STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST SEVENTEEN CONTRACTORS

LAS VEGAS, NV – At its meeting on July 24, 2001, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases against seventeen licensed contractors.

Bishop Paving, license number 42843 (Paving Streets, Driveways and Parking Lots) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract; and acting beyond the scope of a license. A permanent letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file and licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

Paul Curry, license number 20624 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Boulder City Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for bidding in excess of established limit; substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and violation of state building laws. The licensee was issued an order of correction and the license was summarily suspended by the Nevada State Contractors Board.

The Board acted under a provision of the Nevada revised Statutes (NRS) 624.291 which gives the Board authority to suspend the license of a contractor if the board finds, based upon evidence in its possession, that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires summary suspension of the license.

Lake City Air Conditioning and Heating, license number 26696 (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning) based out of Boulder City, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for bidding in excess of established license limit; willful disregard of plans or specifications without consent of the owner; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file and licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

Glenview Development Corporation, license number 22003 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials or services; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of Glenview Development Corporation.

Champion Homes, license number 37853 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Henderson, NV and **Manley Development, Inc.,** license number 36387 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for failure to pay for materials or services. The Board revoked the licenses of Champion Homes and Manley Development, Inc.

Littleton Roofing, license number 34899 (Roofing) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to obtain a qualifying employee; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract; failure to report a change in address; a fraudulent or deceitful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; misrepresentation of a material fact by an applicant or licensee; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of Littleton Roofing.

Aqua Pools & Spas, license number 32428 (Commercial and Residential Pools) and Anchor Patio Covers, license number 34721 (Wood and Metal Patios) based out of Las Vegas, NV were summarily suspended by the Nevada State Contractors Board. The Board acted under a provision of the Nevada revised Statutes (NRS) 624.291 which gives the Board authority to suspend the license of a contractor without a hearing if the board finds, based upon evidence in its possession, that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires summary suspension of the license.

A hearing on the matter will be scheduled in the near future.

N W Masonry license number 45548 (Masonry) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship. A permanent letter of reprimand was placed in the licensee's file and licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

JTC & Associates, license number 31742 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for entering a contract with an unlicensed contractor; aiding or abetting an unlicensed person; combining or conspiring with an unlicensed person; allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; acting as an agent, partner, or associate of an unlicensed person; unlawful use assignment or transfer of license; entering into an unlawful joint venture; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract. A permanent letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file, licensee was fined \$2000 and assessed the cost of investigation.

Century Services of Nevada LLC, license number 46183 (Fire Detection, Amplifying Systems and Signal Systems) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a contract. The Board revoked the license of Century Services of Nevada LLC.

Total Construction Company, license numbers 39752 (Sewers, Drains, Pipes, Pipelines and Conduits) and 32048 (Sewers, Drains, Pipes, Pipelines and Conduits) was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for failure to pay for materials and services; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to report a change of address. The Board revoked the license of Total Construction Company.

Summerset Landscaping and Lawn Service Inc., license number 43956 (Landscaping) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for abandonment of a construction project; disregard or violation of state building laws; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract; failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to notify the Board of a change of address. The Board revoked the license of Summerset Landscaping and Lawn Service Inc.

American Chem-Tech Inc., license number 32991 (Commercial and Residential Pools) based out of Phoenix, AZ was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract. The Board revoked the license of American Chem-Tech Inc.

Best Home Theatres Inc., license number 41230 (Fire Detection, Amplifying Systems and Signal Systems) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for abandonment of a construction project; a fraudulent or deceitful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract; and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Best Home Theatres, Inc.

Moyer Landscape Co. Inc., license number 32863 (Landscaping) based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract; and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Moyer Landscape Co. Inc.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

- 1. Hire only licensed contractors.
- 2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a <u>License Check</u> by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.
- 3. Get three references, and review past work.
- 4. Get at least three bids.
- 5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
- 6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
- 7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
- 8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
- 9. Don't pay cash.
- 10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on August 7, 2001.