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\$170K In Construction Education Grants Awarded

On May 12, 2009, the Nevada State Commission on Construction Education awarded grants to four Nevada organizations totaling \$170,800 for furthering their educational services in construction.

The Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of Nevada Education Foundation, Las Vegas, received \$36,000 for its Apprenticeship Program, designed to add qualified journeymen plumbers to the local workforce. Students will receive 2,000 hours of work experience and 144 hours of classroom instruction each year of their four-year program.

White Pine County School District, Ely, received \$34,800 to promote student, parent and community awareness of White Pine High School and Lund High School's construction trade programs; increase student skills in the construction trade programs, including incorporating "green" technology; increase academic performance of students enrolled in the construction trade programs and to educate students in the ethical responsibilities and commitment to excellence in the construction trades.

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Nevada Partners Inc., Build Nevada Program, North Las Vegas, received \$50,000 in support of its construction pre-apprenticeship program targeted at older youth and adults who are in need of family support jobs. Students will attend class four hours a day, five days a week and work with program and apprenticeship coordinators to help identify their specific areas of interest and aptitudes.

The Construction Training Center, Reno, received \$50,000 for its Construction Site Safety Program to provide hands-on training to people in Northern Nevada who work in the construction trades; enabling them to identify hazards and adopt safe and healthy working practices.

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 program.

The commission is totally funded through voluntary contributions and fines levied through the Nevada 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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