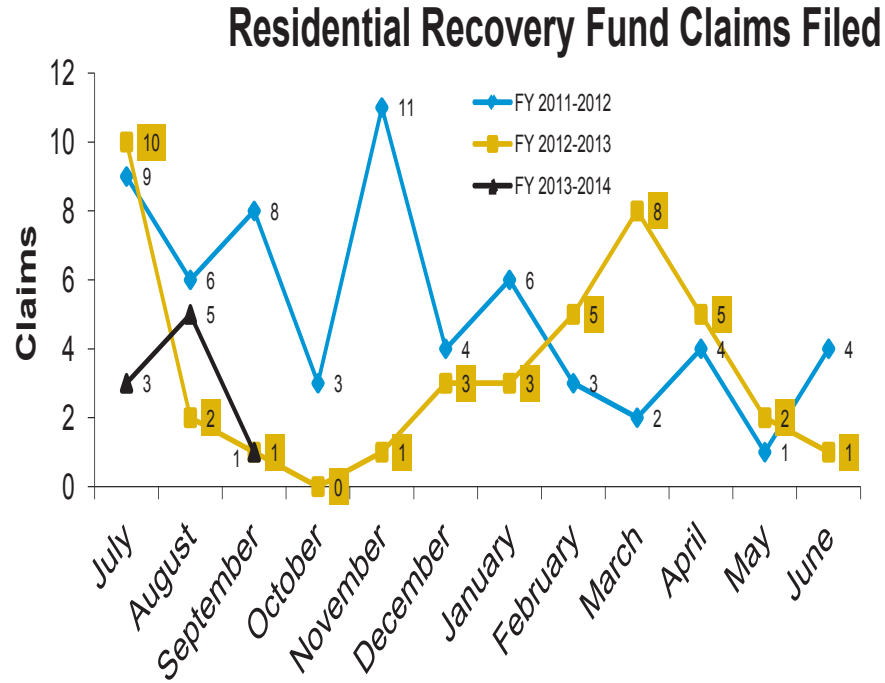
JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2013	
Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	16,355
New Licenses Issued	260
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(360)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	29
Licenses (End of Quarter)	16,284
# of Licenses on June 30th, 2013	16,355
# of Licenses on Sept 30th, 2013	16,284
Net YTD (Fiscal Year)	
Licenses Gained / Lost	(71)
Renewal Revenue Gained / Lost	(\$42,600)
*Does not include suspended licenses	

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.

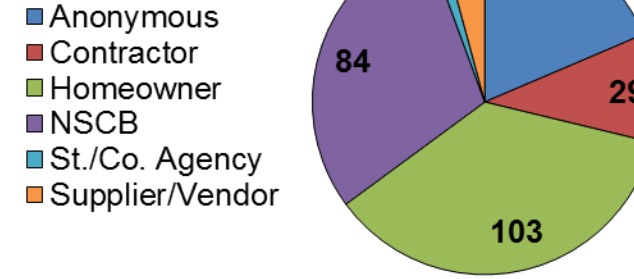
Elko police took a local contractor into custody on charges of felony diversion of construction funds. NSCB investigators opened a criminal case after a compliance investigation of the contractor stemming from charges he failed to complete building projects.

Among other highlights from the quarter, Board investigators managed to resolve 70 percent of money-owing cases through administrative meetings. Agreed-upon payments totaled \$1.8 million from the 27 settled cases. The Board prefers to clear these cases administratively rather than through the hearing process.

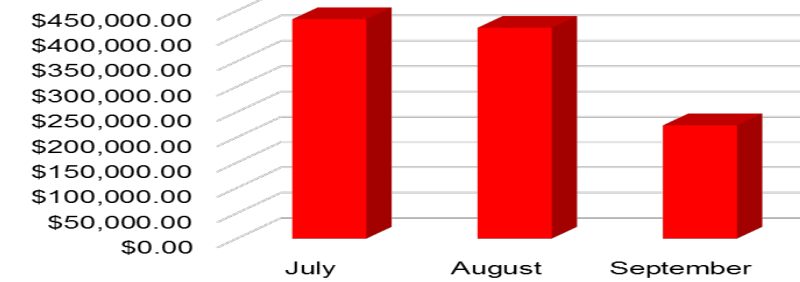


Enforcement - Unlicensed Contractors

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.

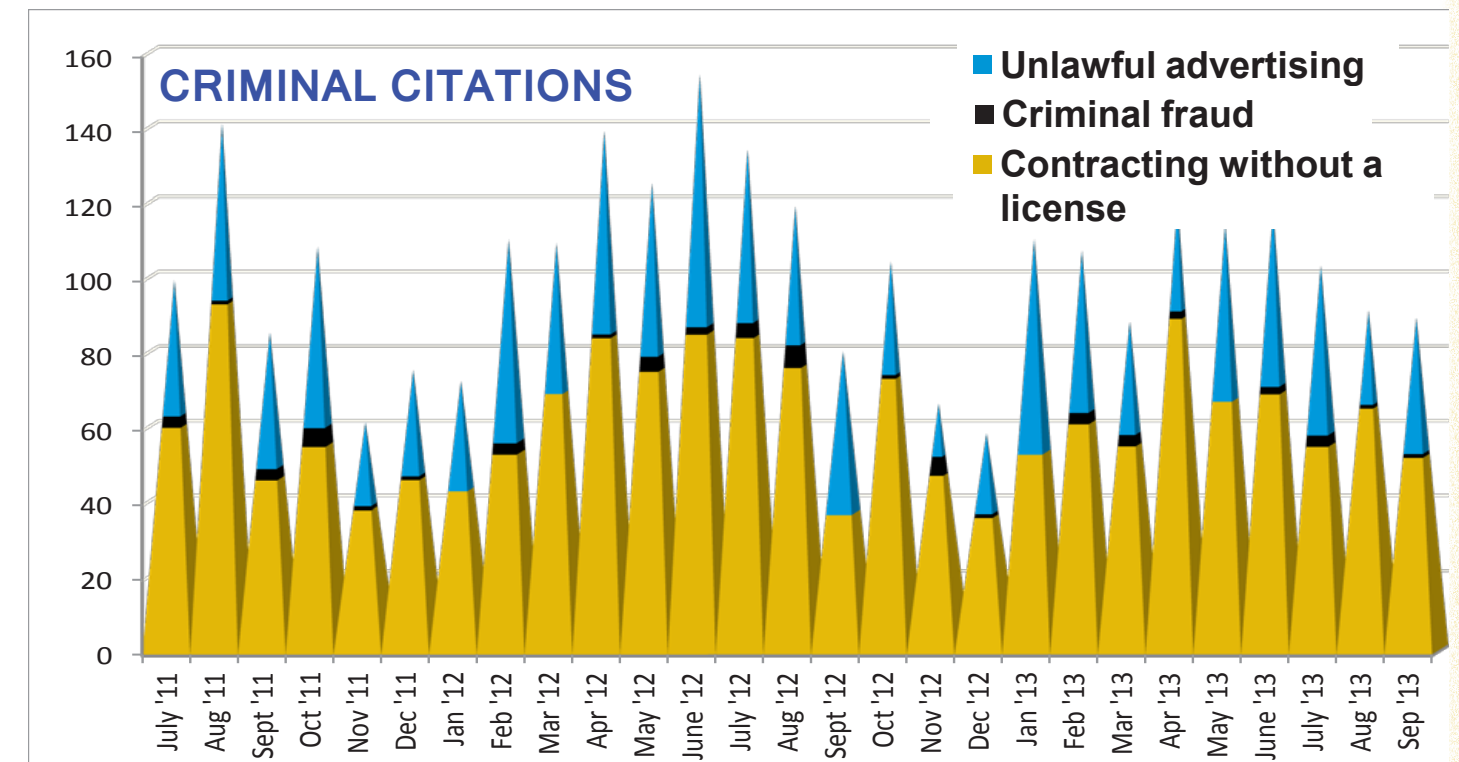


TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT \$\$ LOST TO UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS



QUARTER SNAPSHOT

- Opened Complaints: 285
- Closed Complaints: 299
- 1,172 Pending cases
- Four cases over 90 days
- 87 Criminal charges filed
- 78 Criminal convictions recorded
 - 76 Misdemeanor
 - 2 Felony





Provided by Nevada Secretary of State's Office

SilverFlume, Nevada's Business Portal, gathers all of the agencies involved in starting a business under one digital roof. The Secretary of State's office designed the website, www.nvsilverflume.gov, with the understanding that an entrepreneur's goal is to get a business off the ground and running - not be mired in piles of paperwork.

Companies that plan to conduct or are already conducting business in Nevada, and want to reduce the time they spend filing paperwork can achieve this by using SilverFlume. The business portal collects basic information, such as a contact name, email, organization, and contact details that nearly every

Nevada governmental agency requires. We refer to this information as Common Business Registration (CBR) data. All SilverFlume partners (currently many state and regulatory agencies) can access customers' CBR data at the click of a button. The integrated service enables you to enter the information just once when interacting with different agencies, helping all parties save time and effort. Future services within SilverFlume will allow you to process licenses from municipal agencies throughout Nevada.

For companies that are just getting off the ground, SilverFlume's New Business Checklist tool informs potential customers about the licenses necessary to begin operating. The website's operating wizard

guides customers through each licensing process in the correct order, eliminating the guesswork that often accompanies bureaucratic procedures. SilverFlume customers can also opt to receive electronic renewal notifications for each license, which provides plenty of time to renew before the due date.

SilverFlume also offers free Digital Operating Agreement software to LCCs, whose partners can electronically collaborate, document, formalize and store decisions related to roles, values and goals, contributions, allocation of profits and losses, transfers of interest, and other common areas - all at no charge.

What are you waiting for? Get started today at www.nvsilverflume.gov!

“Qualifying party” must remain active

All active contractors' licenses and license applications in Nevada must list an employee or owner as the “qualifying party” on behalf of the business. This qualifier must be regularly employed by the licensee and actively engaged in the work under which the license is classified. He or she must possess the necessary experience, knowledge and skills to supervise or perform the contracting work.

Depending upon the business type, the qualifying party may be the business owner, a partner, a manager, a corporate officer or an employee. To be eligible he or she must pass the required examinations for the license, demonstrating the required years of experience as a journeyman, foreman, supervi-

sor or contractor in the license classification. The required experience is four years, obtained within the 10 years before submitting the application.

The qualifier must take day-to-day responsibility for the company, including making technical and administrative decisions. He or she must be vested with the authority to make or recommend to the company's chief executive personnel decisions such as hiring, firing, transferring, promoting, directing and disciplining employees. And the qualifier must exert direct control of construction operations. These responsibilities must be the qualifying party's sole professional attachment, assuming no other employment which would conflict with these duties. This require-

ment would preclude the qualifier from serving in a similar role for more than one license, unless the applicant meets certain ownership requirements.

Contractors are required to notify the Nevada State Contractors Board when their qualifying person no longer is affiliated with the company. This notification must come no later than 10 days after the association terminates. Failure to notify the board results in an automatic suspension of the license. The company has 30 days to replace a qualified individual on the license. If a new qualifier is not engaged within that timeframe, the license is subject to suspension. See [Nevada Revised Statutes 624.031 and 624.285](#) for additional information.

Contractor's license is a marketing tool

We know the frustrations contractors experience with unlicensed contracting matters, which is why we want to provide you the messaging tools to educate your customers about why hiring a licensed contractor is the best option. Try these talking points on your next call:

- When you hire a licensed contractor, you receive many protections that are not available to homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors.
- We have passed the required trade and law exams to en-

sure we are current on what the standards of the industry are - unlicensed contractors do not.

- We carry Workers' Compensation insurance and are responsible for any on-the-job injuries that may occur.
- You may be eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund if any unintended damage to your home results in the work we perform (residential only).
- You have up to four years to file a complaint with the

Board if something goes wrong.

- Unlicensed contractors may have discounted prices, but you will likely pay more in the long-run due to poor workmanship and cheap materials.

Think of all the customers you can educate! Helping homeowners make informed decisions is our responsibility and will benefit the industry as word of mouth begins to spread. Working together as an industry is the only way to create lasting change for us all.

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Visitors tour UNLV's Solar Decathlon home. The house finished second in a field of 19 entries in the U.S. Department of Energy sustainable building competition in Irvine, Calif. Photo courtesy Stefano Paltera/U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.

Commission aids UNLV's solar team

A contribution from the Nevada State Contractors Board's Commission on Construction Education helped a team from UNLV test its green construction mettle against elite teams from around the world. The Commission approved a \$40,000 grant toward construction, transportation and competition costs in the Solar Decathlon in Irvine, Calif. in October.

UNLV finished second in the field of 19 international teams who took up the challenge to design, construct and operate homes using only solar power. Judges in the U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored contest awarded points based on architecture, market appeal, engineering, communications, affordability, comfort, hot water, appliances, home entertainment and energy balance.

UNLV's home, dubbed DesertSol, qualifies as LEED Platinum level, with 117 out of a possible 136 points on the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design scale developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The entry scored 947.6 points out of a possible 1,000, falling just short of Team Austria's winning total of 951.9 and beating entries from the

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Czech Republic, Stevens College and Stanford University, who rounded out the top 5.

According to the UNLV team's website, "DesertSol makes careful use of the desert's solar and water resources. Its design fuses modern architecture with a weathered aesthetic, the comfort of carefully selected materials, and the excitement of intriguing spaces to foster a spirit of openness and adventure."

After Solar Decathlon 2013, DesertSol will find a permanent home at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, where it will serve as both an exhibit and model for sustainable homes of the future.

The team submitted a proposal to the Board's Commission on Construction Education in 2012.

The Commission distributes grant funds to approved organizations including high schools, community colleges and other organizations to help fund educational programs relating to the construction field. Grant awards have helped fund supervisory training, craft worker training, OSHA classes, secondary education construction training, CAD training, promote opportunities for women in construction, and the solar decathlon project.

The Commission consists of one member from the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the gov-

Reno's Pellett named to Education Commission

Governor Brian Sandoval has appointed Thomas B. Pellett to the Commission on Construction Education. Pellett, a 35-year construction industry veteran, opened Pellett Construction, LLC in Reno in 2004. His wife, Sabrina, is co-owner, and son Kyle is project manager. A union carpenter, Pellett is a lifelong northern Nevadan, avid hunter and University of Nevada Wolfpack fan.

Pellett joins Jennifer Lewis, Dale Lowery, Shawn Danski, David McElwain, Edward Horan, and Guy Wells on the panel.

His term will run through June 30 2016.

The Commission is responsible for distributing

and overseeing funds to community colleges, technical high schools, career seminar providers and other organizations seeking to teach students and young professionals construction skills and career opportunities in the construction industry.

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

ernor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two have knowledge of construction education programs.

The Nevada Legislature created the Commission in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled workforce. Since its inception, the Commission has award-

ed more than \$2.3 million to worthy programs and agencies throughout the state.

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

Bond sellers sued for alleged fraud

The Nevada State Contractors Board has received information from attorneys representing the Chubb Group of Companies, including Federal Insurance Company and Pacific Indemnity Company, in compliance with NRS. 686A.283 of the Nevada Insurance Code.

Chubb has filed in federal court, in the Northern District of Florida against Eric Campbell, The Individual Surety Group, LLC and Steve Stokeling, First Fidelity surety Company, LLC.

The complaint alleges that

the defendants sold forged surety bonds bearing the good name of the Chubb Companies. It is alleged the defendants have collected millions of dollars from construction companies for forged surety bonds fraudulently bearing the name of one or more of the Chubb Companies (Federal Insurance Company or Pacific Indemnity Company). These forged documents were in turn proffered as surety for the contractor's performance of obligations under various construction projects, many of which were funded by

federal, state and local governmental entities. The defendants are believed to be continuing their fraudulent activity. To date, one victim contractor has been identified in the State of Nevada.

Contractors who have used the services of Eric Campbell, The Individual Surety Group, LLC, or Steve Stokeling, First Fidelity Surety Company, LLC., should contact the Office of the Attorney General, Insurance Fraud Unit, 555 E. Washington Ave., # 3900, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702-486-3420).

Be a "card-carrying" licensed contractor

NSCB continuously reminds property owners to check contractors' pocket 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 NSCB-issued 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 contracting 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.

Las Vegas offers online permitting services

The Las Vegas Building and Safety Department has unveiled a new online tool for issuing building permits on the web. The new system will allow homeowners and contractors to accomplish several tasks:

- Apply online for permits that do not require plans (water heaters, water softeners, electric meter tags, electric service changes, adding electric receptacles, gas meter tags, HVAC exact change outs and construction trailers)
- Pay online for those permits

- Print the permit/inspection card for inspections
- Apply for multiple permits and pay for them in the same transaction (for example, water heaters at different addresses)

The new Online Building Permits can be found on the department's website at www.lasvegasnevada.gov under "Apply for...Permit." For more information, contact the Las Vegas Building and Safety Department at 702-229-6251.

Police arrest unlicensed contractor

The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) in partnership with the Henderson Police Department and Nevada Highway Patrol successfully apprehended Joe Castanon Sept. 4, after a warrant was issued for his arrest for gross misdemeanor charges related to contracting without a license by the Las Vegas Justice Court. Castanon, former owner of American Wholesale Flooring, is facing charges for allegedly entering into contracts, accepting deposits from customers, and then never returning to perform the work.

Castanon's son, Joseph Castanon and current owner of American Wholesale Flooring, has two misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest for the same alleged offenses. He has been added to [NSCB's Top 10 Most Wanted](#). Information on Joseph Castanon indicates he may have fled out-of-state.

"It is unfortunate to know there are people within our communities who will do anything to make a profit at the expense of a trusting victim," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "We thank our law enforcement partners for helping us remove Joe Castanon from our streets and encourage the public to assist us in finding his son to prevent further harm to homeowners."

NSCB is still actively investigating both of the Castanon



Officers from the Henderson Police Department and Nevada Highway Patrol arrest Joe Castanon, Sr. after a meeting investigators at the Nevada State Contractors Board's Henderson office. Castanon, owner of American Wholesale Flooring, was wanted for contracting without a license.

family members. No further case details are available at this time. Anyone who comes into contact with Joseph Castanon should contact local law enforcement immediately. Home-

owners with active contracts or bids from American Wholesale Flooring should contact NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at (702) 486-1160.

Board disciplines contractors

At its July, August and September hearings in Henderson and Reno, the Nevada State Contractors Board took action against several licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.

Patrick Ishmael Gorman, dba ABC Road Builders, license number 75110 (sealing and striping of asphaltic surfaces; paving streets, driveways & parking lots), based out of West Jordan, Utah, was found in violation for bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the name of the company and the contractor license number on an advertisement; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; aiding or abetting an unlicensed person; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project; failure to comply with the Board's Notice to Correct; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a written request of the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$6,250, ordered to pay investigative costs and reimburse the homeowner \$6,000. The license was suspended for six months and will be subject to revocation if the fines, costs, and reimbursement are not paid within the timeframe established by the Hearing Officer.

Sun Kist Awnings Inc., dba Sun Kist Home Improvements, license number 23042 (unclassified – designated for patio covers, carports, awnings, gutters, siding, and screen rooms only) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project; failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; committing a fraudulent or deceitful act; failure to respond to



a written request from the Board; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary limit or license number on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked.

M & M Roofing, Inc., license number 44544B (roofing), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee voluntarily surrendered its license.

David Andrew Coil, dba Coil Residential Construction, license number 49096 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; willful disregard of the building laws

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of the state; and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,250, ordered to pay investigative costs and the license limit was reduced to \$15,000. Failure to pay fines and costs within the timeframe ordered by the Hearing Officer will result in suspension of the license.

Townco Construction Development, LLC, dba Townco Construction, license number 58501 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee ordered to pay investigative costs. The license shall be voluntarily surrendered if the costs are paid within the timeframe ordered by the Hearing Officer. Failure to meet the deadline will result in revocation of the license.

Stone Industries of America, LLC, license numbers 75856 (tiling) and 75857 (marble and terrazzo installation), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were suspended pending presentation of proof of financial viability.

Interior Structures Custom Woodworking, LLC, license number 72165 (finish carpentry) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; abandonment of a construction project; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$3,000, ordered to pay investigative costs and required to make restitution to damaged parties. The license was revoked.

David Lawrence Durbin, dba Durbin Construction, LLC, license number 74726 (carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500, ordered to pay investigative costs, and required to make restitution to damaged parties. The license was revoked.

New Faces Cabinetry, Inc., license number 46327 (finish carpentry) and **New Faces Granite & Marble dba New Faces Granite**, license number 57468 (marble and terrazzo installation), based out of Reno, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$550 and ordered to pay investigative costs and restitution of \$10,000 to the homeowner. The licenses are subject to suspension if the fines, costs and reimbursement are not paid within the timeframe established by the Hearing Officer.

Newmex Ironworks, license number 72309 (ornamental metal), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a written request by the Board; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; misrepresentation of a material fact; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change. The licensee fined \$2,600, assessed investigative costs, ordered to make restitution to damaged parties and ordered to reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the

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Residential Recovery Fund to be considered for future licensing. The license was revoked.

Titan Plumbing and Mechanical, LLC, license number 73450 (plumbing and heating), 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; and failure to comply with a written request by the Board. The licensee was fined \$1,750, assessed investigative costs, ordered to make restitution to damaged parties and reimburse the board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Houston Drywall, Inc., license number 70296 (taping and finishing, drywall, sheet metal studs, acoustical tile) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written citation within the time permitted for compliance. The licensee was fined \$1,100 and assessed investigative costs.

J. Kom, LLC, license number 76013 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the law of the state regarding industrial insurance and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs, ordered to pay restitution to damaged parties and reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Heartwood Homes, LLC, license number 77237 (residential and small commercial), based out of Elko, Nev., was found in violation for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope

of the license; committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, including misrepresentation or omission of a material fact; failing to complete any construction project or operation for the price stated in the contract; failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract thereby causing material injury to another; diversion of funds; and failing to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$3,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license limit was reduced to \$200,000 and is suspended until fines and costs are paid.

Road Work Ahead, Inc., license number 73883 (general engineering) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, including misrepresentation or the omission of a material fact; and failing to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$50, assessed investigative costs and ordered to remove its qualified individual from the license. The license was suspended pending the removal of the qualified individual and payment of the fines and costs.

Aquarius Landscape & Sprinkler Co., license number 19009 (landscape contracting), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for abandonment of a construction project and failing to demonstrate financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$2,000. The license is subject to suspension if fines, costs, and restitution are not paid.

Reliabuilt Construction Company, LLC, license number 39858 (residential and small commercial) and **H.C. Development, LLC**, license number 71064 (residential and small commercial) based out of Henderson, Nev., were found in violation for aiding or abet-

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ting an unlicensed person and conspiring with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act. The licensees were fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs. Licensees must provide the Board with financial documentation and pay fines and costs or the licenses will be subject to suspension.

Big Town Mechanical and Big Town Mechanical, LLC, dba Benjamin Tanner Construction, surrendered five of its licenses, each based out of Las Vegas, Nev.: 3241B (plumbing and heating), 18435A (refrigeration and air conditioning), 74791 (institutional contracting), 74451 (residential and small commercial), and 76560 (structural steel). **Big Town Mechanical Service & Maintenance Co., LLC**, license numbers 62318 (plumbing and heating) and 62321 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were

suspended until the licensee provides the Board current financial information. Failure to provide the requested documentation will result in revocation of the two licenses.

J & S Floors, Inc, license number 48740 (floor covering/carpet laying) based out of Minden, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was voluntarily surrendered. Licensee was fined \$2,000, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay \$22,279.14 in restitution to the property owner.

To file a complaint against a license contractor or to report an unlicensed contractor, call the Nevada State Contractors Board at 702-486-1100 or 775-688-1141.



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

Continued Education & Training

Technology has changed the way different industries operate. It has even changed the construction industry. In order to keep up with changing technology and information, it has become a necessity to continually seek training and education. If you are interested in furthering your education and training your employees, please click on links to various OSHA safety, construction and computer courses. Links will direct you to various educational institutions located in Northern and Southern Nevada. Contact information will be listed, so please direct any questions regarding the courses to the educational institutions.

Southern Nevada

College of Southern Nevada

[CSN Course Schedule \(.pdf\)](#)

***Please Note:** The CSN Course Schedule link is a PDF document. The following pages and categories are listed for your convenience. Note, too, that some courses may require prerequisites.

Air Conditioning Technology - pg. 5	Computer Office Technology - pg. 31
Building Information Modeling - pg. 7	Fire Protection - pg. 62
Building Codes, pg. 7, pg. 16	Geographic Information Systems - pg. 65
Construction Technology - pg. 20	Mechanical Technology, pg. 85
Computer Aided Drafting/Design - pg. 22	Sustainable Construction - pg. 110
Construction Management - pg. 31	General Inquiries Contact: (702) 650-2276

OSHA Safety Courses
<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9vyx>

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/6wubnm>

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 or (775) 857-4958

Computer Courses: <http://tinyurl.com/7jdvmmr>
Contact: wdce@tmcc.edu or (775) 829-9010

[TMCC Course Schedule](#)

***Please Note:** This link is a PDF document. The following pages, categories and phone numbers are listed for your convenience. Some courses may require prerequisites. For information, call (775) 673-7000..



Air Conditioning Courses - pg. D-191
Architecture - pg. D-196
Building Inspection - pg. D-205
CADD - pg. D-209

Computer & Office Technology - pg. D-211
Construction - pg. D-215
Electrical Technology - pg. D-234

Great Basin College

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

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

Computer Aided Drafting & Design
 Electrical Theory
 Industrial Millwright Technology
 Geographic Information Systems
 Computer Office Technology
 Welding



Western Nevada College

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

Courses of interest to contractors include:

Air Conditioning
 Applied Industrial Technology
 Building Codes and Inspections
 Computer Aided Drafting Design
 Construction Management and Trade Courses
 Geographic Information Systems
 Computer Applications/Internet Courses
 Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy Courses
Contact: info_desk@wnc.edu or (775) 445-3000





Nevada Contractor's Checklist

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

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

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

Nevada State Contractors Board

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

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

www.nscb.nv.gov

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