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Message from Chairman Jan Leggett



As Chairman, I always look forward to the start of a new fiscal year at the Board because of the renewed focus it brings to our strategic initiatives. During our planning session to establish our strategic goals, thoughtful discussions are held concerning the various customers we serve.

Are we serving the needs of the public the best we can? How can we be more proactive with the Industry to help contractors stay in compliance and meet their needs? What improvements can we make internally to aide staff in their duties, which ultimately improve our operations and customer service?

These questions are not taken lightly and truly receive the consideration they deserve each year. We strive to progress the ways in which we protect the public, but we also evaluate existing and potential opportunities on how we can better promote confidence within the Industry.

As a licensed contractor, it's

important that the public takes pride in your license as much as you do. Ensuring the customer that hires you understands the protections your license brings them; the requirements you adhere to in order to retain it; and the professionalism you offer because of it.

Serving on the Contractors Board, I also understand and appreciate the importance regulation brings to the Industry, for without it, we would lack a standard of qualification and expectation to adhere to.

The work we perform as contractors is more than just a skillset. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the value of our trade; to make our communities, homes, and businesses safer; to educate the public on the importance of a contractor's license; and to establish integrity and confidence in the Industry as a whole.

I take time to express these thoughts because it is important we continue to work together to do our parts in protecting the public and building trust in the Industry. The Board and Industry alike both know the damage caused by unlicensed contractors. Homeowners lose their protections and options for recourse. The Industry loses opportunities for jobs and financial gains. And the Board loses the ability to verify their qualifications and the ability to

hold them accountable.

We may come from different sides of the fence and share different perspectives, but at the end of the day, the one uniting factor is our goal to strengthen the Industry and protect the public.

That is why the Board offers our free Contractor Training Day each year that brings many of the leading experts in construction law, business ethics, employment law, etc. directly to the industry for guidance and best practices. We value the licensed community and want to make staying in compliance with the laws and regulations an easy task.

We share stories, such as our recent Residential Recovery Fund meeting where 133 homeowners were provided financial recourse of \$400,000 collectively, to demonstrate the protections we offer.

Our efforts to combat the underground economy are constant, and we, too remain concerned about its ability to flourish without consequence.

In light of all our efforts as a Board and Industry, let us not forget that our accomplishments far out way any shortcomings when we work together toward similar goals.

What will be your next contribution?

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

The summer months mark the beginning of a new fiscal year at the Board and a time when things start to heat up both inside and outside our offices. Between ongoing projects, partnering opportunities, public outreach initiatives, and industry trainings - we've been busy serving the many needs of our customers while striving to improve our own operations.

As noted in recent issues, the Board continues to make great progress on its new licensing and enforcement database system. We have currently entered the testing phases and expect to see the launch of the new site come to fruition in the months ahead, which means the online contractor interface with the Board will have a new look and feel. We understand this may take some getting used to, but we hope you find the new dynamics and layout to be more user-friendly in meeting your needs.

Speaking of needs, the Board was pleased to host its Third Annual Contractor Training Day in both Reno and Las Vegas this summer. We take great pride to bring the contractor community top-level experts to provide you the latest and most resourceful information for the ongoing success of your business and utilization of best practices. This year's events were well at-



tended and focused on topics of lien laws, employment laws, and overall construction laws of relevance to the conversation.

Opportunities like this become even greater when we receive input and feedback from the Industry on topics you'd like to see the Board offer in future sessions. Whether its an idea for our Training Day, an outreach initiative, or a partnering engagement, never hesitate to pick up the phone or e-mail our Public Information Officer with your recommendations. We always appreciate them!

Engaging with the Industry is only one of our partnering strategies. During the quarter, we welcomed back representatives from the western states as we gathered for the Second Annual Western States Enforcement Forum.

Combating unlicensed contracting is an ongoing reality

faced by every state. By bringing together multiple state contractor boards, we are able to discuss existing and innovative strategies, share resources, collaborate on sting events, and identify ways to enhance each of our states' enforcement efforts in this area. Additionally, the meeting provides a forum to discuss current and upcoming trends, concerns within specific trades, public outreach initiatives, industry engagement strategies, and so much more.

Expanding our knowledge beyond the experiences of our own state are what keep us on the path to be a model regulatory agency. My participation in national contractor board and regulatory conferences offered by organizations like FARB are what ensure we do not remain static as an agency. While our first and foremost mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, I also value the responsibility we hold to promote confidence and trust within our construction workforce.

As we continue working toward our goals for this year, I welcome you to join the Board in moving the needle forward within your own businesses. Finding ways to improve safety, educate the public, and empower our workforces will best ensure the integrity of the industry is upheld.

Margi A. Grein

Licensing

NSCB's Licensing Department is responsible for processing license applications and ensuring all necessary qualifications are met. Applicants are encouraged to attend a free Business Assistance Program offered twice a month by the Board, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.

QUARTERLY STATS

New License Apps: 394 (+9%)

- 334 Approved
- 17 Tabled/Denied
- Avg. Processing Time 73 days;
45% approved/denied within 60 days

Issued Licenses: 312 (+18%)

Change Applications: 756 (+9%)

- Avg. Processing Time 29 days;
72% approved/denied within 30 days

Active Licenses: 15,193 (+1%)

Inactive Licenses: 874 (-12%)

- 52 Placed on Inactive Status During Q3 (-8%)
- Voluntary Surrender: 82 (+17%)

Active License Renewals:
1,725 (+7.7)

Inactive License Renewals:
78 (+7%)

Online Renewals: 601
33% of total renewals

License Susp. (no bond): 168 (-8%)

Licenses Cancelled: 164 (-1%)

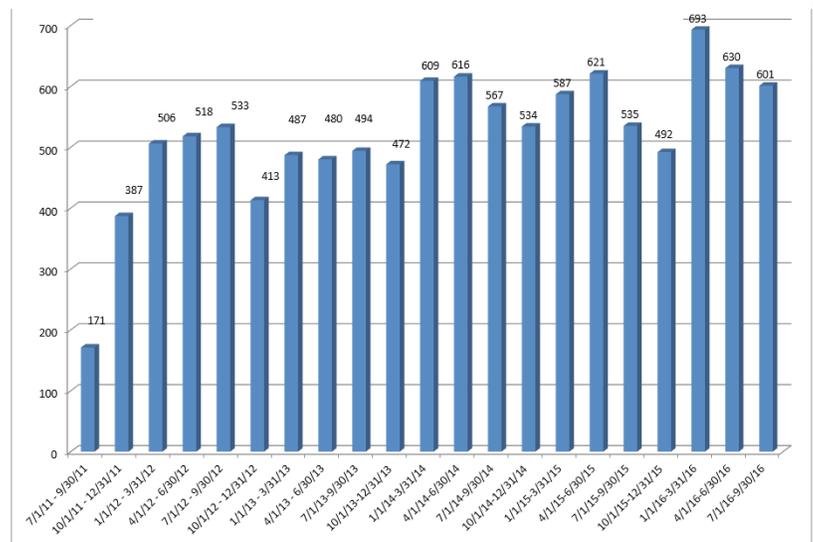
Application Denial Hearings:
18 (+20%)

Financial Responsibility Hearings:
8 (-33%)

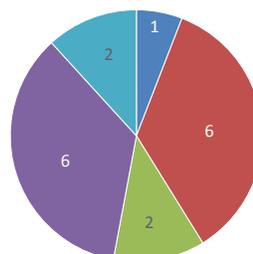
New Licenses Issued

	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17
JUL	100	95	86	89	112	84	108
AUG	83	107	79	99	120	87	93
SEP	85	70	74	72	78	92	111
1st Qtr:	268	272	239	260	310	263	312
OCT	84	77	83	88	92	104	
NOV	90	77	84	65	82	94	
DEC	110	70	65	93	108	95	
2nd Qtr:	284	224	232	246	282	293	0
JAN	76	68	85	86	77	67	
FEB	79	83	78	79	76	103	
MAR	96	90	85	72	107	106	
3rd Qtr:	251	241	248	237	260	276	0
APR	101	85	89	75	77	120	
MAY	116	65	71	91	75	85	
JUN	83	79	97	96	99	98	
4th Qtr:	300	229	257	262	251	303	0
FY	1,103	966	976	1,005	1,103	1,135	312

Online Renewals



Application Denial Hearings



- Approved w/ Conditions
- Approved
- Continued
- Denied
- Remanded to Staff

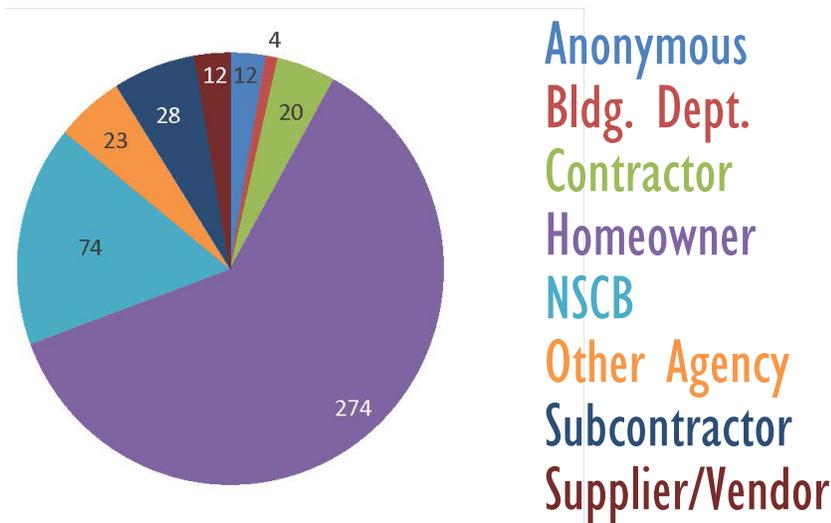
Enforcement - Licensed Contractors

NSCB's Compliance Investigations Department assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations.

Compliance Complaints Filed

	Money Owing					Workmanship					Industrial Regulation				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
JUL	22	19	22	18	9	48	54	60	54	76	87	73	90	76	69
AUG	23	30	36	17	25	48	43	60	71	67	87	72	73	69	82
SEP	30	21	20	15	15	45	61	68	53	54	95	42	68	66	65
1st Qtr:	75	70	78	50	49	141	158	188	178	197	269	187	231	211	216
OCT	47	27	30	23		53	38	53	85		84	66	68	76	
NOV	33	21	12	30		58	24	50	52		67	64	63	56	
DEC	19	22	18	20		34	55	42	48		80	57	65	49	
2nd Qtr:	99	70	60	73	0	145	117	145	185	0	231	187	196	181	0
JAN	42	22	25	29		38	32	52	43		103	69	64	59	
FEB	36	17	20	22		32	48	71	100		100	62	78	104	
MAR	31	29	27	23		48	44	63	64		71	59	65	68	
3rd Qtr:	109	68	72	74	0	118	124	186	207	0	274	190	207	231	0
APR	26	30	35	12		45	47	51	72		95	71	87	53	
MAY	27	27	30	20		47	55	48	68		72	80	90	81	
JUN	23	32	32	10		45	57	66	67		62	78	76	97	
4th Qtr:	76	89	97	42	0	137	159	165	207	0	229	229	253	231	0

Sources of Complaints



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.

Violation Types

	CWL					Criminal Fraud					Unlawful Advertising				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
JUL	84	55	58	93	40	4	3	0	7	4	46	45	70	83	24
AUG	76	65	64	71	54	6	1	0	3	5	37	25	44	39	33
SEP	37	52	67	78	52	0	1	0	2	0	43	36	56	64	24
1st Qtr.	197	172	189	242	146	10	5	0	12	9	126	106	170	186	81
OCT	73	56	77	83		1	0	1	3		30	35	67	37	
NOV	47	63	49	60		5	0	3	1		14	30	50	24	
DEC	36	36	82	52		1	0	2	3		21	20	32	18	
2nd Qtr.	156	155	208	195	0	7	0	6	7	0	65	85	149	79	0
JAN	53	68	72	67		0	0	0	3		57	40	48	36	
FEB	61	60	91	64		3	0	1	26		43	56	52	26	
MAR	55	81	104	60		3	0	2	14		30	38	41	13	
3rd Qtr.	169	209	267	191	0	6	0	3	43	0	130	134	141	75	0
APR	89	62	112	73		2	0	2	4		29	99	89	40	
MAY	67	74	71	66		0	0	1	12		47	84	54	29	
JUN	69	86	130	64		2	2	0	4		47	44	67	34	
4th Qtr.	225	222	313	203	0	4	2	3	20	0	123	227	210	103	0

QUARTER SNAPSHOT

Opened Complaints: 237

- 146 Contracting without a License
- 82 Unlawful Advertising
- 9 Criminal Fraud

Closed Complaints: 260

Pending cases: 1,383

2 Administrative Citation

32 Criminal Citations Issued

38 Criminal Charges Filed

64 Criminal convictions recorded

- 41 Misdemeanor
- 5 Gross Misdemeanor
- 18 Felony

70 Cease and Desist Orders

Case Outcomes

Admin Citation	9
Closed	2
Dismissed	22
Felony	18
Gross Misdemeanor	5
Misdemeanor	41
No Violation	119
Referral	1
Undefined	1
Valid	42

Lynn joins Contractors Board

On August 22, 2016, the Nevada State Contractors Board announced that Ronald (Ron) Lynn will serve as Director of Operations for the Board. Lynn joins the Board after a 35-year career with the Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention where he served as Building Director/Official.

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Lynn to the NSCB team,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “As a recognized expert in building codes and construction knowledge not only in Las Vegas, but throughout Nevada, the United States, and internationally, we look forward to the innovative and strategic directions he will bring to the Contractors Board as we further serve the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the construction industry as a whole.”



RON LYNN

Lynn was hired by the Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention in February 1981 to oversee matters of department administration, legal aspects of building codes, finance and management, building codes, building performance standards, and con-

struction issues. His decorated career includes affiliations spanning local to international organizations, including past president of the Board of Directors of the International Code Council (ICC), member of the Board of Directors of the International Accreditation Service, member of the Board of Managers for the International Evaluation Services, Nevada State Hazard Mitigation Planning Steering Committee, the Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology Advisory Committee, and was appointed to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Federal Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction by the National Institute of Standards & Technology.

Recent accomplishments of Lynn include being recognized

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Board nets felony fraud conviction

A two-year investigation by the Nevada State Contractors Board's Fraud Unit and federal authorities has resulted in indictments against two men associated with Recreational Development Company.

On July 27, a federal grand jury indicted the North Las Vegas general contractor's president, Jeffrey Whittle, and general manager, Brian Vanderburgh, on one count of conspiracy and four counts of wire fraud.

NSCB opened an investigation after receiving a tip in August 2014 alleging Recreational Development falsified invoices on a Veterans Administration clinic constructed in 2010-11. The exten-

sive investigation uncovered evidence allegedly showing eight separate invoices were falsely submitted at a total value of \$281,000, and that illegal payments were being made to the developer's on-site representative and RDC.

After issuing 38 subpoenas, identifying and reviewing 19 bank accounts and acquiring more than 12,000 related documents, NSCB forwarded the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office who brought in the FBI to pursue potential federal violations.

Whittle has entered a guilty plea to the Conspiracy charge and is awaiting sentencing on November 21, 2016.

Gardner named to education panel

Governor Brian Sandoval announced the appointment of Robert Gardner to the Commission on Construction Education. His appointment will run from July 1, 2016 thru Jun. 30, 2019.

Gardner has been involved in the construction industry since 1977. Upon graduation from college in 1986, he worked as a project manager for Harper Mechanical in Orlando, Fla., completing an in-depth training program, which covered all areas of mechanical contracting. In 1989, he accepted a project manager's position with Gardner Engineering, Inc. and immediately took charge of the Ely Maximum Security Prison project; a remote project, valued at over 8 million dollars, spanning four years of construction.

Gardner has since progressed to overall construction manager in charge of all field personnel, field operations and the estimating department,



ROBERT GARDNER

while continuing to manage large construction projects. He also is ultimately responsible for project profitability by establishing accurate project cost estimates and then maintaining construction efficiency and cost control. Overall, Gardner's education, experience and training make him uniquely suited for the role of construction manager.

"The Nevada State Con-

tractors Board is pleased to welcome Mr. Gardner to the Commission on Construction Education," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "We look forward to the contributions of Mr. Gardner as he aids the Commission in furthering the education and development of Nevada's construction workforce."

Gardner replaces Tom Pellett, whose term expired on June 30. Sandoval reappointed the other board members: Chair Shawn Danoski, Ed Horan, Dale Lowery, David McElwain and Brian Plaster. Kent Lay was also selected by the Contractors Board in 2016 to serve on the Commission.

The commissioners are responsible for distributing and overseeing grant funds to approved organizations, including high schools, with the goal of teaching students and young professionals construction

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Solar firm's victims compensated

The Nevada State Contractors Board held a Residential Recovery Fund subcommittee meeting on August 4, where it ordered \$400,000 in financial recourse be made to 133 homeowners damaged by former licensed contractor Summerlin Energy Las Vegas, LLC.

"To be able to provide homeowners financial recourse after they have been taken advantage of by a licensed contractor underscores the importance of the Board's mission to protect the public," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "We empathize greatly with the circumstances each homeowner in this case experienced and want to stress the importance of hiring licensed Nevada contractors for any home repair or remodel work to ensure the public receives the full protections

the Board has to offer, should something go wrong during the course of a project."

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 624.510, the Residential Recovery Fund may afford eligible homeowners of single family residences up to \$35,000 in financial recourse; however, claims may not exceed \$400,000 per contractor. Claims from the 133 homeowners totaled approximately \$1.44 million, therefore every homeowner received a prorated amount equal to 38.3 percent of the value of their validated claim values.

The Board began receiving complaints from homeowners against Summerlin Energy in November 2015, with a significant number of complaints filed – by vendors as well as homeowners – by the end of January 2016. On February 3, 2016, the Board

summarily suspended the licenses of Summerlin Energy, forbidding the company from entering into any new contracts for work while the Board's investigation continued.

On March 31, a disciplinary hearing was held where Judge Philip M. Pro ordered the revocation of Summerlin Energy's licenses. Pro made the ruling after hearing testimony from Board investigators, homeowners, and suppliers alleging Summerlin Energy took money without providing work or material, failed to pay its vendors, which led to vendors placing liens on properties after homeowners had paid Summerlin Energy in full.

Pro sustained 46 of the 48 Causes of Action against Summerlin Energy, which were affiliated with nine complaints – seven from homeowners and two from vendors.

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in 2009 by the United States Congress for his contributions in building safety and awarded the Senatorial Commendation for his commitment to building safety, energy conservation, and emergency response in 2010.

In 2014, he received the Community Achievement Award by the Asian American Group, the Government Person of the Year Award by the International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials, and the 2014 Western States Seismic Policy Council Lifetime Achievement Award.

The International Code Council recognized Lynn with its highest award, the prestigious Bobby J. Fowler Award, in 2015 for his career of leadership in the building safety industry to achieve a safer built environment.

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skills and career opportunities in the construction industry. Grant recipients include community colleges, technical high schools and construction career seminar providers.

The Commission on Construction Education 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.

THE ABCs OF PERSONAL FALL PROTECTION

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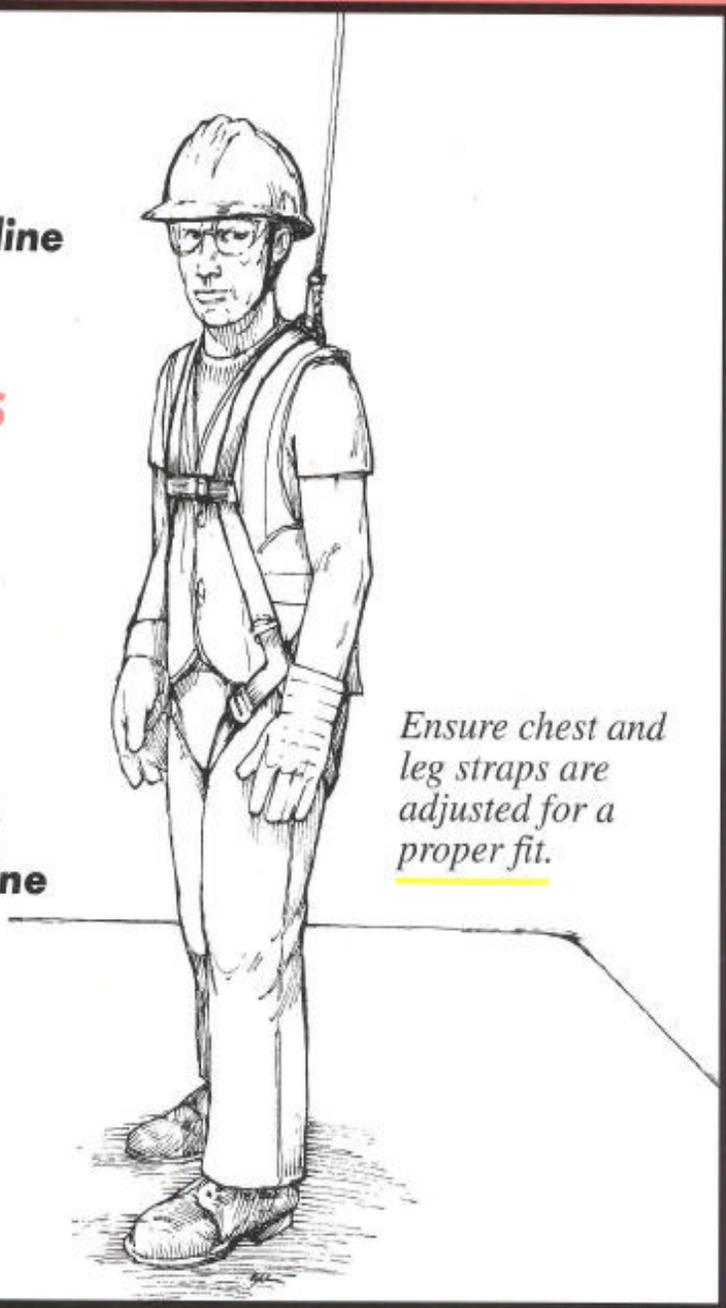
A secure point of attachment for a lifeline or lanyard

BODY HARNESS

Adjust chest and leg straps for proper fit

CONNECTING EQUIPMENT

A lanyard or retractable lanyard connected to a lifeline or anchor



Ensure chest and leg straps are adjusted for a proper fit.

For more information see the WCB publication *An Introduction to Personal Fall Protection Equipment*, available by calling 604 276-3068 or toll free 1 800 661-2112, local 3068.



More than 60 contractors attended the Nevada State Contractors Board's Contractor Training Day in Las Vegas on Sept. 13. Three dozen more participated in a similar event in Reno on Aug. 23. The events are part of the Board's efforts to serve the state's construction industry through advocacy and education.

Training day offers legal tips

Nearly 100 of Nevada's licensed contractors received an intense primer on contract and employment law at seminars hosted by the Nevada State Contractors Board in Reno and Las Vegas.

The Board's annual "Contractor Training Day," on August 23 at the Reno chapter of the Associated General Contractors and September 13 at the Clark County Building Department featured lectures and interactive discussions of liens, labor law, construction law, and other topics of interest to Ne-

vada contractors.

Attorneys Mark Ricciardi, Paul Georgeson and Cary Domina donated their time to enlighten construction company employees at the free half-day sessions. Georgeson in Reno and Domina in Las Vegas explained that the lien process can be complicated without proper legal counsel. Their sessions were designed to help guide contractors through the ins and outs of legally filing a lien, including notifications, deadlines and due diligence.

Ricciardi delivered his talk

on labor law at both the Reno and Las Vegas sessions. He focused on ensuring workers are classified and compensated correctly. He discussed state and federal regulations regarding discrimination and unlawful termination and ways construction firms can protect themselves from lawsuits.

The program continues the Contractors Board's educational seminars that brings together experts in various fields to help contractors better conduct their businesses. Previous years have

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offered instruction on marketing and public relations, the state's building codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and efforts to control unlicensed contracting.

This year's speakers made use of multimedia and made their visual aids available to all in attendance. The 90-minute time limit per session left many attendees desiring more, and the Board plans to offer similar programs at least annually moving forward.

"The Board is pleased to offer seminars to help Nevada's contractors rebound from the tough economy and position themselves to prosper during the recovery," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "We had a great turnout at both venues, which encourages us to plan similar events in the coming months."

Seminar topics, gleaned from extensive contractor surveys, were designed to provide a spectrum of information construction managers cannot easily obtain elsewhere in a one-stop location, Grein said. She said this information forms the basis contractors need to build their businesses in the new competitive atmosphere in which property values increase and investment capital becomes available.

"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 also fits seamlessly into the Board's mission and industry outreach goals.

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.

Based on feedback received from previous sessions, future Board training seminars may include sessions on business plans, OSHA regulations lead and asbestos abatement, customer service and more.



Mark Ricciardi (top) and Paul Georgeson discuss the finer points of construction and labor law at NSCB's annual Contractor Training Day in Reno on August 23.

Board revokes, fines licenses

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

Home Perfect Inc., license number 67360A, (painting) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for Failure to pursue a project with reasonable diligence, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to provide a homeowner information regarding the Board's Residential Recovery Fund, contracting beyond the scope of the license and substandard workmanship. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,200, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution.

Designing with Nature Inc., license number 48686 () was found guilty of contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to comply with the terms of a contract or warranty, substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$6,500, assessed investigative costs and ordered to provide a financial statement supporting the license limit.

Rod Aaron Koprek, dba Rod Koprek Roofing, license number 50820 (roofing and siding), based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for substandard workmanship, failure to comply with the state's building laws, failure to cooperate in an investigation, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a bid or contract, disregard of the state's building laws and failure to comply with an order from the board. The license was revoked. Fines and

investigative costs were not assessed due to the respondent's filing for bankruptcy.

Alternative Drilling Company, LLC, license number 73955 (drill wells, install pumps, pressure tan), based out of Spring Creek, NV had its license placed on probation and may not take on any new work pending review of charges and submission of a current financial statement.

Complete Bath Remodeling of Las Vegas, LLC, dba 5 Day Kitchens of Las Vegas, license number 78859 (finish carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$500, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay restitution. The license was voluntarily surrendered.

Esprit Construction, license number 47286 (residential and small commercial), based out of Salt Lake City, Utah, was found in violation for bidding in excess of the monetary limit placed on the license, entering into a contract with an unlicensed person, conspiring with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act, acting as an agent, aiding and abetting an unlicensed person, and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,200 and assessed investigative costs.

Bruce Douglas Spangrud, dba Galaxy Outdoor, license number 73383 (carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, contracting beyond the scope of the license, and bidding in excess of the monetary limit placed on the license. Licensee was fined \$4,500 and assessed investigative costs. A current financial statement that supports the monetary limit

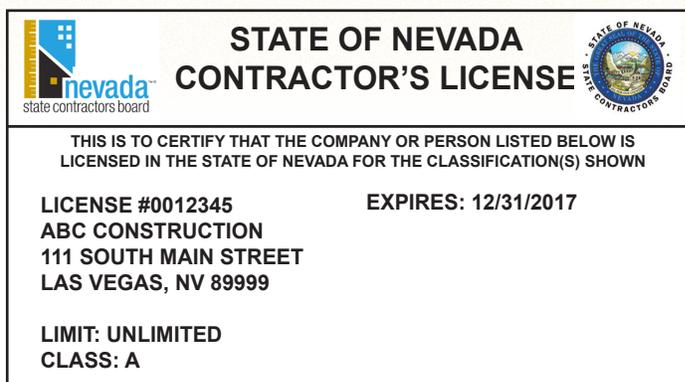
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Be a “card-carrying” licensed contractor

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.

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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must be submitted to the Board within 60 days of the hearing date or the license will be suspended.

Russell Filand Builders, Inc., license number 68291 (general building), based out of Peoria, Ariz., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to cooperate in an investigation, failure to produce requested information or records, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$5,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Total Energy Solutions, Inc., dba T.E.S., license numbers 76205 (carpentry) and 78635 (plastic tile and wallboard), based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to comply with a written citation, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to establish financial responsibility. Both licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Nevada Delta Mechanical Inc., license number 72999 (plumbing) and Delta Mechanical, Inc., license numbers 53330 (plumbing) and 75345 (air conditioning), based out of Mesa, Ariz., had the limits reduced to \$50,000 as a result of findings from the May 4 disciplinary hearing.

Optica Network Technologies, LLC, license number 76712 (low-voltage), based out of Cambridge, Neb., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to notify the board of change in address or personnel. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$6,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Triple R Construction, LLC, license number 74770 (residential and small commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation for willful disregard of the state’s building laws. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

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/6wubnmm>

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/7jdvrr>
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

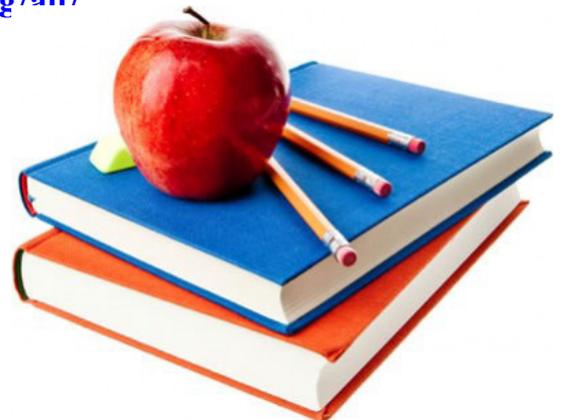
Construction Management and Trade Courses

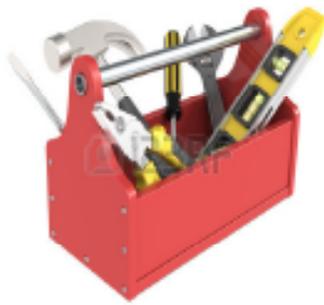
Geographic Information Systems

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 624.3015(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)