



Meeting Notice – July Luncheon at Lawry's

This month's guest speaker will be Tony M. May, P.E., Esq. of the Law firm Albright Stoddard Warnick & Albright, P.C. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at Lawry's Prime Rib at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway (near Paradise & Flamingo).



Mr. May is one of only a handful of attorneys in the United States that has obtained a Professional Engineering license along with a law degree. Mr. May is a former graduate of UNLV's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, where he graduated with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude. Prior to attending law

school, Mr. May worked for several years as a civil engineer in the Las Vegas Valley where he obtained his Professional Engineering Licenses in both California and Nevada.

After practicing civil engineering for several years, Mr. May attended Law School at the University of Iowa, where he graduated with distinction in 2001. Mr. May currently practices law in the areas of Construction, Construction Defect, Professional Liability, and General Civil Litigation.

Mr. May will be presenting a summary of Nevada Mechanic's lien laws and how they relate to engineers in Nevada. Attached to this newsletter is additional information on this topic.

The lunch will be held from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and the cost is \$22.00 for those who RSVP before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, July 15, 2005 and \$27.00 for those who register thereafter. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please RSVP to Tom Miller at millert@ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us or call 633-2009.

Why Join NSPE?

NSPE is actively seeking new members. If you are a P.E., on the licensure track, serving as an Engineering Intern, or are a student in an ABET program, you are eligible for membership. NSPE recognizes that you are a busy professional, and has created multiple ways for members to

participate in, as much or as little as, they choose. You can attend local, State, or national meetings, or you can go online when it's convenient for you. For additional information on how to join the NSPE, please call (888) 285-6773.

Military Family Assistance Program

Mayor Gibson, the City of Henderson, and the Henderson Community Foundation have committed to a new Military Family Assistance Program, which will raise funds to assist the families of Henderson National Guard Soldiers who have been deployed overseas. Currently, 70% of Nevada's National Guard Soldiers are deployed and many times the soldier is not compensated for the pay differential and ultimately the families suffer. The funds raised would be used to assist the families of the 1864th, 777th, and 72nd divisions.

They Mayor has laid the ground work publicly with his efforts by going to Fort Lewis to see Henderson's National Guard Soldiers leave for their missions. In addition, the City of Henderson plans to unveil this program with a reception and media event scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2005 at the City Hall.

The 777th division is an engineering unit and therefore, the NSPE has been asked to spread the word to all interested members/engineering firms who would like to provide sponsorship to this program. The goal is to secure commitments for \$50,000. CH2M Hill has already graciously contributed \$10,000 to the fund. If you or your firm would be interested in sponsoring, please contact Kyle Okamura at kyle.okamura@cityofhenderson.com or Lisa Sich at lisa.sich@cityofhenderson.com.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wants Your Input

The United States Army has \$1.7 billion dollars slated for new construction projects next year. In anticipation of this new construction, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has requested that NSPE survey its membership on various issues in order to determine the overall capabilities of the A/E/C industry and how the industry can help the government change the way it handles military construction projects, in order to be as effective as private sector construction projects. If you would like to take part in a survey that will help the Corps in the analysis of procurement methods, please visit the national NSPE website at www.nspe.org.

Input is needed to help identify standards, determine effective types of contracts, and identify industry best practices, such as qualifications-based selection of engineering services and the use of NICET-certified technicians and technologists. Information gathered will permit analysis to determine procurement methods. Small businesses are highly encouraged to participate.

Please take the time to answer as many questions as possible. Answers will help USACE determine the best approaches to support the Army and its goals:

This survey is for NSPE members only. Your user name and password will be required for access to the survey.

Calendar of Events

Date	Activity / Location	Time
July 19, 2005	NSPE Luncheon Lawry's	11:30 A.M.
August 5, 2005	NSPE Board Meeting TRC Offices	7:00 A.M.
August 23, 2005	NSPE Luncheon Lawry's	11:30 A.M.

New P.E. Exam Requirements

The Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers has posted requirement changes for candidates who want to take the PE Exam in Nevada. These requirement changes can be found on their website at <http://boe.state.nv.us>.

The requirements for licensure (BS degree and four years of experience) are the same. However, you can now take the PE Exam right after graduation with an approved BS in engineering, and get it out of the way before you start working in Nevada. Once you've put your four years of experience in, then you can become licensed. If you are planning for professional licensure in other states, you should check their requirements before taking the Nevada PE Exam early, so you won't jeopardize your eligibility.

Applications for the Nevada PE exam can also be found on the board website at <http://boe.state.nv.us>.

In addition, the Las Vegas Younger Member Forum (YMF) will be offering a 2005 PE Review Course. The course is given ONCE A YEAR in the fall and classes usually start in mid-August. You can get information regarding the PE Review Course by clicking on the "Courses" tab at www.lasvegasyymf.com. You may also contact the young engineer in charge of the PE Review Course, Kumar Sathappan at ksathappan@gcwallace.com.

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 GARY G. BRANTON†* ALSO LICENSED IN UTAH
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What is a Mechanic's Lien and what benefits can engineers/contractors obtain by filing and/or foreclosing on Mechanic's liens. Mechanic's Liens are one of the most valuable statutory provisions in any engineers arsenal in requiring owners/developers to pay past due accounts. A Mechanic's Lien can provide substantial leverage to an engineer/contractor in its attempt to settle past due accounts with the owner/developer of a Project. It can even tie up the



property and prohibit the owner/developer from selling the Project when completed. However, this leverage does not come without a price. The Nevada Legislature has proscribed certain mandatory procedures that must be followed in order make a Mechanic's Lien enforceable. A failure to perform said mandatory procedures might result in the loss of a claimant's Mechanic's Lien rights. Although there are other claims/procedures that an engineer/contractor may use to secure payment for a past due account, these other claims/procedures very seldom obtain the same result as a Mechanic's Lien Foreclosure action. In fact, these other claims/procedures are much more likely to result in non-payment of a claim

Mr. May's presentation will cover the basics concepts of Nevada's Mechanic's Lien Statutes, including the basic requirements for maintaining and enforcing a claimant's Mechanic's Lien rights.