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\$85,700 In Construction Education Grants Awarded

On Dec. 4, 2007, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to two Nevada organizations totally \$85,700 for use in furthering their educational services.

The Academy for Career Education in Sparks, NV, received \$25,700 to fund an estimating component of the school's Construction Program. Funds will be used for the purchase of estimating software, computers, and a computer cart and printer.

The Associated General Contractors – Las Vegas Chapter received \$60,000 to conduct 32 classes, seminars and courses to upgrade the professional ability, skills and standing of the construction workforce in Southern Nevada.

The Construction Education Commission was created by the Nevada Legislature in 2001 for the purpose of encouraging programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled workforce. It consists of one member from the Nevada State Contractors Board and six members appointed by the governor. Four members represent the construction industry and the other two have knowledge of construction education programs.

The commission is totally funded through voluntary contributions and fines levied through the State Contractors Board disciplinary process. A goal of the program is to increase awareness that a career in the construction trade is a viable profession that offers competitive salaries and high job satisfaction.

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

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