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Message from Chair Margaret Cavin



Spring has sprung and like the nature surrounding us, the construction industry can be found blossoming across the state and nation, too. As I touched on in the last Horizon's issue, more and more residential and commercial work is sprouting, which means opportunities are bountiful for those looking to work.

Ironically, the challenge facing many licensees is the inability to attract and retain qualified workers to meet these growing demands. The Nevada State Contractors Board understands the importance of supporting the industry in promoting careers in construction, which is why we've been engaged in workforce development panel presentations to high school students to join the industry in sharing the value of a lasting career in construction.

Additionally, the Commission on Construction Education recently held a strategic planning meeting and discussed new ways to attract programs designed to bring innovative strategies surrounding the promotion of careers in construction, as well as strategies specifically designed to attract demographics, such as veterans returning to civilian life, women, minorities, and younger generations. The Commission will be improving its grant application process, forms, and evaluation criteria as part of its strategic initiatives in order to better prioritize the distribution of grant funding to programs across the state.

We recognize, however, that our efforts are not stand-alone. The industry itself is investing both time and resources into the development of programs and outreach materials, as well as looking at innovative strategies for employment, such as improved benefit packages, salary advancements, education and training opportunities, etc. On any given day, you are likely to come across at least one article, one social media post, or one television segment that highlights these efforts and promotes the value of becoming apart of Nevada's construction workforce.

You'll also notice dedicated efforts coming from various state leaders to bolster Nevada's workforce, develop and promote apprenticeship programs, and work within existing forums and educational institutions to expand upon what is already being achieved.

It's not hard to see that achieving workforce development outcomes requires a united front from all angles of the respective industries. As you ponder ways to make an impact, consider looking at your own business opportunities and community connections. Can your company offer an internship program for high school or newly graduated students? If there are apprenticeship programs in your trade, what can you do to help promote and encourage people to apply for them? If you're affiliated with non-construction related groups, consider sharing information about workforce opportunities to those who may have never considered construction an option.

Creativity and breaking the mold of how things have always been done will surely result in different outcomes, and we support the industry's goals to breathe new life into Nevada's construction workforce.

Message From Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Sunny skies, a bustling economy, and construction projects taking shape in nearly every sector of our communities means Nevada is hard at work!

Although we may not be out getting our hands dirty with the latest construction project, we have been working diligently in the 2019 Legislative Session to garner support for the Board's legislative package, monitor bills that have both positive and negative impacts to our agency, the public's safety, and industry at-large, as well as working collaboratively with legislators and interested groups on these matters.

This four month frenzy can feel daunting at times, but in the end, our Board will always appreciate the opportunity to help shape the future of the construction industry and improve efforts to ensure the public is protected.

We'll be sending out an Industry Bulletin in the weeks ahead to highlight some of the legislative changes that were enacted into law. I would encourage you, if you're not already, to get connected to an association who is tracking legislation of importance to the industry and/or search around on the legislative website (NELIS) to see what issues are currently in the final stages of consideration for becoming law.

Just as the industry assesses the impacts new laws will have,



the Contractors Board has been keeping a close eye on its licensing and enforcement data to be able to identify significant trends for the purpose of proactively preparing for any changes or adjustments that may be necessary.

As you'll note in this quarter's report, we are continuing to see an increase in the number of new license applications, new licenses issued, change applications received, and the number of active licenses overall.

These positive trends are supported further with declining voluntary surrender rates, license suspensions, and reduced financial responsibility hearings.

Times are good, and the data is representative of this. However, it's important that we remember the challenges of our past and learn from those experiences as we look to the

future.

Workforce shortages are a real concern and should be taken into consideration as businesses look to expand. Being cautious to not take on more than you can handle is important to providing quality customer service and maintaining the standards and integrity of our industry.

Additionally, taking the time to properly train and educate your staff about the importance of performing work timely, correctly, and in accordance with the laws, regulations, and codes that govern the trade. Failure to implement adequate expectations, could leave your company subject to complaints being filed with the Board.

Lastly, because resources are stretched so thin, now is the time where unlicensed contractors flourish. The Board will be amping up its efforts to combat unlicensed contracting, including sting operations, site visits, investigations into complaints, and proactive community sweeps.

Every individual on your team serves as the eyes and ears of the industry. Encourage them to document and report unlicensed activities in real time, so the Board can properly address and conduct an investigation into the alleged violations. Download and use our mobile application to report unlicensed activity while in the field!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "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 once a month in each of the Board's offices, which guides applicants through key areas of the application, experience qualifications, and exam and bonding requirements.

Top 10 Application Filings, Q3

Primary Classification	In State	Out of State	Total
B - General Building	58	45	103
C-2 Electrical	31	32	63
A - General Engineering	26	28	54
C-4 Painting and Decorating	29	9	38
C-3 Carpentry, Maintenance, and Minor Repairs	28	10	38
C21 - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	27	8	35
C-1 Plumbing and Heating	25	7	32
C-5 Concrete Contracting	17	6	23
C15 - Roofing and Siding	15	4	19
C16 - Finishing Floors	11	3	14

Quarterly Statistics

New License Apps: 514 (+8%)
Issued Licenses: 366 (+39%)
Change Apps: 751 (+32%)
Active Licenses: 15,919 (+3%)
Inactive Licenses: 647 (+3%)
Placed on Inactive Status: 35 (-20%)
Voluntary Surrender: 83 (-6%)
Active License Renewals: 1,654 (-3%)
Inactive License Renewals: 32 (-54%)
License Suspensions (no bond): 170 (-9%)
Licenses Cancelled: 211 (+1%)
Application Denial Hearings: 16 (-33%)
Financial Responsibility Hearings: 3 (-70%)

Changes Aid Contractors

The Contractors Board at its March 21 meeting adopted a temporary regulation intended to reduce barriers to licensure and provide greater portability by expanding and clarifying types of experience documentation needed for an applicant to become a licensed contractor in the state. The temporary regulation took effect April 26, 2019.

Earlier, at its February 21 public meeting, the Board approved an endorsement agreement with Louisiana. This agreement will provide greater mobility for Nevada licensees who may want to contract in Louisiana by allowing that state to endorse Nevada's trade exams in nine classifications.

The Board is participating in the ongoing session of the Nevada State Legislature and monitoring pending laws that would bear on its operations and the services it provides. We will respond by developing and implementing programs and educational outreach to keep contractors informed. The current economic bull market has spurred construction activity, requiring similar responses in our licensing and enforcement departments.

Enforcement

NSCB's Criminal and Compliance Investigations Divisions respond to all consumer and industry complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors. The Board assists homeowners and licensed contractors with contracting matters, such as workmanship issues, money owing complaints and violations of industry regulations. After gathering evidence against unlicensed contractors, the Board submits cases to the local district attorney, who may file and prosecute misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony charges.

QUARTER IN REVIEW

655 Complaints Opened
211 Workmanship
67 Money Owing
123 Industrial Regulation
156 Contracting without a License
94 Unlawful Advertising
4 Criminal Fraud

Citations Issued

46 To licensed contractors
\$118,100 in Fines
\$25,556 in Costs

9 To unlicensed contractors
\$14,000 in Fines
\$4,152 in Costs
39 Criminal Citations

53 Disciplinary Hearings

13 Licenses Revoked
42 Cases assessed fines & costs
\$125,270 in Fines
\$66,221 in Costs

54 Criminal Affidavits Filed with District Attorneys' Offices

81 Cease & Desist Orders Issued to Unlicensed Contractors

Background Investigations

The Nevada State Contractors Board is authorized under NRS 624.265 to request fingerprints from all applicants for licensure for the purposes of conducting criminal background checks, which are used to assess the character of an applicant and verify accuracy and/or omission of information provided on the license application.

The Board use of criminal justice databases is monitored and audited by the State of Nevada and the FBI for compliance with applicable rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Fingerprints Submitted	958
Total fingerprints returned with criminal histories	256
Total fingerprints returned without criminal histories	702
Criminal Histories	26%

Unlicensed Contractor Sentenced

A member of the Nevada State Contractors Board's "10 Most Wanted" list of unlicensed contractors has been sentenced to at least 6 1/2 years in jail for crimes against northern Nevada residents.

Lucas Hunter Schopper learned his fate at a sentencing hearing in the Second Judicial Court in Reno on January 16. Judge David Hardy ordered Schopper to spend 79 to 198 months in custody and pay court costs, fees, penalties, \$3,282 in investigative costs to the Nevada State Contractors Board and restitution to his victims.

He pleaded guilty in October to three felony charges: forgery, theft and crimes against a person over the age of 60. He had been free after posting bail following his arrests in February and September 2018, prompting the Contractors Board to issue a "Consumer Alert" to northern Nevada homeowners.

Schopper, whose contrac-



LUCAS SCHOPPER

tor's license for Bella Terra Professional Landscaping Services, was revoked by the Contractors Board in 2009 for abandoning a construction project, failing to comply with the Board's orders, receiving money and not performing commensurate work, acting beyond the scope of his license, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, performing work that was not current with industry standards and failure to establish financial responsi-

bility, among other violations. However, he continued to perform remodeling, landscaping, and other home improvement projects that require a valid Nevada license. His criminal record began shortly thereafter; he pleaded guilty to similar charges in 2010, 2012 and 2015.

The current case, based on evidence collected by the Contractors Board, included four cases involving projects with contract values of \$19,750 to \$37,693. Victims, who, had paid Schopper nearly \$60,000, were allowed to present impact statements to the court during the sentencing phase. The Board has four additional cases pending against Schopper.

Since his license was revoked in 2009, Schopper has made a habit of claiming legitimate contractors' licenses as his own. He would give discounts to people who responded to his flyers and paid before any work was completed.

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Board takes disciplinary action

The Nevada State Contractors Board issued the following disciplinary decisions to licensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624 during its January, February and March hearings:

Gallaway Ventures Inc., dba Handyman Connection, license number 68632 (residential and small commercial) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, substandard workmanship, disregard of the state's building laws, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,050 and assessed investigative costs.

Nikam Development Company, license number 41513 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for combining with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, failure to keep records and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,450 and assessed investigative costs. The license was placed on inactive status.

Neil Earl Schultz, dba Schultz Construction, license number 06673A (general building) based out of Zephyr Cove, Nev., was found in violation for contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, failure to comply with the building laws of the state, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,900 and assessed investigative costs. The license was placed on inactive status.

R M Enterprises LLC, dba Ruby Mountain Woodworking, license number 81547 (finish carpentry) based out of Elko, Nev., was

found in violation for bidding in excess of the license's monetary limit, misuse of a license, failure to comply with an order from the Board and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,650 and assessed investigative costs.

Awesome Floors, Inc., license numbers 71939 (tiling) and 59488 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, was ordered to pay \$7,860 in restitution to a customer.

G.V.S. Construction, LLC, license numbers 80553 (residential and small commercial), 83309 (photovoltaics) and 83631 (carpentry maintenance and small repairs) based out Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to respond to a request from the Board. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

New Air, Inc., license number 67501 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

Altaray NV, LLC, license number 83657 (electrical) based out of American Fork, Utah, was found in violation for contracting without a license, disregard of the state's building laws, failure to comply with a written request from the Board, violation of the state's industrial insurance laws and failure to establish financial responsibility. Licensee was fined \$2,750 and assessed investigative costs.

Second Opinion Plumbing license number 80242 (plumbing) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws. Licensee was fined \$250 and assessed investigative costs.

First National Concrete Construction, LLC license number 65492 (concrete) based out

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of Las Vegas, was found in violation for bidding in excess of the license's monetary limit and failure to comply with a notice to correct. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Landscape Specialties, Inc., dba L S I, license number 80399 (landscaping), Outdoors by Blue & Green, Inc., license number 83499 (masonry) and Blue & Green Services, LLC, license number 73934 (landscaping) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for failure to include the licenser number and monetary limit on a bid or contract and failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract. Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

New Image Contracting, Inc. license number 55152 (residential and small commercial), B&C Construction, license number 78242 (residential and small commercial) and B&C Groups, LLC, dba Triton Industries, license number 78840 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for abandoning a construction project, failure to comply with the terms of a contract, failure to establish financial responsibility, substandard workmanship, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint, failure to comply with a request for information or records and failure to provide required disclosures. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$8,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Vision Landscape, LLC. license number 80253 (landscaping) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license, substandard workmanship, failure to cooperate in an investigation and failure to

comply with a Board request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$12,000.

American Metal Fabricators, LLC, license number 70656 (ornamental metal, metal doors and windows, awnings and louvres) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$1,250 and assessed investigative costs.

Jose Luis Estrada Garcia, dba Las Vegas Granite, license number 80062 (ornamental metal) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to respond to a written request from the Board and deliberate violation of the state's industrial insurance laws, . Licensee was fined \$500 and assessed investigative costs.

United Pacific Construction, license number 63298 (residential and small commercial) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building laws and failure to comply with the Board's regulations. Licensee was fined \$1,000, assessed investigative costs, and ordered to pay restitution of \$10,000.

T.L.C., The Flooring Boutique, license numbers 80490 (finishing floors) and 80491 (installing terrazzo and marble) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for substandard workmanship. Licensee was ordered to pay another contractor \$8,725 perform work on a customer's home.

Friendly AC and Heating, LLC, license number 82926 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's building

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laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to notify the Board of a change of address or personnel, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund in a contract, substandard workmanship, failure to cooperate in an investigation of a complaint, failure to comply with a Board request for information. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$4,250, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay \$250 in restitution.

Ameritek Industries, license number 73216 (installing water-treatment equipment) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, disregard of building laws and aiding or abetting an unlicensed person. Licensee was fined \$3,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Mountain Lion Plumbing, Inc., license number 77661 (plumbing and heating), **C R Construction, LLC, dba C 1 Construction**, license number 78295 (residential and small commercial) and **T 4 Construction LLC, dba T 4 Construction**, license number 83037 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for violation of the state's building laws, disregard of industrial insurance laws,

failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with the Board's regulations, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person and bidding in excess of the license's monetary limit. Licensee was fined \$6,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Southwest Air Conditioning Service, Inc., license number 11556 (refrigeration and air conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of the state's industrial insurance laws, failure to pay for materials or services and failure to establish financial responsibility. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$3,000 and assessed investigative costs.

D & E Business Class, Inc. dba A Granite M D, license number 56991 (install-

ing terrazzo and marble), **L. I. A. Construction, LLC, dba Best Buy Cabinets**, license number 80346 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) and **L. I. A. Construction, LLC, dba L. I. A. Construction, LLC**, license number 81510 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., were found in violation for violation of the state's building laws, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license and substandard workmanship. Licensee was fined \$1,959, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution of \$3,435.50.

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I. M. G. Stonecraft, Inc., license numbers 81975 (installing terrazzo and marble) and 81976 (tiling) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for 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 concrete, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, substandard workmanship and contracting without a license. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$8,000 and assessed investigative costs.

Hartco Design Builders, dba HARTCO, license number 36126 (residential and small commercial) and Hartco Electric Inc., license number 55137B (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for aiding or abetting an unlicensed person, conspiring with an unlicensed person, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, knowingly making a false statement regarding a lien and failure to comply with a Board request for information. License 36126 was revoked. Licensee was fined \$20,000 and assessed investigative costs.

A1 Builder Investments, Inc., license number 75988 (residential and small commercial) based out of Elko, Nev., was found in violation for 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 include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, substandard workmanship, failure to include subcontractor or supplier information on a contract and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license remains suspended. Licensee was fined \$2,100 and assessed investigative costs.

Certified Pacific Contractors, Inc., license number 81998 (installation of equipment used with liquefied petroleum and natural gas) based out of Reno, Nev., was found in violation

for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to pay for materials or services and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license was revoked. Licensee was fined \$2,750.

Acme Landscape Maintenance LLC, license number 74346 (landscaping) based out of Fort Mohave, Ariz., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to comply with the Board's regulations and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$2,000 and assessed investigative costs.

John Horn Construction, license number 56614 (carpentry maintenance and minor repairs) based out of Sparks, Nev., was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, disregard of the state's building laws, failure to comply with a notice to correct, contracting beyond the scope of the license, substandard workmanship and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. Licensee was fined \$1,850 and assessed investigative costs.

Cove Electric of Nevada, Inc., dba Potter Electric Company, license number 53358 (electrical) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to pay for materials or services, failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint and failure to respond to a Board request for information or records. Licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed investigative costs.

Ray Brothers Construction, Inc., dba C.D.R. Construction, license number 83642 (residential and small commercial) based out of Mesa, Ariz., was found in violation for disregard of building laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to include the license

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number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to comply with a notice to correct, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to comply with a Board request for information and contracting without a license. Licensee was fined \$4,520 and assessed investigative costs.

Backyard Connection, LLC, license number 67813 (landscaping) based out of Henderson, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of building laws and failure to include the business name and license number on an advertisement. Licensee was fined \$600 and assessed investigative costs.

Lindsey Swimming Pool Plastering, license number 30242 (lathing and plastering) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of industrial insurance laws, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with Board regulations, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract and substandard workmanship. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$1,450, assessed investigative costs and ordered to pay restitution to a homeowner.

Patio Covers Unlimited of Southern Idaho., license number 74951 (prefabricated steel structures, awnings and louvres) based out of Twin Falls, Idaho, was found in violation for failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to comply with Board regulations, failure to include the license number or monetary limit on a bid or contract, failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract, substandard workmanship and failure to comply with a Board request for information or records. The license was suspended. Licensee was fined \$1,050 and assessed investigative costs.

Komax Development, license number 67413 (residential and small commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was suspended pending a

Board hearing on April 17.

Yan Hong Liu, dba C&L Enterprise, license numbers 60690 (residential and small commercial) and ***Luis Group, LLC, dba Flooring Coverings International***, license numbers 80127 (carpentry maintenance and small repairs), 80128 (tiling) and 80129 (finishing floors) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for failure to include Residential Recovery Fund information in a contract, disregard of the state's building laws, contracting beyond the scope of the license, failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a bid or contract, engaging in unfair business practices, committing a fraudulent or deceitful act, failure to cooperate in an investigation, failure to respond to a Board request for information, disregard of safety or labor laws and conspiring with an unlicensed person. The licenses were placed on probation for one year. Licensee was fined \$21,750 and assessed investigative costs. ***Climate Control Consultants, LLC, dba C&C Contracting***, license number 83050 (general building) based out of Las Vegas, Nev., was suspended pending a Board hearing for on April 17.

Silver State Mechanical, license numbers 81694 (refrigeration and air conditioning) and 80517 (plumbing and heating), based out of North Las Vegas, Nev., was found in violation for disregard of industrial insurance laws, failure to pay for materials or services, failure to establish financial responsibility, failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit, failure to cooperate in an investigation and failure to comply with a Board request for information. The licenses were revoked. Licensee was fined \$7,000 and assessed investigative costs.

A1 Builder Investments, Inc., license number 75988 (residential and small commercial) based out of Elko, Nev., was suspended pending a disciplinary hearing scheduled for March 6.

Board Joins Fraud Prevention Forum

The Contractors Board participated in the 4th Annual Fraud Prevention Fair hosted by the Nevada Department of Consumer Affairs. Events were held in both Reno and Las Vegas, and provided a forum for persons throughout the community to receive comprehensive fraud prevention and assistance-related resources from various state and local agencies within their communities.



At the Las Vegas event, the Board participated in a fraud prevention panel discussion to highlight the dangers of unlicensed contracting activities and the

threat these individuals pose to the wellbeing and safety of the public.

In addition, the Board discussed current scams and unscrupulous activities noticed with residential solar solicitations, highlighting the significance of signing contracts directly with the licensed contractor who will be performing the installation, understanding all finance terms before applying and/or finalizing the agreement, and always verifying the license of any contractor looking to perform work on one's home.

Contractors encouraged to carry pocket cards

The Nevada State Contractors Board continuously reminds property owners to check contractors' pocket identification cards before agreeing to proposals, signing contracts or engaging construction work.

NSCB 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 cards include NSCB's logo and the state seal in addition to the license number, business name, classification(s), and license expiration date. One card is issued upon issuance and renewal of the license. NSCB allows contracting companies to purchase additional cards at \$10 each to distribute to key on-site personnel to



use when 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.

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.

***Continuing education is not required in order to maintain a Nevada contractor's license.*

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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.*

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Fire Protection - pg. 62

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Geographic Information Systems - pg. 65

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Mechanical Technology, pg. 85

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OSHA Safety Courses

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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

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Courses of interest to contractors include:

Air Conditioning

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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 Nevada's *State Contractors Board Handbook*, Chapter 624 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Contact the Nevada State Contractors Board for a copy.

- Include your license number and monetary limit on all contracts & 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
- Ensure you're using the business name as referenced and approved by the Board. NRS 624.305
- Do not allow bids or contracts to exceed your monetary limit value (including change orders). NRS 624.3015(2)
- Do not work outside the scope of your license classification. NRS 624.3015(3)
- Maintain all records, documentation, receipts, contracts, etc. for a minimum of three years. NRS 624.3013(1)
- Include the 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.
 - 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 the Contractors Board in writing within 30 days. NAC 624.640(3)
- Notify the Board within 10 days if your qualified individual leaves the company. NRS 624.285

NSCB seeks premises for stings

The Nevada State Contractors Board is seeking suitable locations for its unlicensed contractor sting operations. Homeowners, business owners and residential property developers interested in volunteering their sites can contact the Board's Director of Investigations, Paul Rozario.

"Stings not only protect the health and safety of the public from unqualified and sometimes dangerous people, they also protect the financial welfare of licensed contractors by removing illegal and unfair competition," NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein said.

Investigators in the Contractors Board's Reno and Henderson offices conduct stings regularly throughout the state. Recently constructed homes



and vacant small business locations and offices are ideal locations for the undercover operations.

During a sting, investigators pose as property owners. They schedule appointments with suspected unlicensed individuals to visit the location and provide estimates for work including painting, floor covering, plumbing, electrical, and land-

scaping. It is illegal in Nevada to perform any construction or home-repair project valued at more than \$1,000 any plumbing, heating, electrical, HVAC work, regardless of cost, without a license. Evidence the Board collects from stings is turned over to district attorney's offices for criminal prosecution.

"Unlicensed contractors often do not carry workers compensation insurance and have not undergone the Board's extensive criminal background check. This puts consumers' finances and possibly their physical safety in jeopardy," Grein said. "In addition, home repair and improvement projects performed by unlicensed contractors takes millions of dollars away from legitimate contractors each year."

Suggest topics for Training Day

The Nevada State Contractors Board is planning to host its annual "Contractor Training Day" this fall in Reno and Las Vegas, and we want to hear from you.

Training day brings together experts from construction law, marketing, labor relations, finance, information technology and other fields to deliver advice and discussion of issues affecting the construction industry. If there is a particular topic you would like to have addressed at the next Contractor Training Day, email ssmith@nscb.state.nv.us. The date and Training Day schedule will be released in the next edition of Horizons.



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