



NEVADA CONTRACTORS' BILLBOARD

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Business Assistance Program Continues To Grow

More than 500 contractor applicants have taken advantage of the NSCB's New Business Assistance Program established last year to provide guidance with the license application process.

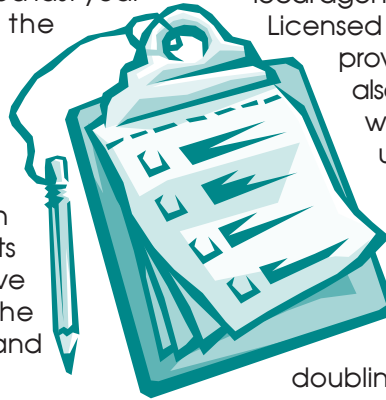
Instructional workshops are conducted monthly in the Board's Southern Nevada office and every other month in the Reno office. Applicants for a contractor's license receive information to complete the application process quickly and accurately.

In addition to the workshop, license applicants are offered one-on-one assistance for review of new application forms, or license change applications. Information in locating

source documents for the application is provided, as well as a checklist of state and local agencies and other resources. "Getting Licensed in Nevada," a useful document provided to workshop attendees, may also be obtained through the Board's website www.nscb.state.nv.us, under the heading "Contractor Information," or at either of the Board's offices.

Response to the program has been exceptional with attendance at the workshops doubling since the inception.

For more information please contact Licensing Consultant Lisa Bedsole at: (702) 486-1100, Ext. 1120; (775) 688-1141, Ext. 1120 or by email to lbedsole@nscb.state.nv.us.



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Deterring Unlicensed Activity with Proactive Enforcement

Do you ever wonder how the NSCB reins in unlicensed contracting activity and levels the playing field for licensed contractors? How do leads turn into action, and who tracks down illegal activity? This complex task belongs to the Board's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigators.

While investigators in the Compliance Investigations Unit (CIU) respond primarily to consumer complaints and subcontractor and supplier non-payment complaints, SIU investigators use a variety of proactive investigative techniques to combat unlicensed contracting.

SIU investigators referred 1,067 unlicensed contractors for criminal prosecution during the 2005 fiscal year, which was double from the previous year.

Many techniques SIU uses to locate unlicensed activity are as follows:

- **SWEEPS** - On average, five sweeps are conducted by SIU each month. Investigators visit numerous active construction sites throughout the state and issue citations to unlicensed contractors.
- **STINGS** - An average of two undercover sting operations are conducted each month statewide. Each sting requires investigators to set up a pre-selected home site and pose as homeowners interested in contracting for a variety of improvement projects. Unlicensed contractors who advertise in the Yellow Pages or local print media are contacted and invited to bid on various work at the sting site. If an unlicensed contractor submits a bid for any job, he is usually issued a criminal citation and given a Notice to Appear in court.

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Landscapers - It's Conversion Time

A Message from the SNWA



Considered a "second spring" in Nevada, fall is the perfect time for water-smart landscape upgrades. Not only is the weather cooling with shorter days and longer nights, many property owners are ready to make the switch. This summer was tough on traditional, grass landscapes and their maintenance. With water-smart landscaping, property owners will have less to worry about and landscape professionals will have an easier time keeping landscapes looking good.

If your clients are ready to make the change and they live in the Southern Nevada Water Authority's service area, be sure they sign up for the SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes rebate program. The conversion can earn the property owner \$1 for each square foot of grass replaced with water-smart landscaping, which helps offset the cost of the conversion.

You can help your client understand the program; the process is easy.

- First, be sure the property owner submits an application. This can be done online or by calling the **Conservation Helpline at (702) 258-SAVE**.
- Second, a SNWA representative will schedule a pre-conservation site visit. Landscape conversions started, or completed prior to a site visit, are not eligible for a rebate.
- Third, the SNWA will give the property owner the go-ahead to start the conversion. You and your client will have six months to complete the upgrade.
- Finally, when the upgrade is complete, a SNWA representative will schedule a post-conversion site visit to verify the landscape meets program conditions. Once the conversion is verified, a check will be sent to the property owner within 60 days.

For more information on program conditions, visit www.snwa.com. If you're a landscape contractor, you may also be interested in becoming a "Water Smart Contractor." The program, sponsored by the SNWA, offers water-efficiency training from conservation experts and identifies landscape companies that qualify on the SNWA's website.

Landscape contractors in the SNWA program agree to provide customers with equipment and performance standards, which include a one-year limited warranty.

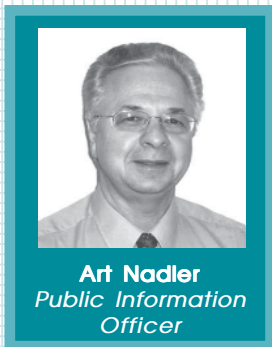
Contractors in the program must:

- Complete at least eight hours of SNWA water-efficiency training,
- Maintain good standing with the Nevada State Contractors Board,
- Be licensed and insured.

For more information on the Water Smart Contractor program, visit www.snwa.com or call Jason Eckberg at (702) 862-3742.

NSCB Welcomes New Staff

The Henderson office of the Nevada State Contractors Board would like to introduce three new employees:



Art Nadler, the new Public Information Officer, is a longtime Southern Nevada resident with experience in public relations, marketing and journalism.



Joe Grepitotis joins the Board as a Compliance Investigator. New to the Las Vegas Valley, he has five years experience in the construction industry and is ICC certified.



Tovah D'Ambrosio is the new Human Resources Manager. She comes to the team with nine years of human resources management experience.



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The Contractors' Billboard is printed for licensed contractors doing business in Nevada.

If you have questions or concerns, please write to us. We will try to address them in an upcoming issue.

Mission Statement

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote integrity and professionalism in the construction industry of Nevada

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

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Across The Board

Jan. 1, 2005 - June 30, 2005

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	1,270
Investigations Closed	1,300
Licenses Revoked	35
Fines Assessed	\$183,725
Investigative Costs Assessed	\$241,223
Recovery Fund Claims Awarded	\$313,515

Special Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	1,123
Investigations Closed	1,102
Felony Cases Filed	69
Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney	218
Citations Issued	371
Convictions	203
Restitution Ordered by the Court	\$178,389
Fines Assessed by Court	\$55,905

Licensing Division

New License Applications Received	1,162
New Licenses Issued	875
License Change Applications Received	2,351
Licensed Nevada Contractors (as of 7/1/05)	14,643

The Contractors' Billboard is published by the Nevada State Contractors Board as a service to licensed contractors to promote a better understanding of Nevada contracting law and to provide information of interest to all construction professionals. This information is believed to be accurate at the time of publication. The Contractors Board and the State of Nevada assume no responsibility for any damage that arises from any action that is based on information found in this publication.

New Changes in the Law For 2005

SB 300 made some significant changes to the Nevada prompt-pay statute. The amendments to the prompt-pay statute apply to owners or lessees of real property on private works. The statute does not apply to an owner of a single-family dwelling, or public works. The amendments became effective July 1, 2005.

The term "Prime Contractor" refers to a contractor entering into an agreement with an owner.

The retention in an agreement with a prime contractor cannot exceed 10 percent of the amount of a payment.

The prior statute required the owner to give a contractor written notice of withholding of a payment on or before the payment date. The amendment also permits a prime contractor to object to withholding of a payment or portion of a payment, and limits the amount that may be withheld.

The provisions of NRS 624.610 are revised to permit a prime contractor to stop work if:

- An owner fails to pay the prime contractor (within the time set forth in the statute).
- An owner fails to give the prime contractor Notice of Withholding required by the statute.

- After receipt of Notice of Withholding, the prime contractor disputes the notice and claims that the withholding is not in good faith or for reasonable cause.
- If 30 days after a written request for a change order is submitted by the Prime Contractor to the Owner, and the Owner fails to:
 - 1) Issue the change order, or
 - 2) Give reasons why the change order is not being processed.

SB 343 makes various changes to provisions related to mechanics' and material men's liens requiring a lessee to record a notice of posted security under certain circumstances; requiring certain lessees to establish a construction disbursement account and obtain the services of a construction control; establishing requirements for administering a construction disbursement account; providing that a lien claimant has a lien against a construction disbursement account under certain circumstances; and changing the form of a notice of lien. The bond form required to bond around a lien has been revised. The bill now provides for the release of all prospective and existing rights of lien claimants, as well as specific liens. A lien claimant must bring an action

on the bond within nine months after the work is completed, or the bond is served upon the lien claimant.

AB 193 became effective July 1, 2005. It amends the law by creating an "exemption" from obtaining a contractor's license by redefining the term "Contractor." Under the new amendment, an "Owner" is now defined as an owner or lessee of real property, or any improvements entered into an agreement, oral or written, with the prime contractor for the prime contractor to provide work, materials or equipment for improvements, and includes an owner of a planned unit development who enters into one or more agreements (oral or written) with one or more general building contractors or general engineering contractors. An owner of a planned unit development is excluded in the revised definition of the contractor. Certain activities of an owner may still require licensing under other sections of NRS 624.

Contributed by Laura Browning, Esq. and Dennis Haney, Esq.

For full description of Nevada Revised Statutes, visit www.leg.state.nv.us.

Board-sponsored Bill:

The State Contractors Board sponsored one bill that was signed by Governor Guinn in the 2005 legislative session.

AB 501 (Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee)—This bill contains multiple provisions that change the NSCB license law. AB 501 extends the statute of limitations for certain misdemeanor offenses of the NSCB law from one year to two years; prohibits certain unfair business practices and other improper practices by contractors; revises provisions regarding certain financial statements submitted to the State Contractors' Board;

authorizes the Board to deny a license or take disciplinary action for certain criminal offenses committed in other jurisdictions; increases the amount of administrative fines the Board may impose for certain violations; requires the Board to establish standards for use determining the amount of certain administrative fines; requires the payment of interest on certain administrative fines; and provides for penalties. AB 501 took effect June 10, 2005.

For the complete text of the bill visit www.leg.state.nv.us.

(For more information on Nevada Law changes see Page 5)

Revised Regulation Helps Simplify Construction Defect Disputes

The NSCB recently revised its regulations to Assembly Bill (AB) 537. The change simplifies the process for submitting a request concerning a constructional defect.

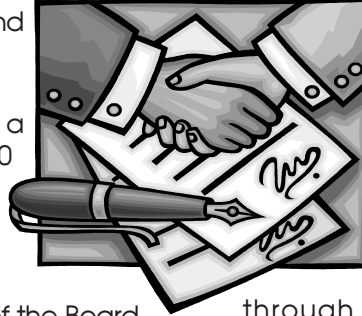
A claimant, contractor, or design professional may submit a question or dispute to the State Contractors Board concerning any matter which may relate to a constructional defect. Questions include those concerning the need, appropriate method, and efficiency of repairs.

When a question or dispute is submitted to the Board, the Board will respond to the question, or investigate the dispute and render a decision.

The Board will provide a response no later than 30 days after a question or dispute is submitted to the Board.

Responses or decisions of the Board are not binding and are not subject to

judicial review. This process does not prevent individuals from pursuing any remedy concerning a constructional defect.



Home owners and contractors can obtain the constructional defect request form at the offices of the NSCB, or

through the NSCB website at www.nscb.state.nv.us

Avoid Fines for Working on Manufactured Houses

By Jerry Holmes, Investigator
Manufactured Housing Division

The Nevada State Contractors Board does not regulate work performed on manufactured houses. However, NRS 624.3015(4) prohibits contractors from working on manufactured housing without a license from the Manufactured Housing Division (MHD).

Chapter 489 of Nevada Revised Statutes requires licensing by the Manufactured Housing Division to work on manufactured houses. Without licensing such work would be totally unregulated. An unlicensed company is exposed to

greater liability in the event of disputes and/or injuries which may result in negative impacts on insurance costs and availability. Holding a manufactured housing license can provide a greater potential market for business, especially since the division will soon provide licenses for all areas encompassed by Contractors Board Class C categories. The division must approve alterations to the original structure, including additions, prior to obtaining any local permits.

Assembly Bill 427 became effective Oct. 1, 2005. This new law enables

the Manufactured Housing Division to assess a minimum fine of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$10,000 for work on a manufactured/mobile home or commercial coach by a contractor without the appropriate license from the division.

To apply for a license with the Manufactured Housing Division, call the division's education officer at (702)486-4592 for study guides and testing information. For licensing information and applications, call the MHD licensing office (702) 486-4590.

Bond Required To Become Licensed In Nevada

Each contractor's license issued in the State of Nevada requires a license bond. The Nevada State Contractors Board determines the amount of the bond at the time of license approval. A bond can vary in amount from \$1,000 to \$500,000. When determining the amount of bond required, the Board will consider the type of license requested, monetary limit granted, past, present or future financial responsibility, experience, and character of the applicant.

Once an application is approved, the applicant will receive notification

regarding the amount of bond required. A surety bond or a cash deposit will be required for that amount.

Surety bonds must be executed on the form provided by the Board. The bond must be written by a surety company authorized to transact business in the State of Nevada, and whose long-term obligations are rated "A" or better.

An applicant or licensee can post a cash deposit in lieu of a surety bond. Cash deposits must be in the form of

a Cashier's Check for the full amount of the bond. An annual administrative fee of \$100 will be assessed for all cash bond deposits. If you choose to post a cash deposit, you should know that the Contractors Board is required to hold that cash deposit for an additional two years following termination of the license or relief of the bond requirement. The requirement is based on the statute of limitation for filing claims.

For more information visit our website at www.nscb.state.nv.us

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 1/01/05 - 6/30/05

Note: Actions do not include contractor's licenses suspended for failure to maintain surety bond.
(Please refer to NSCB website for list of violations.)

IC=Investigative Costs Ltr of Rep=Letter of Reprimand F=Fine R=Restitution

Name	License	Disposition	Name	License	Disposition
Action Landscape & Supply	48929, 55633, 51751	Revoked	Geo Cox General Contractor	14221	1 yr Ltr of Rep; \$2,100 F; IC
Alan Donnelly Painting Co.	53727	Revoked	Gilbert Esqueda Garcia, dba G. E. T. Roofing Company	50277	Revoked
All American Service Corp., dba Speedy Plumbing & Air	54199, 53962	Revoked	Hiten, Inc.	35470	Revoked
Aluminum Framar Glass, Inc.	56907	Revoked	Homeowners Handyman	56611	License Surrendered
American Fire and Electric; Sun Spots, dba The Free Energy Store	36762, 36942; 56042	\$2,200 F	J O N Construction Co.	43376	Cancelled
Anderson Closets and Cabinets Co.	52616	Suspended	Jack Coskey, dba West Coast Pool & Spa; Worldmark, Inc.; Unique Environments, Inc.; Pool, Inc., dba Worldmark Pools & Spas	24532; 44153, 46201; 53715, 53716, 53717; 56570	Lic #'s 24532, 44153 Surrendered; 46201, 53715, 53716, 53717, 56570 Suspended
Artistic Pool/Spa, Inc.	24446	\$1,000 F; IC	James Paullo	28566 & 28566A	\$750 F; IC
Asphalt Services of Nevada, Inc.	53346	Revoked	Jensen Concrete, Inc.	40513	Revoked
Awnings Plus	23183	Revoked	Jerry O'Neal	51948	Revoked
Blue Bird Pools, Inc.	27119	Revoked	K M F Construction, Inc.	50242, 53006	Prmnt Ltr of Rep; \$1,000 F; IC; R
Broward Factory Service, Inc., dba B F S	40504	IC	L T D Builders; L T D Builders, Inc.	40324, 33260, 53140	Lic # 40324 Surrendered; \$7,050 F; IC
Certified Glass & Mirror	51283	Revoked	Legacy Construction Enterprises	50647	Permanent Ltr of Rep; \$1,000 F; R; IC
Chief Contracting, Inc.	50732	Revoked	M C Neuffer	36842	Revoked
Chief Roofing, Inc.	51260	Revoked	Macellari Constr.	37072	Suspended
Cobblestone Masonry	24214	IC; R	Mountain Contracting and Development	50923	\$850 F; IC; R
Construction Technicians	52672	Revoked	Nevada Plastering, Inc.	48203	Revoked
Contreras Painting	48533	Revoked	Pacific Concepts	35736	Revoked
Crystal Cascades	39911	Suspended	Pacific Swimming Pool Plaster	46842	Revoked
D O C Constr.	56374	Revoked	Patio Designs by Charles	51339	\$2,000 F; IC
D T Development, Inc.	54504	Suspended	Perrino Colletti, Inc., dba Elite Flooring	55185	Revoked
Desert Structures, Inc., dba Four Seasons Sunrooms	49443	Revoked	Pool, Inc., dba Workdmark Pools & Spas; West Coast Pool & Spa; Worldmark, Inc.; Unique Environments, Inc.	56570; 24532; 44153, 46201; 53715, 53716, 53717	Suspended
Desert Sun Landscape	51712	\$3800 F; IC; R	Pride Fire Protection, LLC	54873	Revoked
Do Rite Sheet Metal & A/C; Do Rite, Inc., dba Do Rite Sheet Metal & A/C	17147; 19630	Lic #19630-Revoked; Lic #17147-Suspended	Pro Tec Fireproofing, Inc.	46787	Revoked
Downunder Construction	50498	Suspended	R & R Construction	55930	Revoked
Electric One, Inc.	42428	Revoked	Rail City Garden	49148	\$500 F
Empire Plumbing, Inc.	51461	Revoked			
Floors To Go	50374	\$850 F; IC			

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R G C Construction, Inc.	38171, 40245, 49476, 54882	Revoked	Sports International Inc.	53551	\$4,000 F; IC
Rebel Roofing	48523	Revoked	Stones Classic Electric	41235	Revoked
Sealcoat, Inc.; Nu Turf, Inc.	47633, 57615	Lic # 47633- Voluntary Surrender. Lic # 57615- 1 yr Ltr of Rep, \$3,000 F; IC	Sunstar Roofing, Inc.	54134	Revoked
Sierra Custom Concrete	56781	\$600 F; IC	T C M Construction Services, Inc., dba Cornerstone Roofing Co.	55659	\$400 F; IC; R
Sierra Hardwood & Refinishing	43703	Revoked	ThermaTemp USA	25687	IC
SLR Plumbing and Heating	39555	Revoked	Vision Developmental Consultants, LLC	48418	Revoked
Small Carpentry Projects	33619	Revoked	Watershed Systems	48720	\$600 F
Sparks Development	56988, 53454, 41932	1 yr Ltr of Rep, \$700 F; IC	West Coast Contractors of Nevada, Inc.	38054, 25486, 55004	55004-Cancelled
			Westland Construction	20727	1 yr Ltr of Rep; \$1,100 F; IC

Las Vegas Contractor Pleads Guilty to 49 Felony Counts

On Aug. 1, 2005, Frank Hall, dba Curtis Construction of Las Vegas pleaded guilty and was sentenced on 49 felony counts and four misdemeanor counts involving fraudulent contracting activity. Charges against Hall included felony charges of: *Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, Diversion of Funds, and Theft*; as well as a Gross Misdemeanor charge of *Use of False Permit, License or Diploma*.

Hall, who once held a contractor's license that was revoked in 2003, was accused of illegally purchasing Curtis Construction from a licensed contractor and unlawfully engaging in contracting under the Curtis Construction license.

Hall had a history of diversion of funds and abandoning projects on his prior licenses.

The court sentenced Hall to five years probation and ordered him to pay \$403,694.76 in restitution to his victims, in monthly payments of \$7,481 within the first 54 months of probation. Pleading guilty to all counts, Hall also signed a civil confession of judgment, and agreed not to perform any contracting work, own any contracting business or operate as an employee, agent, shareholder, manager or officer of any business which engages in contracting in the state of Nevada.

The NSCB, District Attorney's Office, and Metro worked together on the case, which began with consumer complaints.

The Board has no tolerance for fraud and will continue to prosecute this type of case to the full extent possible. Hall's illegal actions resulted in numerous claims on the Residential Recovery Fund amounting to approximately \$700,000 in losses to homeowners.

At Residential Recovery Fund hearings in December 2004 and July 2005, a total of \$400,000 was awarded to the 71 victims of Curtis Construction, as partial reimbursement for their losses.

New Business Check List

In addition to a contractor's license, licensees may be required to obtain additional licenses, permits or register with other agencies.

- **Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Limited Partnerships** must register with the Nevada Secretary of State <http://sos.state.nv.us>
- **State of Nevada, Labor Commission**, labor and wage laws and rates www.laborcommissioner.com
- **Workers Compensation Insurance**: State of Nevada, Division of Industrial Relations, Industrial Insurance requirements, commonly known as worker's compensation insurance and workplace safety <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/wsc.htm>
- **Landscaping**: State of Nevada, Department of Agriculture for all landscape contractors, or any licensee who purchases or sells nursery stock www.agri.state.nv.us

- **Asbestos Removal**: County Health Department, Air Quality
- **HVAC**: State of Nevada, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) persons working with refrigerants <http://ndep.nv.gov>
- **Permit Requirements**: County & City Building Departments in the geographical region you wish to perform work, should always be consulted regarding permit requirements
- **Fire Protection**: State of Nevada, Fire Marshal, for persons who desire to perform related to fire protection <http://fire.state.nv.us/licensing.htm>
- **Elevators**: State of Nevada, Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety & Health, for persons who desire to perform work on elevators <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/mech.htm>

For the full list of agencies that may require additional licenses, please visit our website www.nscb.state.nv.us.

CRIMINAL CASES PROSECUTED 1/01/05-6/30/05

By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting or advertising without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts from Jan. 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

KEY
 AA= Administrative Assessment
 IC=Investigative Costs
 F=Fine
 R=Restitution
 PB=Plea Bargain

Southern Nevada		
Andrews, Marc dba General Home Systems Inc.	\$3,025 R; \$824 IC	Jensen, Virgil dba Virgilio Pro Care of Las Vegas PB; \$1,500 R; \$550 IC
Angeles, Chimal M. dba M Angeles, Inc.	\$600 IC	Jhun, Brandon dba Professional Paint Work PB; \$200 IC
Atkinson, Andrew dba A A A Satellite	PB	Johnson, Eden dba Dream Makers Conviction
Bable, James	Conviction	Jones, Karl W. dba Line Pro, Inc. HVAC Service PB; \$200 IC
Banks, Cedric Ray	PB	Kaplan, Mark dba Electric Service Professional \$385 IC
Baumgartner, David dba Baumgartner Greens	\$1,500 R	Karp, George dba Blue Star Landscapes PB; \$200 IC
Beach, Charles dba the Kitchen Company of Nevada	\$386 IC	Keaton, William Conviction
Birner, Michael J. dba Sin City Iron	\$300 R; \$800 IC	Kellog, Shirley dba Superior Landscape PB; \$200 IC
Bland, Leonard C. dba Len Air	PB, \$5,948 R	Kennedy, Andy dba McIntosh Design and Lan... Conviction
Bowen, Robert Wayne	Conviction	Kessler, Perry dba Kessler Const. Mngmnt., Inc. PB; \$500 IC
Brown, Mike dba Carpentry & More	\$15,000 R; \$500 IC	Kirk, Donald Loren PB; \$200 IC
Brunilson, Robert dba R. C. Builders	\$500 F; \$28,500 R	Kirsch, Joe P. PB
Buress, James dba Yard Master	\$2,160 R	Klancnik, Rudi dba Painter/ Handyman PB; \$225 IC
Burton, Brian dba All Weather Roofing	Conviction	Kloepfel, William J dba Desert Stone & Tile \$500 F; \$132 R; \$536 IC
Caraveo, Juan dba J. C. Total Comfort	\$337 IC	Krespi, Kirk dna Q Stone LLC PB
Careveo, Juan Carlos dba J. C. Total Comfort	PB; \$137 IC	Kuelzto, Ron dba R L K Company for Protect a Child PB; \$300 IC
Carter, Jeff	\$250 F; \$1,400 R; \$257 IC	Kushner, Tim M. PB; 281.76 IC
Castanon, Joe dba J C Carpet Care	\$2,300 R; \$495 IC	La Sage, David Brooks dba Stanford Sign & Awning Conviction
Castanon, Joe dba Wholesale Carpet Distributors	PB; \$250 R; \$369 IC	Laudensack, Keith dba An Elegant Kitchen & Bath PB
Charles, Benny	\$338 IC	Lawson, Ken dba Handyman Ken Can PB; \$3,500 R
Chavez-Covarrubias, Eduardo	Conviction	Lawson, Ken dba Wood U I Wood \$4,107 R
Chewning, Kenneth	\$3,300 R; \$427 IC	Lee, James dba Lee Tile PB; \$1,000 R; \$1,600 IC
Clark, John	Conviction	Leyva, Pedro Jr. dba Leyva's Landscaping PB; \$200 IC
Cochran, Phillip H. dba Valley Automatic	\$200 IC	Lezama, Rodolfo PB; \$340 IC
Combs, Malcolm E.	Conviction	Lizotte, Wade PB; \$100 IC
Copping, Michael dba Granite Las Vegas	\$500 IC	Lopez, Lupe \$900 R
Cordoba, Victor	\$2,050 R; \$325 IC	Lopez-Trejo, Eduardo PB
Crocket, Nick dba Southwest Lawn Shaping	PB; \$740 R; \$523 IC	Lozoya, Luis dba King's Landscape and Maint. PB
Cuervo, Alvaro dba AFC Lawn Services	\$200 R; \$500 IC	Marchese, Michael dba Visual Concepts \$50 F; \$4,750 R; \$1,250 IC
Daniels, John Roger	PB; \$200 F; \$2,165 R; \$647 IC	Marion, Vicki dba B & P Desert Landscape Conviction
Davis, Bill	PB; \$200 IC	Martin, Ken dba KMCS LLC \$2,000 R
Davis, Dennis dba Dennis Davis Flooring Tile	Conviction	McFall, Paul dba Corvette Curbing PB; \$800 IC
Defillipis, Brian	\$3,000 R; \$500 IC	McGrath, Nathan dba McGrath Building Maint. PB
Delarosa, Dominic dba D & D Underground	\$2,000 R	Mendez-Sosa, Juan R. dba Aires Painting Repair & More Conviction
Deppe, John	\$125 R; \$323 IC	Mendoza, Godofredo C. Conviction
Dolecheck, Ronald F.	\$2,130 R; \$231 IC	Mesnard, Derek Alan \$150 R
Downey, Daniel E.	PB; \$500 IC	Miller, Karen dba Rose Miller Design Group \$200 IC
Drake, April Ann dba A Grand Finish	\$200 IC	Millington, Scott \$300 IC
Dressler, Alan dba D D I , Inc.	PB; \$454.86 IC	Mitchell, Dale dba Mitchell Const. PB; \$400 R
Ellesfson, Vern	\$937 R	Montalvo, Heleodoro dba Montalvo Enterprises PB; \$200 F
Ellesfson, Vern dba All Phases of Concrete	Conviction	Montealegre, Camilo dba HM Carpet PB; \$200 IC; get licensed
Enomoto, K. dba Sin City Iron	Conviction	Moore, Charles C. dba Tele Date Comm. \$600 R; \$378 IC
Fadely, Patrick dba Electrical Plumbing	Conviction	Mostafavi, Morteza PB
Falcone, James dba Sunrise Tree Landscape	PB; \$393 IC	Mouer, James PB; \$500 F
Filimoeatu, Sione	\$200 IC	Mullen, Dave dba Gold Glove Const. & Home Maint. \$800 R; \$510 IC
Flex, Kris	\$500 F	Nobel, Kerry dba Katco \$2,000 R; \$1,000 IC
Forrest, Tim dba Tim Forrest Landscape	Conviction	Nueman, Ed dba Ed's Quality Painting Conviction
Gallindo, Fermin	PB	O'Connor, Terry Conviction
Gallegos-Zarate, Roman dba Florencio Arriaga Lndscp.	Jail	Offley, Rick dba Innovative Concrete LLC Conviction
Ganier, Danny	\$1,143 R	Oh, Peter dba Pacific Fitness Conviction
Garcia, Jamie dba Garcia's Painting and Repairs	Conviction	Olvera, Gabriel dba Handy Work \$250 F
Garcia, Linda dba Paint & Faux Finish	Conviction	O'Neil, Ed \$500 F; \$296 IC
Gattis, Steven F.	PB; \$1,000 R; \$494.08 IC	O'Neil, Edward \$356 IC
Gill, Seth dba Landscape Architect Design	\$8,000 R; \$5,000 F	Onofre, Sandy Thomas \$1,000 F; 2 yrs. Prob.
Gilles, Patrick dba Master Craftsman Inc.	PB	Orozco, Francisco \$17,097 R
Gonzales, Sharon dba Aqua Design	PB; \$75 F; \$250 IC	Page, Harry dba Grab Bar Installation PB; \$600 IC
Gracia, Anthony dba I'll Fix if For U Handyman	PB; \$50 F; \$146 R; \$300 IC	Palma, Miguel dba Iron Specialists PB; \$250 F; \$500 R; \$287 IC
Guzman, David dba Servicio Calefaccion	Conviction	Palomera, Roberto C. dba I Do Any Remodeling Conviction
Hague, Tina dba Letter Perfect	PB; \$465 IC	Park, Jong Sojk dba J Painting Service Conviction
Haidet, Robert dba Jungle Shade	30 Days Jail; 1 yr. Prob.	Paternella, Paul dba Paul's Handyman Svce. Conviction
Hajewski, John	PB; \$2,290 R	Perez, Jose dba C & L Painting Conviction
Hale, Marc dba Las Vegas Kitchen & Bath	Conviction	Prince, Shawn dba Prince Construction Conviction
Hall, Frank dba Curtis Construction	PB	Prior, Dale dba Mirage Putting Greens Conviction
Hanlon, Robert J. dba Hanlon & Associates, Inc.	1 Day Jail	Reaves, James dba Reaves Painting Contracting \$500 F
Hans, Andy dba All the Small Stuff Handyman	Conviction	Reed, Don dba Las Vegas Spas PB; \$1,125 R
Hansen, Christopher dba Nevada Artisan	PB	Reichart, David dba Sunland Landscape, Inc. PB; \$200 F; \$2,000 IC
Heath, Terence dba Quality Concrete at Reasonable Price	Conviction	Reimer, Stan dba Dream Home Builders, Inc. Conviction
Heaton, Scott dba California Commercial Investments	PB; \$IC	Reyes-Roque, Hilario dba Prisma Lawn Service Conviction
Hernandez, Melody dba Metro Audio & Video	PB; \$200 IC	Rios, Modesto Pedro dba Steamex Carpet Care Conviction
Hernandez, Melody J.	PB	Rives, Clifton dba Neighbor Hood Handyman \$396.42 IC
Houghland, David R. dba Dfning Property Appearance	Conviction	Rodrigues, Idemilson dba Expert Handyman Conviction
Hula, Robert	\$1,500 R	Rodriguez-Pantoja, Guillermo dba Willy & Eva's Cing. Svc. PB; \$400 R; \$461 IC
Hurd, Darrell	\$1,000 F; \$300 R; \$300 IC	Roussos, Alice Hendrickson PB; \$357 IC
Jackson, John Richard	PB; \$300 IC	Ruth, Kenneth R. dba Older/Painter Professionals Conviction
Jamerson, Edmund dba Doing it Right	Conviction	Salvini, Steve dba Anthem Cabinetry Ltd. \$2,450 R

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Southern Nevada

Sanches, Chalino Ernesto dba D. Straight Hrdwd. Floors	Conviction	Travis, Jeffrey dba Exquisite Gate Co.	Conviction
Sayegh, Timothy P. dba Island Scapes	PB	Trombley, John dba BCK Comm.	\$200 IC
Searay, Scott dba Van Go Painting	Conviction	Tuala, Siltupe dba Aqua Tech	\$357 IC
Shobeiri, Mark dba Vegas Mobile Mix, Inc.	\$200 F; \$550 IC	Vargas, Luis Manuel dba Vargas Ironworks	PB;\$200 IC
Simmons, Clinton dba Summerlin Plumbing and Drain	Conviction	Vides, Jaime A. dba House Painting Interior	Conviction
Skupa, Michael R. dba Michael Skupa Handyman Svc.	PB \$200 IC	Watkins, Rick dba Super Cuts	\$500 R; \$526 IC
Smith, Tony K. dba Tony's Landscaping Care	PB; \$210.32 IC	Whaley, Nathaniel	PB; \$500 R; \$565 IC
Soltis, Charles dba Chic's Decorative Curbing	\$329 IC	Woodland, Evelyn M dba Arizona Heating and Air	PB
Tapia, Marisol dba Laminate Floors	PB	Zaldivar, Victor	\$107 F; \$452 IC
Topham, Joseph dba Top Turf Design	PB	Zugel, Anthony dba Buddy's Handyman Service	R; \$352 IC (case dismissed)

Northern Nevada

Brewer, David E. dba Alpine Septic & Plumbing, Inc.	\$187 F; \$137 IC	Lawson, Kelley E.	\$130 F; \$151 IC
Bartell, Brent	\$1000 F; \$273 IC	Levy, Charles D. dba Unique Yard Sculpture & Maint.	\$190 F
Betker, Gerald R. dba Hydracoat	\$142 F; \$534 IC	Martinez-Gonzalez, Juan dba Spanish Springs Lawn	\$635 F; \$150 IC
Bissett, John Ellis dba Land Ho, Inc.	\$635 F; \$554 IC	McDougall, Robert dba Sierra Woodworking	\$615 F
Blitz, Brady Joseph dba Brady Blitz General Contractor	\$1095 F; \$1,000 sus; \$ 50 IC	McLane, Larry dba G & L Plumbing and Heating	\$1,125 F; \$820 R; \$205 IC
Blanchard, Alan Keith dba	\$171 IC	McMullan, Patricia L.	\$170 F sus.
Brandt, Douglas J. dba Doug Brandt Construction	\$632 F sus.; \$287 IC	Miccile, John F. dba	\$635 F sus; \$205 IC
Buckingham, Mark Curtis dba Cornerstone Construction	\$1,132 F sus.; \$322 IC	Moscrop, Mark dba Stonewood Industries	\$1194 F; \$308 IC
Budmark, Joseph Alan dba Kwik Kerb	\$190 F	Mowrey, Brent dba Doctor's Handyman Service	\$132 F; \$116 IC; 90 Days Jail
Budmark, Julie A. dba Kwik Kerb	\$190 F; \$206 IC	Nielson, Dan E.	\$170 F sus.
Burnett, Kenneth R. dba Butch's Painting	\$1,132 F sus.; \$1,132 IC	Odea, Berry dba	\$628 F
Carlson, Bill dba Disaster Restorers	\$390 F	Pacheco-Ramirez, Elmer dba Pacheco Lawn & Lndscp.	\$91 F; \$270 IC
Chesser, Avery Wade dba Chesser Construction	\$433 F; \$139 IC	Peaua, Saill M.	\$600 F; \$240 IC
Chong, Jin H. dba Atlas Roofing	\$187 F; \$240 IC	Pedro, Milton	\$232 F; \$1,500 R; \$308 IC
Coslow, Daniel F.	\$615 F	Polanski, Wojcelch	\$635 F sus; \$232 IC
Dinehart, Delmar D. dba Alidel Home Repairs	\$280 F	Pollman, Keith Everett	\$715 F
Donovan, Brendan dba N Shore Handyman Service	\$632 F; \$1,200 R; \$171 IC	Prada, Luis Trujillo	\$1,670 F
Datson, Gary Lynn dba Reno Telephone & Telecomm.	\$639 F sus.; \$178 IC	Price, Larry	\$110 F; \$400 R; \$150 IC
Draper, Rich Michael dba Sierra Lakes Drive & Docks Srv.	\$300 F; \$232 IC	Principe, Bob dba Bob Principe Television, LLC	\$103 F; \$1,850 R; IC
Drury, Harold John Jr. dba Pacific Neon	\$635 F	Ray, Jeffery Lynn dba The Fall Guys	\$328 IC
Espinosa, Antonio dba Keep Wireless	\$303 F	Reese, Donald Edward dba Stor-Time	\$300 F
Frink, Brandon Williams	\$396 F	Riley, Matthew Anders dba Pioneer Metals	\$632 F
Fuqua, Darion dba American Handyman	\$635 F; \$198 IC	Rodarte, Francisco Javier dba Kwik Kerb	\$1,270 F; \$151 IC
Fuqua, Davion K. dba American Handyman	\$635 F; \$171 IC	Ruiz, Joel J. dba Advanced Commercial Const. Co.	\$457 F; \$219 IC
Garcia, Javier dba Lawn & Landscape	\$97 F; \$4,000 R; \$411 IC	Schilling, Ron dba Capitol City Sewer & Drain	\$732 F; \$132 IC
Garcia, Marcelino D. dba El Rey Custom Lndscpng.	\$635 F	Simpson, Robert Alan dba S & M Crbng. & Dcrtv. Cnrcf.	All Fines Sus.
Garcia-Cano, Adan dba M & N Lawn Care	\$171 IC	Smith, James Bruce dba James Smith General Contr.	\$635 F
Garver, Kirk Lynn	\$635 F; \$136 IC	Smith, Todd Jeffrey dba Todd's Repair & Maint.	\$300 F; \$136 IC
Glasgow, Robert Roy dba Sierra Dcrtve Crbing, LLC	\$632 F	Smittle, Thomas dba TNT Roofers	7 Days Jail
Gonzalez, Martin	\$187 F; \$137 IC	Taunaholo, Mosese	\$1,189 F
Gray, Dennis K. Jr.	\$223 F	Taylor, David Allen dba Dave Taylor Appliance	\$91 F; \$250 IC
Groesbeck, Keith B. dba Ely Custom Floors	\$297 F; \$188 IC	Taylor, Robert Michael	\$628 F; \$246 IC
Hawes, Edward P. dba Affordable Home Repair	\$2,000 F; \$1,000 R; \$287 IC	Tuipalotu, Peni	\$1,200 F
Heaton, Floyd dba Hawkeye Plumbing, Inc.	\$435 F; \$171 IC	Vega, Herendira H.	\$935; \$151 IC
Heaton, Dennis	\$635 F; \$2,000 R; \$240 IC	Viola, Daniel Troy dba Kleaning Connection	\$635 F; \$205 IC
Hernandez-Murillo, Remigio	\$203 F; \$137 IC	Warton, Danny Duane	Jail Time Served
Jackson, Stephen T.	\$91 F; \$274 IC	Waterhouse, Patrick J dba Pat's Painting & Roofing	Sentence Deferred 1 yr.
Jacoboni, Ronald Antonio	\$1,132 F sus.; \$1,132 IC	Watterson, Dennis T. dba Heritage Painting	\$97 F; \$171 IC
Keller, James dba J K Construction	\$675 F; 3 yr Prob	Williams, Peter Blair dba Land Ho, Inc.	\$187 F; \$1,850 R; \$545 IC
Koury, Ted dba Nevada Steel Products	\$12,117 R; 2 yr Jail	Williams, Peter B.	\$187 F; \$274 IC
LaChasse, Gary P. dba 21st Century Home Imprvments.	\$503 F sus.; \$171 IC sus.	Winje, Zev Sverre	\$635 F sus.; \$171 IC
Lakowski, Daniel	\$520 F; \$106 IC	Wireless Facilities, Inc.	\$97 F; \$ 855 IC
Lampe, Tim dba Marriner Real Estate	\$622 F	Woodring, Ronald	\$605 F; \$274 IC
Larosa, John dba Deck Doctor	\$1006 F; \$171 IC	Woolford, Tim dba DJ Enterprise	30 Days Jail; \$137 IC
Larson Tower Specialists LLC	\$597 F; \$1,061 IC		

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- **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS** - Investigators present three educational programs throughout the state each month. Contractors, law enforcement, consumers and other groups are educated on how to hire licensed contractors, identify unlicensed activity and avoid scams.
- **LEADS** - The NSCB receives an average of 170 reports of suspected unlicensed activity in Nevada each month. Approximately 75 percent of these leads result in some type of action.

Pocket cards (pictured at right) with Unlicensed Contractor Hotline numbers are available at each of the NSCB offices.

If you have knowledge of unlicensed contracting activity and would like to report it to the NSCB, please call: (702) 486-1160 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 850-7884 in Northern Nevada. You may also print a Lead Sheet or complete it online at the Board's website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us. Click on "complaint forms". **Leads may be reported anonymously and confidentially and need not involve paperwork.**

NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD
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 Northern Nevada 9670 Gateway Drive, Ste. 100 Reno, NV 89521

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 Las Vegas Reno
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 702-486-1166 (fax) 775-850-7854 (fax)
 24-hr. License Verification
 702-486-1100 or 775-688-1141 (Information Line)
www.nscb.state.nv.us

Pocket Card- Front

UNLICENSED CONTRACTING

NRS 624700 - It is unlawful for any person or combination of persons to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor within this state or submit a bid on a job situated within this state without having an active license.

NRS 624720 - It is unlawful for any person to advertise as a contractor unless he has a license in the appropriate classification.

"Advertising" includes but is not limited to any sign, card, device, marking on a motor vehicle, newspaper, magazine, airway transmission, Internet or telephone directory.

First Offense - Misdemeanor
 Second Offense - Gross Misdemeanor
 Third Offense - Class E Felony

Pocket Card- Back



Staff Spotlight

Jack Snyder is an investigator with the NSCB Special Investigations Unit.

Jack takes pride in helping the community by working with the Contractors Board to investigate unlicensed contractors. He also enjoys volunteering his time with youth of the community and sharing his passion of bass fishing with "at risk" children.

Combining his two favorite past times, "Captain Jack" helped found *Hooked for Life*, a non-profit program with the focus of helping children (ages 8 - 12). *Hooked for Life* gives children an opportunity to learn many valuable lessons, such

as patience and understanding, and provides them with all of the fishing tools necessary to continue the hobby.

Current and former Las Vegas area law enforcement officers are paired with youth chosen from the Clark County District Family Court, and professional bass anglers. During the fishing expedition children are able to fish on board a professional bass boat at Lake Mead. After an enjoyable day fishing, everyone feasts on pizza at an after party, including the family members of the children.

As a professional bass angler, Jack has also been involved in many tournaments all over the western United States. In Lake Havasu, AZ, Jack



Jack Snyder

took the gold at the International Competition in 2004. This September he fished Lake Mead in the U.S. Open Bass Fishing Championships.

When "Captain Jack" isn't helping homeowners with their construction disputes, or fishing, he may be found riding around on his motorcycle.

Residential Pool and Spa Contractors Learn the "4 M's"



Bill Dexter instructs attendees on how they can improve everything from customer service to contract requirements.

On August 30, 2005, the Nevada State Contractors Board hosted a Contractor Business Enhancement seminar entitled "The 4 M's of Successful Pool Contractors."

Instructing the seminar was Bill Dexter, Risk Management Trainer and former director of the

California Center for Construction Education, College of Architecture and Environmental Design at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Responses were positive from contractors with A-10 licenses and those interested in obtaining a license for residential pool and spa contracting. Attendees were informed of changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes for residential pool and spa contracting and ways to improve customer service.

For more information on Nevada's laws and regulations regarding residential pool and spa contracting, or to find out about future business enhancement seminars, contact the NSCB by accessing our website at www.nscb.state.nv.us. The Board may also be reached by calling (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada.

Construction Noise

More than a half million construction workers are exposed to potentially hazardous levels of noise, yet federal and state Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) programs provide little incentive to protect them against noise-induced hearing loss.

Controlling construction noise at the source is the most reliable way to protect worker's hearing.

Current enforcement of noise regulations is not rigorous, particularly in construction. Neither the noise reduction nor the hearing conservation provisions are well enforced in construction. For example, of more than 18,000 federal construction inspections during fiscal year 1998, only 63 inspections were conducted for the noise regulations, resulting in a total of 79 citations.

The highest percentages of overexposed workers occur in highway and street construction, carpentry, and concrete work. Of the approximately five million construction workers in 1995, the total number exposed to noise levels of 85 dBA and above was about 754,000.

For more information on hearing protection and other safety topics visit OSHA at: www.osha.gov.

NSCB Co-Sponsors Education Courses

The Nevada State Contractors Board is proud to co-sponsor the following contractor education courses with the Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter:

- **OSHA 10-Hour Course (Winter Session)** – Presents an overview of the OSHA Act, federal and state OSHA standards, hazard-com standards, chemical safety, industrial hygiene, PPE, confined spaces, walking and working surfaces, scaffolds and ladders fall protection. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., **Jan 11-12, 2006**, AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **Basic Print Reading** – Presents basic elements of print reading, and provides print reading experience in residential construction from working drawings and print reading to reading and interpreting finished plans. 6 to 9 p.m., **Jan. 16-March 6, 2006**, (Monday evenings), AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **Mechanic's Lien** – Learn how to prepare and perfect a Mechanic's Lien and when a property is subject to a lien, who is entitled to a lien, recent laws and the alternative for removing and defending against a lien. 8:30 to 11 a.m., **Feb. 7, 2006**, AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **Intermediate Print Reading** – Covers residential and light commercial to include: Reinforcing concepts regarding elements found on prints, symbols, abbreviations, and conventions and sketching. Includes five sets of plans for residential, commercial buildings, a bank branch and a Wendy's restaurant. 6 to 9 p.m., **March 21 – May 23, 2006**, (Tuesday evenings), AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **Nevada State Contractors Board Regulations** – Learn about departments and their functions, NRS 624, Chapter 40 and the role of the NSCB, licensing requirements, the license assistance program, bonds, bidder preference, the Residential Recovery Fund, enforcement procedures, etc. 8 to 10 a.m., **April 5, 2006**, AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive, Cost \$25 per person.
- **Advanced Print Reading** – Print reading for heavy commercial construction. Covers types of construction, specifications, site work, structural steel construction, reinforced concrete construction, mechanical and electrical systems, and finish construction. 6 to 9 p.m., **Sept. 12-Nov. 14, 2006**, (Tuesday evenings). AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **OSHA 10-hour Course (Fall)** - Presents an overview of the OSHA Act, federal and state OSHA standards, hazard-com standards, chemical safety, industrial hygiene, PPE, confined spaces, walking and working surfaces, scaffolds and ladders and fall protection. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., **Oct. 11-12, 2006**, AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. Cost \$25 per person.
- **Suretrak Project Manager (Computer Course)** – Time (TBA), Date (TBA). Location – CCSN. Cost \$25 per person.

To register and for information, contact: Linda Gibson, Safety Director, Associated General Contractors, (702) 796-9986; (702) 796-1629 (fax); e-mail: linda@agclv.org

Improving Customer Service

Good customer service has proven to be one of the greatest assets of a successful company. Word of mouth is probably the most effective advertising, and it doesn't cost a penny. The following tips are offered to improve customer service:

- Return all telephone calls as promptly as possible. Even if you are unable to take on additional work, let the caller know.
- Take time to get a clear picture of the desired project. Repeat it back to the customer.
- Be patient, many of your customers may not know construction jargon.
- If a project is going to take longer than anticipated, let the customer know why and when the project will be completed.
- Give realistic project completion time.
- Immediately inform the customer of any cost increases.
- Make sure change orders are in writing.
- Instruct workers to be courteous.
- Keep appointments. Your customer most likely had to take time off from their job to meet you.
- Make sure your contract is clear and precise.
- If problems arise with a completed project,
- Keep the area of construction cleaned up.
- Thank your customer.



Construction Education Grants Near \$1 million Mark

The Construction Education Commission, created by the Legislature in 2001 and *totally* funded by Nevada licensed contractors, has to date awarded \$807,123.

The commission encourages programs that meet its mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry that attract and retain an educated and skilled workforce. It consists of one member who is a member of the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the governor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two members have knowledge of construction education programs.

On Nov. 29, 2005, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to four Nevada organizations totaling \$289,983 for use in furthering their educational services.

The **Academy for Career Education** received \$49,800 to purchase equipment and materials for the school's new diesel technicians' program.

The **Las Vegas Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors** was awarded \$100,000 to conduct 78 seminars, courses and classes to improve craft

worker marketability and workforce development.

Associated General Contractors, Southern Nevada Chapter, received \$91,633 for use in developing various training classes for contractors. AGC representatives indicated that interest in 2006 classes has tripled from the previous year.



Electrical JATC for Southern Nevada was given \$48,550 to purchase motor control and programmable logic control demonstrators. A stipulation was made that the equipment would be made accessible for loan to other programs within the state.

Earlier this year, the commission gave a grant of \$31,100 to **A B C Sierra Nevada Chapter** to address skills shortage in the construction industry.

The program will target individuals between ages 17 and 22 and is designed to provide fundamental skills and knowledge of the industry to showcase career opportunities.

The five-week, hands-on training program offers participants the opportunity to learn from craft professionals and a recognized industry curriculum. The goal of the program is to provide participants with tools needed to become marketable and confident in the construction field.

The **Builders Association of Northern Nevada (BANN)** was awarded \$35,582 for ongoing educational programs. BANN offers programs in conjunction with a national building industry association to promote workmanship in the residential construction area.

One goal of the program is to increase awareness that a career in a construction trade is a viable profession that offers competitive salaries and high job satisfaction. Individuals seeking a career change or promotional opportunities within the industry are encouraged to explore the program.

Grant applications are available on the Nevada State Contractors Board website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us.

Required General Contractor Disclosures

NRS 624.600 Required disclosures by general building contractor. A general building contractor shall provide in writing to the owner of a single-family residence with whom he has contracted:

1. The name, license number, business address and telephone number of:
 - (a) All subcontractors with whom he has contracted on the project; and
 - (b) All persons who furnish material of the value of \$500 or more to be used in the project.
2. A notice that a person described in subsection 1 may record a notice of lien upon the residence of the owner and any building, structure and improvement thereon pursuant to the provisions of NRS 108.226.
3. An informational form, whose contents must be prescribed by the board, regarding:
 - (a) Contractors pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS; and
 - (b) Mechanics' and materialmen's liens pursuant to chapter 108 of NRS.

For full required disclosures visit our website at www.nscb.state.nv.us

Raising the Bar – NATE Certification

The Southern Nevada Air Conditioning Refrigeration Service Contractor Association, Inc. (SNARSCA) recently announced the implementation of the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) program. SNARSCA hopes to have NATE certification in each HVAC/R business in Southern Nevada by the end of 2006. NATE is the nation's largest non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians in the country.

The program is designed to educate and certify technicians through training and testing. There are more than 21,000 NATE certified technicians nationwide and seven international countries participate.

HVAC/R contractors recognize NATE trained and tested technicians as skilled in proper installation and servicing of sophisticated HVAC/R equipment. Training includes reviews on how to operate equipment at peak efficiency to save energy.

Several organizations have been recognized in assisting SNARSCA with the NATE technician initiative. Those acknowledged include: Nevada Power Co., which provided a \$10,000 scholarship to assist technicians with training and the Community College of Southern Nevada for putting together an eight-week training and certification program. Distributors for



Nevada Power presenting a check to members of SNARSCA.
(Photo provided by SNARSCA.)

Lennox, York, Trane, Bryant, Carrier equipment and others will also be providing training and certification testing.

For more information about NATE, visit the website at www.natex.org.



When working on a project, be sure that the work is within the scope of license classification

NRS 624.3015(3)

NSCB's Ten Most Wanted Program Successful

The Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) continues to have tremendous success in apprehending unlicensed contractors with its web-based "Ten Most Wanted" program.

Since the inception of the Ten Most Wanted last summer, the Board has seen the apprehension of several unlicensed individuals featured on the website.

As a recent example, Tom Fico, who represented himself as a landscaper, was one of the NSCB's Ten Most Wanted. Fico was wanted for felony charges of contracting without a license, diversion of funds and obtaining money under false pretenses. Fico was arrested after

defrauding several Southern Nevada Residents.

Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. As stated in NRS 624.700, it is unlawful for any person or combinations of persons to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor within the state, or to submit a bid on a job situated within this state without having an active license.

Anonymous tips from contractors have been a huge help. To provide

information on a possible unlicensed activity, go to the Nevada State Contractors Board website at:

www.nscb.state.nv.us and click on the unlicensed contractor lead form.

Individuals listed on the "Ten Most Wanted" pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.



The Unlicensed Contractors Hotline is: (702) 486-1160, Southern Nevada and (775) 688-7884, Northern Nevada.

Contractor Contributes Bonus to Katrina Fund

With so much destruction caused by hurricane Katrina, many people have volunteered services, while others have turned to their bank accounts to donate money.

The men and women of Marv McQueary Excavating, Inc. had another great idea.

Realizing a need for donations, personnel at Marv McQueary Excavating, Inc. decided to donate their bonus check of \$17,500 to the Red

Cross for Katrina relief efforts. Money donated was earned for completing the Roop Street project seven days early.

Rob McQueary of Marv McQueary Excavating, Inc. credits the success of the speedy completion to all employees and subcontractors involved in the project.

The Nevada State Contractors Board would like to recognize everyone at Marv McQueary Excavating, Inc. for their selfless contribution to help the efforts of Katrina relief.



Marv McQueary Excavating presenting a check to the Red Cross. (Photo contributed by Marv McQueary Excavating)

Lindell's Painting Service Keeps it In the Family

Lindell's Painting Service has been an important component of the Reno area for more than 50 years, and it doesn't appear to be slowing down any time soon. John Lindell (who prefers to be called Jack by his



Boom Operator Carson Tahoe Hospital

friends) began an apprenticeship in 1950 along side his father, who had been a painter in California. In 1954, after the passing of his father, Jack acquired his first painting license with his mother, who also had a

hand in the family business. Three years later, in 1957, with a growing company, Jack obtained a C-4 license of his own, and moved into a brand new building.

Having an extensive background in the contracting industry, Jack would serve two terms on the Nevada



Tamarack Junction Casino Reno, Nevada

Commission by Kenny Guinn.

State Contractors Board, totaling 13 years. His first term lasted from 1981 to 1987, then again from 1991 to 1998. After his time on the Board, Jack was appointed to Chairman of the Construction Education

Lindell's Painting Service has a long history of high standards and skilled workers. In 2001, after a fulfilling career, Jack decided to retire, selling the company to Jerry Key and a partner. Key, along with his wife, Sherri, bought out the partner, and now run the company

together. They hope to continue to provide high standards that the Reno area has come to expect. Sherri, who runs the office, came to Lindell's after teaching for 11 years. The Keys' also have two grown sons that help keep the family business tradition. Their eldest son, an estimator, used to teach in Reno. Their youngest son works with the family when he isn't pitching with the Seattle Mariners minor league affiliate.



Boom Operator in early 1980s Reno, Nevada

As busy as Lindell's has become painting commercial structures, they say it is important to use the most advanced equipment. This August Lindell's Paint Service made it's first move in 48 years. They now occupy a new facility with all the latest equipment for painting and staining. The new structure includes a wall dedicated to Jack and his time in the industry. Jack can still be seen around Lindell's occasionally, though most of his time these days is spent on his hobbies: golfing, or doing yard work.



Landmark Reno, Nevada

Thank you Jack for all of your contributions to the industry. And congratulations Jerry and Sherri Key on continuing Lindell's tradition.

(Photos provided by Lindell's Painting Service.)

Tips For Nevada Contractors



For information contact:
 Nevada State Contractors Board at:
 (702) 486-1100, S. Nevada
 (775) 688-1141, N. Nevada
www.nscb.state.nv.us

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 6243015(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)
- Leave Residential Recovery Fund Disclosure with client for 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 Contractors Board in writing within 30 days.
NAC 624.640(3)

Contractors, did you know . . .

... licenses may be suspended for non-renewal if your renewal form is not complete. The following tips are offered to ensure your renewal is accepted:

- Sign the renewal form in ink. An officer of the company and the Qualified Employee must sign the form. If your trade and management qualifiers are different, each must sign. Signature stamps, pencil signatures or copies of signatures are not accepted.
- Send all required fees.
- Provide a current physical and mailing addresses, phone fax and email.
- Sole proprietors *must* complete the child support information statement.
- If a financial statement is required; make sure to include it.
- Indicate an individual who is authorized to receive legal documents on your behalf for "Service of Process."
- Send a copy of your workmen's compensation policy with your renewal. Don't ask your insurance company to send it separately.
- Renewal forms are mailed approximately 60 days in advance of the due date. If you don't receive your license renewal form, contact the NSCB for a duplicate copy.



For questions and additional information on renewals visit our website at www.nscb.state.nv.us or call (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, and (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada

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