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NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD: 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND YEAR-END UPDATE

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. — As 2025 comes to an end and we prepare for the New Year, we reflect on a year filled with significant accomplishments. From legislative initiatives to public outreach, we have made meaningful progress in supporting contractors, our team, and the public we serve. While it would be impossible to capture everything achieved this year, we would like to share a few highlights below which represent just some of the many efforts and successes that moved our mission forward.

As we wrap up the year, we look forward to building on this momentum and achieving even more in 2026. Some of our most memorable accomplishments in 2025 include modernization efforts, new legislative bills, the introduction of new licenses, and expanded public outreach initiatives.

Our modernization initiatives focused heavily on advancing language access. This included developing an AI-powered Spanish chatbot to assist consumers with frequently asked questions, as well as launching a Spanish version of the Board's mobile application. These tools make it easier for the Hispanic community to search for licensed contractors and report unlicensed activity. Additionally, current licensees can now save time and reduce costs by downloading their contractor licenses and pocket cards online. This improvement eliminates mailing delays and allows contractors to access their documents whenever needed.

Our Investigations team also had a highly productive year. The team identified companies targeting seniors and conducted several successful joint undercover operations focused on unlicensed contractors. The department also implemented a new, streamlined intake process for complaints and Residential Recovery Fund claims to expedite case resolution. This effort has produced significant results and has contributed to a reduction in overall case volume. In addition, the Residential Recovery Fund awarded compensation to 48 harmed homeowners in 2025, totaling \$775,562.

The Licensing Department has been preparing for the launch of the new Restricted Residential Remodeling license. This license allows aspiring contractors who do not yet meet the four-year experience requirement to obtain a residential license for two years, giving them the opportunity to gain additional experience before pursuing another license. The department also worked closely with Professional Service Industries (PSI), Nevada's contractor testing provider, to expand access to exams. These initiatives also resulted in PSI now offering Spanish-language exams for 13 classifications, as well as the Construction Management Survey exam. Additionally, select examinations are now available in an open-book format. We hope these efforts help open doors for more contractors across the state.

Public outreach remained a key focus throughout the year, with initiatives designed to engage and support individuals of all ages. Our annual *Hammers and Hope* continued to highlight females in the construction industry and provided mentoring opportunities for young women interested in pursuing careers in construction. In addition, the Nevada State Contractors Board rebranded the Commission on Construction Education by developing a new logo, website, and social media presence to further highlight the Commission's valuable mission, initiatives, and resources. (add link). As part of this newly devised campaign, our Board successfully partnered with industry representatives to host our first-ever, *In the Field Trip* event. This one of a kind workforce development opportunity provided more than 100 students from construction-focused technical academies with real-world jobsite interactions. During the event, students were exposed to real-world jobsites, and participated in a panel discussion that consisted of NSCB Board members and industry leaders. This combined effort provided a platform for students to ask questions and receive important information about the unlimited career pathways that exist across the industry.

We would also like to thank the countless legislators, community partners and association leaders who assisted our Board during the 2025 legislative session and played a critical role in passing new laws to help strengthen standards, improve barriers to licensing, and improve consumer protections. These include:

- AB 540, which requires the issuance of contractor licenses by endorsement and provisional licenses.
- SB 16, which allows the Board to refuse to issue a license for up to one year to individuals
 who submit bids or perform work over \$1,000 without a license and also enhances the
 Board's ability to potentially implement discipline against someone for interfering or
 attempting to interfere with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by threatening or
 harassing others.
- SB 130, which established a new Restricted Residential Remodeling license; and
- SB 379, which imposes additional requirements on solar installation companies and lead generators.

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our success this year; most notably our Board Members for their guidance and support, and our dedicated NSCB team. Without your commitment and collaboration, these achievements would not have been possible.

Here's to a Happy New Year and a safe and successful 2026!

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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