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Message from Chairman Guy M. Wells



As the Nevada State Contractors Board embarks on the last quarter of yet another productive and effective fiscal year, I am proud of the things we have accomplished, and look forward fulfilling the remainder of the objectives we’ve set out

to tackle in our fourth quarter.

At the same time, I am excited about the Board’s future as we continue to innovate and implement measures that make it an exemplary regulatory agency. In March, Board members joined executive staff for a dynamic discussion focused on past, current, and future initiatives. We quickly reached consensus that while the 2014-15 Strategic Plan’s focus on information technology efforts and enhancements created the impetus for crucial technical upgrades, the FY 2015-16 plan should center on public outreach efforts tailored to each department’s services and various interactions and impacts on the public and industry at large.

A draft of the plan will be submitted to the Board for review at the May 21, 2015 Board meeting. You are welcome to attend to learn more about the ambitious agenda we’re setting for ourselves in the year to come, or you can view the final plan on our website beginning in July.

In addition to our strategic plan developments, significant efforts were dedicated during the quarter to monitoring and engaging in the 2015 Legislative Session. The Board continues to be active in legislative discussions on matters concerning the construction industry, specifical-

ly changes to NRS 624, meeting with legislators, stakeholders, and keeping the Board apprised on a weekly basis of significant actions being taken.

Another area of focus has been our increased partnership with local law enforcement agencies. They have been instrumental and a valued asset in the Board’s unlicensed contractor sting operations, taking into custody any suspects with outstanding warrants. This united front reinforces the public safety risks posed by unlicensed contractors and sends a clear message that it will not be tolerated in our communities.

We will leverage these relationships in the coming months by developing targeted collateral pieces for law enforcement that will outline our work toward eradicating unlicensed contracting, helping property owners recognize and report suspected fraudulent behavior by people purporting to perform construction projects, and educate homeowners on popular scams. This will enable officers patrolling our cities and towns to reinforce the Board’s message and extend its investigative arm.

In our efforts to further address some of the concerns brought forward by the industry, the Board approved a temporary B-6 subclassification during the quarter, which will allow qualified contractors to perform repair and remodel work in high rise buildings. Regulation workshops and hearings to permanently adopt this regulation will begin in July 2015.

We are always appreciative of the partnerships, open lines of communication, and innovative ideas that develop as a result of our engagement with the industry, professional groups, and public. We encourage you to keep us informed of your suggestions and look forward to wrapping up and reporting on the remaining goals of our 2014-15 Strategic Plan.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The Nevada State Contractors Board and its employees undertook an ambitious program for the 2014-15 fiscal year. With just a couple months remaining, those major initiatives to make the Board a more responsive and user-friendly regulatory agency are coming to fruition.

Responding to the needs of a significant sector of the construction profession, the Board worked diligently to create a licensing classification covering remodeling and tenant improvement work in high rise buildings. Following the hearings, staff received approval from the Board to draft a temporary regulation to create a B-6 license classification. Holders of this license will be permitted to perform remodeling and improvement of interior spaces, including structures which exceed more than three stories and buildings with fewer than three stories that are connected to structures which exceed three stories.

The Board also has approved a contract for the upgrade and enhancement of our licensing and enforcement databases. Not only will the new features make staff processes more efficient, they also will create a more intuitive experience for customers researching disciplinary actions and license statuses as they perform



due diligence in preparation for hiring home improvement contractors.

These advancements demonstrate the Board's adaptability and commitment to providing the most responsive and efficient customer service possible.

The 2015 session of the Nevada State Legislature kicked off on February 2. Board members, our lobbyists and I have been actively involved in tracking key legislation and analyzing significant bills that could directly impact the agency and the construction industry. During the quarter, Board staff testified at a number of committee hearings, met proactively and reactively with members of the Legislature to discuss bills' intent, developed and submitted proposed amendments to various pieces of legislation, and met regularly to receive legisla-

tive updates.

Legislators introduced two bills on behalf of the Board. Senate Bill 50 contains a number of housekeeping items, including the addition of language allowing NSCB to subject a licensee's qualifying employee to some of the same financial and behavioral scrutiny as the licensee. It also eliminates the requirement that the Board establish an advisory committee to make recommendations concerning the licensure of persons who install and maintain building shell or thermal system installation.

Assembly Bill 84 amends existing language in NRS 624 to allow the Board discretion when issuing an administrative citation to a person it finds has acted as a contractor without an active license of the proper classification. Current law mandates a citation be issued.

Senate Bill 50 is currently proceeding through the Assembly Committee process, while Assembly Bill 84 failed to pass out of committee within the legislative deadline and is therefore inactive. With more than half session left to go, we expect to remain diligent in our efforts to monitor all legislative actions that could impact the Board, industry at large or the health and safety of the public.

Margi A. Grein

Licensing

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

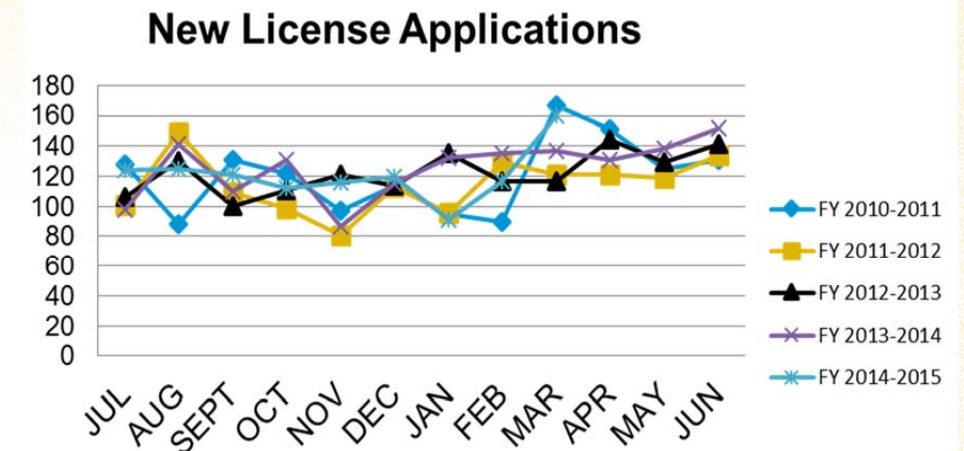
New Applications:
368 Received (-11%)
256 Approved
25 Tabled/Denied

Issued Licenses:
260 (+10%)

Change Applications:
770 received (-5%)
569 Approved
21 Tabled/Denied

Renewals:
Active 1,629 (-5%);
Inactive 95 (-22%)

Licenses:
Active 15,000 (+0.64%);
Inactive 1,065 (-27%)



New Licenses Issued

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
JUL	100	95	86	89	112
AUG	83	107	79	99	120
SEPT	85	70	74	72	78
1st Qtr:	268	272	239	260	310
OCT	84	77	83	88	92
NOV	90	77	84	65	82
DEC	110	70	65	93	108
2nd Qtr:	284	224	232	246	282
JAN	76	68	85	86	77
FEB	79	83	78	79	76
MAR	96	90	85	72	107
3rd Qtr:	251	241	248	237	260
APR	101	85	89	75	
MAY	116	65	71	91	
JUN	83	79	97	96	
4th Qtr:	300	229	257	262	0

JANUARY TO MARCH 2015

Licenses (Beginning of Quarter)	15,998
New Licenses Issued	260
Licenses Cancelled / Surrendered / Revoked	(485)
Variance in Suspended/Reinstated Licenses	292
Licenses (End of Quarter)	16,065
# of Licenses on January 01, 2015	15,998
# of Licenses on March 31, 2015	16,065
Net YTD (Fiscal Year)	
Licenses Gained / Lost	67
Renewal Revenue Gained / Lost	\$40,200
*Does not include suspended licenses	

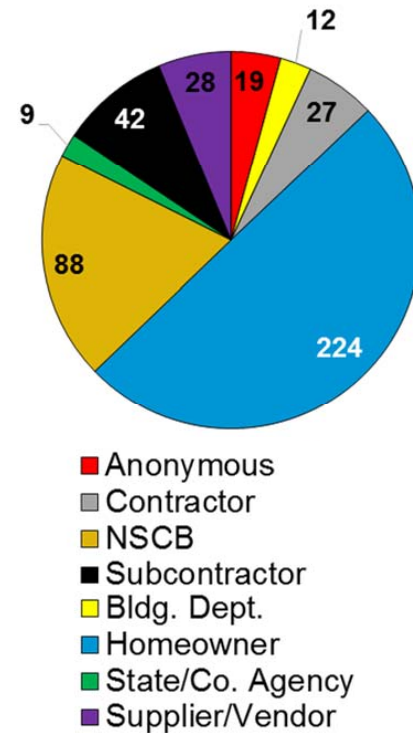
Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

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.

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	30	64	53	38	53	84	84	66	68
NOV	60	33	21	12	37	58	24	50	90	67	64	63
DEC	44	19	22	18	46	34	55	42	84	80	57	65
2nd Qtr:	160	99	70	60	147	145	117	145	258	231	187	196
JAN	53	42	22	25	42	38	32	52	74	103	69	64
FEB	53	36	17	20	33	32	48	71	87	100	62	78
MAR	41	31	29	27	31	48	44	63	88	71	59	65
3rd Qtr:	147	109	68	72	106	118	124	186	249	274	190	207
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

Complaint Sources



QUARTER SNAPSHOT

Opened Complaints: 449

- 186 Workmanship
- 72 Money Owing
- 191 Industry Regulation

Closed Complaints: 408

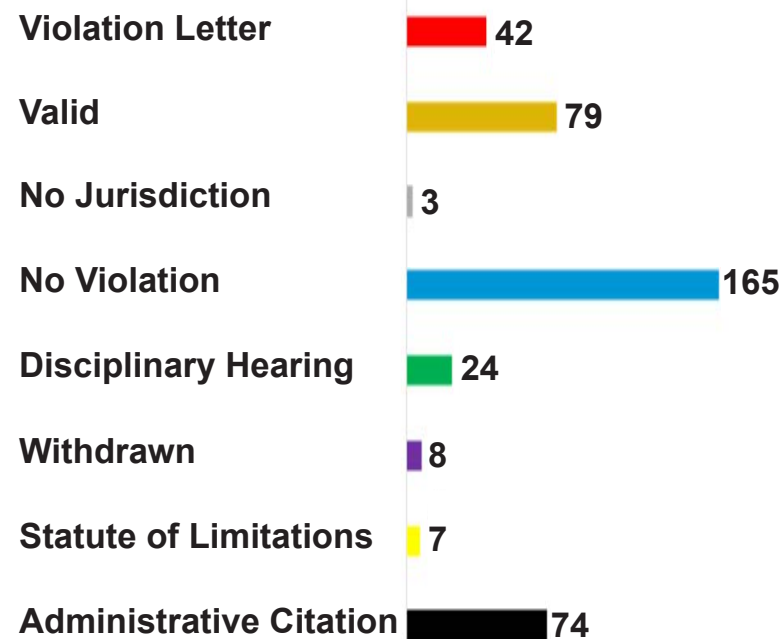
- 162 Single-family residences
- 6 Multi-family residences
- 13 Public works projects
- 70 Commercial projects

68 Administrative citations issued

28 Cases referred for disciplinary hearing

- 17 licenses revoked
- 27 Fines imposed - \$43,150

Closed Case Outcomes



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

410 Opened Complaints

- 208 Contracting w/o license
- 149 Unlawful Advertising
- 6 Criminal Fraud

384 Closed Complaints

167 Criminal charges filed

145 Convictions recorded

- 104 Misdemeanor
- 13 Gross Misdemeanor
- 17 Felony

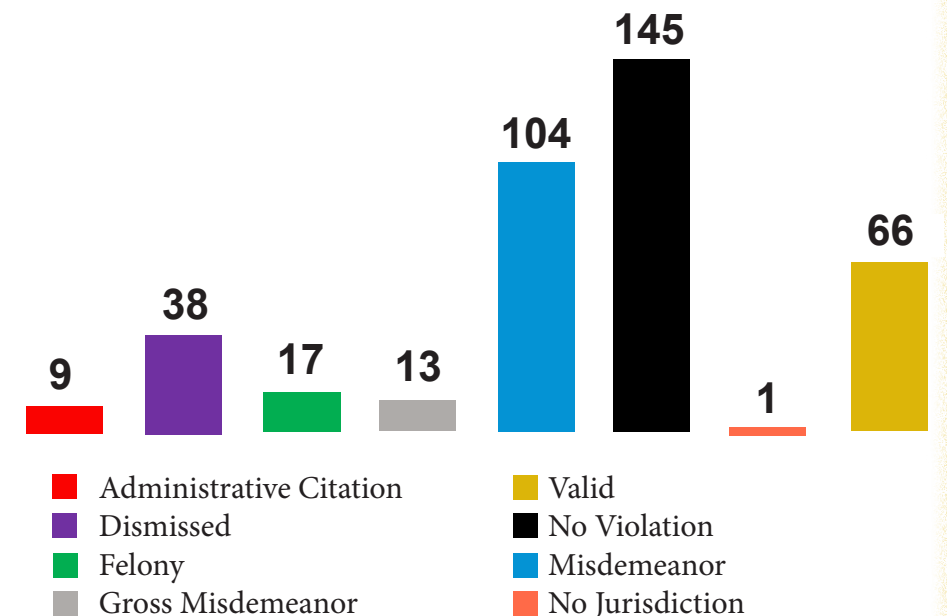
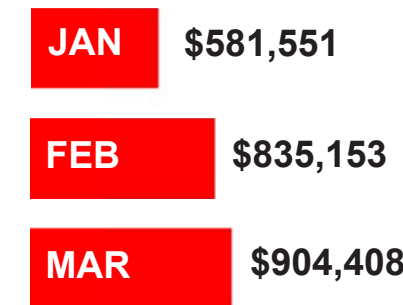
172 Cease & Desist Orders

Criminal Complaints Filed

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
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	148
NOV	60	64	101	100
DEC	73	57	55	114
2nd Qtr:	238	227	248	362
JAN	73	107	111	116
FEB	107	104	121	143
MAR	107	83	121	151
3rd Qtr:	287	294	353	410
APR	136	117	164	
MAY	119	114	164	
JUN	148	119	135	
4th Qtr:	403	350	463	0

Closed Case Outcomes

More than \$2.3 million in contract value lost to unlicensed contractors in the last three months



Stings protect owners, legitimate contractors

Tip, complaint lead to citations in Sparks

The Nevada State Contractors Board cited eight alleged unlicensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes 624.700 (contracting without a license) and NRS 624.720 (advertising without a license), during a February sting operation in Sparks.

Two of those cited are former licensed contractors in Nevada. Acting on a tip, Board investigators charged Nathaniel J. McVay with contracting without a license and advertising without a license. He was targeted after his advertisement was found on the Internet and an electronic bulletin board. During the operation, McVay allegedly provided a bid of \$5,520 for installation of a bamboo floor. Construction projects valued at \$1,000 or more must be performed by licensed contractors.

The Board targeted Martin Nava after receiving a workmanship complaint from a homeowner. Investigators discovered that his company, Iron Granite, does not possess a Nevada contractor's license. During the sting, Nava allegedly provided bids ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,800 for granite materials. He was cited for contracting without a license.

Carlos Lopez-Hernandez was cited for contracting without a license and advertising without a license. Investigators contacted him after finding his business card advertising services for water features, driveways, patios, irrigation designs,

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'Most Wanted' faces felony

The sting's success comes on the heels of felony charges being brought against a former member of the Contractors Board's 'Most Wanted' Unlicensed Contractors. The White Pine County District Attorney's Office filed felony charges against Julio Ricardo Gatica stemming from his citation in a November 2014 sting in Ely. The original charge charged Gatica with contracting without a license and advertising without a license.

Charges were upgraded to felony status after the Board informed the district attorney that Gatica was convicted in Clark County for allegedly obtaining money under false pretenses and contracting without a license. That case landed Gatica on the Board's 'Most Wanted' list before his arrest and conviction.

"The Nevada State Contractors Board is proud of its relationship with law enforcement and district attorneys' offices throughout the state. We extend our appreciation to the White Pine D.A.'s office for its cooperation," stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "Their support of the Board's public safety initiatives sends a clear message that unlicensed contracting activities are serious crimes and will not be tolerated in our state."

Nine cited in North Las Vegas operation

The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) cited nine alleged unlicensed contractors for 13 total violations of Nevada Revised Statutes 624.700 (contracting without a license) and NRS 624.720 (advertising without a license) in a sting at a commercial location in North Las Vegas on Jan. 27. The sting also uncovered two licensed contractors with compliance violations, which will be investigated further.

The North Las Vegas Police Department partnered with NSCB on the event, although no alleged suspects were taken into custody.

"Being able to partner with law enforcement on the Board's proactive public safety initiatives helps send a clear message that unlicensed contracting is a serious crime," stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We encourage everyone to always verify a contractor's license and to utilize the free resources of the Board before hiring someone."

SUSPECT	ALLEGED VIOLATION
Carlos Adame-Wilson	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Oscar Armando Cornejo	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Alan Daniel	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Matthew Huff	Advertising without a License
Fred Nierode	Advertising without a License
Greg Short	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Zsolt Szucs	Advertising without a License
Kent Wallace	Advertising without a License
Gerald Wright	Advertising without a License

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retaining walls, and paving stones on a local bulletin board. During the sting, Lopez-Hernandez allegedly provided a bid of \$2,555 for a paver project. He told investigators he is preparing to apply for a contractor's license and was encouraged to do so.

McVay, whose license was surrendered per Board action, and Nava, whose licenses were cancelled and not renewed, were encouraged to get their licenses reinstated. The Board's criminal investigators conducting stings use the interactions not only to fulfill the Board's mandate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, but also to educate unlicensed contractors on the value of licensure. Others cited in the Sparks sting are listed below.

SUSPECT	ALLEGED VIOLATION
Robert Kilcourse	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
David Marm	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Mark Owens	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
Andrew Stading	Contracting without a License/Advertising without a License
David Turner	Contracting without a License

In addition to the \$1,000 threshold, Nevada law dictates that all electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and heating work – regardless of value – must be performed by licensed contractors.

Compliance tips for Nevada's licensed contractors

The Nevada State Contractors Board reminds licensed Nevada contractors of their responsibility to include specific information when advertising services. Per NRS 624.720(3), "All advertising by a licensed contractor must include the name of the contractor's company and the number of the contractor's license."

NSCB frequently monitors a number of print and online media, including Angie's List, Craigslist, online bulletins, local and statewide publications, etc. and has begun to see an increase in licensed contractors failing to include their license number in their advertisements.

Advertisements are often a homeowner's first line of referral when seeking a contractor to hire. Including the information gives property owners the information they need to make informed decisions to engage with contractors with whom they will have confidence.

Contractors can use their license as a marketing tool, highlighting to potential customers that licensure shows the company has demonstrated high levels of skill, experience and knowledge

and has complied with all workers compensation, liability, and insurance laws.

Per NRS 624.520, contractors also are required to include information on NSCB's Residential Recovery Fund on their bids and contracts. The following passage would be sufficient:

Payment may be available from the Residential Recovery Fund if you are damaged financially by a project performed on your residence pursuant to a contract, including construction, remodeling, repair or other improvements, and the damage resulted from certain specified violations of Nevada law by a contractor licensed in this State. To obtain information relating to the Residential Recovery Fund and filing a claim for recovery from the Recovery Fund, you may contact the State Contractors Board at the following locations:

2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074

9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Reno, NV 89521

Board case nets felony arrests

Acting on information obtained by Nevada State Contractors Board investigators, the Douglas County Sheriff's Department recently arrested two men – a father and son – on felony charges for contracting without a license. Sheriff's deputies arrested Scott Hunter Coleman on March 23 during a routine traffic stop.

The NSCB advised the sheriff's office of an outstanding warrant on Coleman's father, Irving "Dale" Coleman, and with their assistance Coleman was taken into custody on March 24.

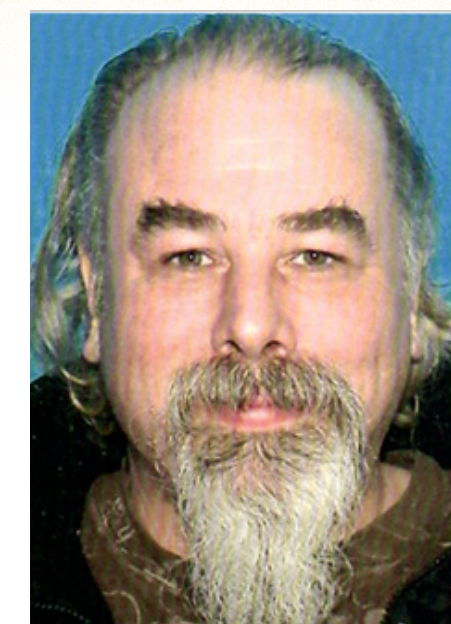
"The Board's strong cooperative relationship with the state's law enforcement agencies was again instrumental in capturing these suspects," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "It is especially gratifying to bring to justice unlicensed contractors who prey on Nevada's seniors. We appreciate the Douglas County Sheriff's Department for recognizing unlicensed contracting as a serious crime that harms legitimate businesses and can have



IRVIING "DALE" COLEMAN

devastating financial effects on victims."

The arrests culminate an eight month NSCB investigation. Acting on a complaint received on July 21, 2014, Board investigators discovered that the Colemans, identifying themselves as "Coleman and Sons Plumbing," submitted a bid to install an air conditioner at the home of the 72-year-old alleged victim. The homeowner paid the Colemans \$2000. After obtaining money from the



SCOTT HUNTER COLEMAN

homeowner, it is alleged the Colemans never returned to perform the work.

The Board's findings were submitted to the Carson City District Attorney's Office, and warrants were issued for Irving Coleman and Scott Coleman for engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 624.700, and diversion of funds, NRS 624.750(3)(b) and (4)(b), a felony.



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

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In order to accommodate all requested inspections the City of Elko Building Department will be implementing a new inspection process.

New Inspection Process - Effective Immediately

- There will be no more AM/PM inspections.
- There will be no change to priority inspections.
- A reinspection fee of \$47.00 will be collected prior to scheduling additional inspections IF the same inspection has failed more than twice.

From the City of Elko Building Code:

2-1-9: Inspections

16. Reinspections: An inspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. Reinspection fees may be assessed when the inspection record card is not posted or otherwise available on the work site, the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested, work for which inspection has been requested has been covered, work which requires inspection prior to the requested inspection has not been approved or for deviating from the approved set of plans, if such deviation requires approval from the city. In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, additional inspection of the work will not be performed until the required fees have been paid. Reinspection fees will be in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by the city. This is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of the technical codes, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or reinspection.

To obtain a reinspection, the applicant must request a reinspection for a specific scope of work covered by the permit, and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with the adopted fee schedule. In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid. (Ord. 722, 2-8-2011)

Thank you for your cooperation!



FREE Training Opportunity in Las Vegas

Wednesday, May 13

FEMA P-909

Home & Business Earthquake Safety and Mitigation

FEMA E-74

Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage



TRAINING DESCRIPTION

Nonstructural components of buildings include all elements that are not part of the structural system; that is, the architectural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, as well as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other contents. During the recent earthquakes in Napa (California), Chile, New Zealand, Japan, Virginia and other earlier earthquakes in California, Washington, and other parts of the United States, nonstructural failures have accounted for the majority of damage and injuries. In many cases, businesses, schools, hospitals, and other organizations had to spend excessive time and dollars for clean-up and repair due to nonstructural failures; therefore impeding continued operations and rapid recovery. Moreover, nonstructural component failures also impeded safe evacuation, delayed rescue, and caused additional hazards such as fire resulting in serious life safety issues.

The FEMA P-909, Home and Business Earthquake Safety Mitigation, training provides basic knowledge on earthquakes and simple steps toward safety and mitigation in homes and business with the goal of reducing the loss of life and property damage from an earthquake. This course includes a hands-on demonstration of how to mitigate the risk of a component, such as a water heater. The FEMA E-74, Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage, training is based on the e-document of the same name (available at: <https://www.fema.gov/fema-e-74-reducing-risks-nonstructural-earthquake-damage>), and describes the sources and types of nonstructural earthquake damage and provides participants with effective methods and guidance to reduce their risk from nonstructural elements in order to minimize injuries and property losses from future earthquakes.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE

Prior to this training, it is recommended to view a **30-minute independent study training**, IS-325, Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation. The IS-325 training provides basic information on earthquake, its impacts, and general mitigation techniques.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time: FEMA P-909 (approximately 8-11AM)
FEMA E-74 (approximately 11AM- 5PM with lunch break around 12:30)

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Location: Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention Presentation Room, 4701 W. Russell Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89118

Instructor: Ed Huston (ATC instructor)

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- This course is listed under "specialized workshops (E) code".

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Board revokes 8 licenses

The Nevada State Contractors Board revoked 10 licenses and took action against eight other licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 during its January, February and March hearings in Henderson and Reno:

Sione Seleti Mokofisi, dba Mokofisi Construction, license number 69852 (residential and small commercial), based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for misrepresenting the value of services; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; failure to respond to a written request of the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$7,500, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to provide a current financial statement that supports the license limit; failure to do so within 60 days will result in the license being revoked.

Whiteford Grading and Paving, Inc., license number 69595 (highways; sealing and striping of impermeable paving; recycling asphalt; excavating grading trenching & surfacing; wrecking buildings; paving streets, driveways, & parking lots), based out of N. Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written request by the Board; failure to respond to a written request of the Board; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs. The license will remain suspended until all financial responsibilities are met.

Southwest Builders & Design, dba Mountain Valley Construction, license number 59722 (residential & small commercial), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship; failure to

take appropriate corrective action; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a written request by the Board; willful disregard of the building laws of the state; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$8,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Silver State Construction Technologies, LLC, license numbers 70947 (residential and small commercial), 74850 (wrecking buildings and removal of asbestos) and 74851 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licenses were suspended. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs. The license will remain suspended until restitution is paid and a current financial statement is provided.

Phoenix Air Conditioning, Inc., license number 63233 (refrigeration and air conditioning) and **Designed Systems, Inc.**, license number 35376 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance. The licenses were suspended. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs. The license will remain suspended until a current financial statement is provided.

B.O.L.M.C., Corp., dba Briana's Design Center, license numbers 58720 (finishing floors), 58721 (tiling), and 59605 (install terrazzo and marble) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel within 30 days of the change. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$600 and assessed investigative costs.

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Around the Clock, Inc., license numbers 69440 (plumbing) and 63227 (air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and willful disregard of the state's building laws. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Construction Services Unlimited, license numbers 56280 (residential and small commercial) and 50079 (general engineering) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to include the license number or bid limit on a bid or contract, and failure to respond to a request from the Board. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Highland Cooling, LLC, license number 70499 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel, failure to respond to a request from the Board, and failure to comply with a request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Sequoia Electric, LLC, license number 54261 (electrical contracting), **Blake John Barsy, owner, dba Sequoia Electric Company**, license number 52529, (electrical contracting), **Sequoia Electric Underground, LLC**, license number 72343 (electrical contracting), and **Sequoia Construction, Inc.**, license number 75629 (pipeline and conduits), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,050 and assessed investigative costs. The licenses will remain suspended until licensee pro-

vides current financial statements.

Patio Covers by Tom Drew Installations, license number 58661 (awnings and louvers), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a contract or proposal, bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license, and advertising projects of construction beyond the scope of the license. Licensee was fined \$1,150 and assessed investigative costs. Failure of the licensee to pay the fines and costs within the allocated timeframe will result in the license being suspended.

Space Planners, Inc., license number 33074 (finish carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to take appropriate corrective action, misuse of a license, acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license, aiding or abetting and unlicensed person, misrepresentation of a material fact, and failure to demonstrate financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,850 and assessed investigative costs.

J.M.J. Bath, Inc., dba Shower Solutions, license numbers 69675 (install terrazzo and marble), 69676 (glass and glazing), and 70528 (carpentry) 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.

Sytex West Incorporated, license number 53421 (service stations) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply and respond to a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

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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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C.J.M. Construction Co., LLC, license number 51063 (general engineering) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to comply and respond to a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

G Built Construction, LLC, license number 71766 (carpentry) based out of Sparks, Nev. The license was suspended pending hearing, which was continued to May 6, 2016.

Fiori Glass, Inc., license number 55483A (glass and glazing) based out of Zephyr Cove,

Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to respond to a request from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Donald E. Webster, Inc., dba Big City Insulation, license number 32196 (insulation & weather stripping) based out of Pahrump, Nev., was found in violation for willful disregard of the safety or labor laws of the State and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs. Failure of the licensee to pay the fines and costs within the allocated timeframe will result in the license being suspended.

Annual training day planned

More than 100 of the state’s leading contractors are expected to attend the Nevada State Contractors Board’s third annual Training Day this summer in Reno and Las Vegas.

The intensive day-long seminar will bring together experts in various fields to help contractors improve their businesses. While the date and discussion topics have not been finalized, the Board will notify licensees in the coming weeks of the seminars to be held concurrently in Reno and Las Vegas. Past Contractor Training Days have featured experts on marketing, business development, finance, capital budgeting, building codes, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, contractor regulation and more.

Speakers make use of multimedia, handouts and attendee participation to make each presentation interactive.

“The Board is pleased to offer these training sessions to help Nevada’s contractors take advantage of the improving economy,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “We always have a great response and attendance at these events. The information presented is invaluable – and free – and the state’s construction community has been very receptive.

Seminar topics, which vary from year to year based on attendee feedback and suggestions from potential presenters,



are geared toward delivering a variety of information of interest to all contractors – generals and subs, residential, commercial and industrial.

“We try to give insights that construction managers and contracting company executives cannot easily obtain,” Grein said. “We work with presenters to ensure the information forms the basis contractors need to build their businesses in the competitive atmosphere where home values are rebounding, more organizations are contemplating capital improvements, and construction businesses consider expanding their workforces and scopes of work.

The training sessions give contractors an opportunity to step away from the day-to-day concerns of scheduling, payroll, etc. to consider some of

the ‘big picture’ issues that can make the difference in a profitable future, Grein said.

Hosting the seminars conforms to the Contractors Board’s mission and its strategic initiative to continue reaching out to the state’s contracting community.

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

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

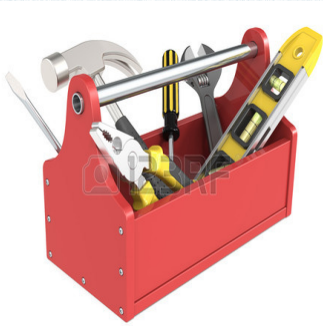
Western Nevada College

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 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 6243015(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)