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OVER \$223K AWARDED IN CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION GRANTS BY COMMISSION ON CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – The Commission on Construction Education awarded a total of \$223,649 from the Construction Education Account to three applicants at its November 8, 2023, meeting for various construction education-related programs.

The awards include:

- \$128,549 to the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education, obo UNLV to organize and hold multiple six-week statewide workshops in a multi-faceted small business training program designed to guide and assist Nevadans looking to start and grow a construction business.
- \$45,100 to the Northern Nevada Independent Electrical Contractors (NNIEC) to support the
 implementation of its electrical education program that provides students paid on-the-job education
 and classroom instructions resulting in recognized post-secondary credential through Western
 Nevada College.
- \$50,000 to the Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Coordinators Association (NNACA) to support
 outreach marketing, community and education partnerships, job fairs, public presentations, school
 visits and other events as they launch an expanded initiative focused on educating, recruiting,
 training, and retaining skilled laborers in Northern Nevada's construction industry.

The Commission on Construction Education reviews programs of education that relate to building construction and distributes grants from the Construction Education Account for qualified programs pursuant to NRS 624.570. Its mission is to improve the quality and integrity of the construction industry by awarding grants to organizations with innovative, creative, and cost-effective educational programs that will help attract and retain a highly qualified workforce.

The Construction Education Account was established as a separate account within the State General Fund to receive monies collected by the Nevada State Contractors Board for administrative fines collected pursuant to NRS 624.710. At least 95 percent of the money deposited in the Account must be used to fund

programs of education which relate to building construction and which the Commission on Construction Education determines qualify for grants.

Individuals or organizations interested in applying for future grant funding are invited to visit the Commission's website: http://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/Edu Comm main.html to learn more about the application process. April 1, 2024, is the next grant application deadline for consideration at the May 4, 2024, meeting.

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