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President & CEO
Nevada Development Authority

Las Vegas Deemed Most Cost-Effective For Headquarters

"THE BOYD REPORT SHOWS LAS VEGAS IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE LOCATION IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE A CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS."

In a recent report released by the prestigious Boyd Company, Inc., Las Vegas was found to be the most cost-effective location overall when considering a corporate headquarters site location. Boyd conducted comparative economic analyses comprised of 30 U.S. metropolitan areas. Each location has a population of approximately two million people and houses regional concentrations of Fortune 500 headquarters operations. These locations span the nation and include Boston, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix and a number of locations in California, among others.

Based on a 55,000 square foot facility employing 350 workers, Boyd's analysis focused on six major cost comparison components: non-exempt labor costs; electric power costs; land acquisition and construction costs; ad valorem and sales tax cost; space heating and air conditioning costs; and corporate travel costs. The six cost comparison components were compiled into a total annual operating cost for each of the locations, which were in turn ranked.

Las Vegas was deemed the most cost-effective location in the country when looking at all six components. At approximately \$21.9 million per year, operating costs in Las Vegas are more than \$450,000 less per annum than the second most cost-effective location. Compared to the least cost-effective location, Las Vegas is more than \$6 million less per annum.

"When you look at the numbers and compare the bottom-line, Las Vegas is the place to be doing business," said Nevada Development Authority (NDA) president & CEO Somer Hollingsworth. "The Boyd report shows this is the most cost-effective location in the country to have a corporate headquarters. When we say we have a business-friendly environment in Southern Nevada, we mean it."

According to FORTUNE Magazine, there are five requirements that locations need to attract businesses. No. 1: The ability to attract a big pool of skilled labor. No. 2: Cost of doing business. No. 3: A diversified economic base to weather any fiscal difficulties. No. 4: The area's infrastructure – airports, highways, water supply, and the like – must be adequate to keep up with population growth. No. 5: Quality of life – to recruit and retain executive talent could depend on issues such as housing costs or recreational opportunities.

Last year over 80% of the FORTUNE 500 chief executives said they expected to relocate at least some of their plants or offices; 14% were thinking of shifting headquarters. Many managers have specific requirements that limit their options, but most will settle for a location that meets these five crucial needs.

I believe Las Vegas is there. Yes, there are hurdles to overcome, but Las Vegas is relatively a young city and has not made the mistakes larger metropolitan cities have made. We're on the right road with our low business costs and low tax advantages.

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CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE

Chairman's Circle members make the highest level of annual contributions from \$25,000 - \$100,000 to the NDA and experience the greatest amount of opportunity, influence and connectivity available within the organization. NDA extends appreciation and gratitude to these highly dedicated business leaders whose support helps form a solid foundation of continuous involvement in Southern Nevada's business climate.



An Intelligent Choice For a Greener Planet

Ligcrytech, LLC is a Nevada-based research and development company dedicated to introducing technologies that change the world while helping the environment. Over the past four years, we have worked to perfect the most energy efficient window ever developed.

FutureglassTM, the first product based on technology developed by Liggrytech, uses liquid crystals to control the passage of energy and light through glass. Our unique approach to liquid crystal technology permits control of the level of tint and will change windows from an energy liability to an energy asset. This green build technology will reduce the demand on air conditioning equipment and energy consumption and dramatically impact architectural design, construction and operations. The cost of Futureglass™ will be little more than a standard Low-E window.

Within three years, this new glass technology is projected to reduce energy consumption of 677 million kWh per year, which is a cost savings of \$80,459,063 at the local residential rate. These energy savings would enable 61,372 three bedroom homes to be powered for one year. The technology will also save 817 million pounds of carbon from polluting the environment. This is the same as removing the emissions of 67,538 vehicles for a year, or taking them off the road

Our plan is to commence manufacturing in 2009 through a subsidiary company, Nexeon Glass Inc. We will manufacture Futureglass™, our new, energy saving and innovative technology in Las Vegas. The manufacturing facility will be the first of its kind, where our research will allow us to maximize productivity with advanced technology and skilled labor.

As an emerging R&D company, we are establishing one of the largest private research campuses in Nevada as a platform to launch new technology. This will highlight Las Vegas as the new technology hub, providing world-wide visibility and bring new manufacturing partners and jobs to the valley. A deciding factor in the decision to locate our research campus, headquarters and manufacturing in Las Vegas is in large part due to the assistance and support of the NDA. Their continuing support in interfacing with governmental entities to secure various incentives has been key to our rapid development and growth.

High-tech companies most often convert a needed, yet out-of-reach, technology into an affordable, readily producible, stable and reliable product solution that responds to massive, global market demands. This is what Ligcrytech does.

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Greg Paulk

President
New-Com, Inc. & Subsidiaries



The second and current generation of Paulk family leaders, Greg J. Paulk, oversees and directs strategic and operational functions of New-Com, Inc., a multi-divisional construction holding company. During the past 10 years, with innovative vision of the construction industry, along with his considerable management expertise, Greg

has guided New-Com, Inc. companies to the forefront of the construction industry in Nevada. He has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the company's growth strategy, legal, financial and administrative functions and risk management. The company is committed to minimizing environmental impacts and operates 100% of our equipment fleet on Biodiesel.

Paulk received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California in 1981.

Michael W. Yackira

President & CEO
Sierra Pacific Resources



Michael W. Yackira, a native of New York City, joined Sierra Pacific Resources in January 2003. He was elected Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Pacific Resources effective August 1, 2007. Prior to joining the Company, Yackira spent more than a decade as an executive with FPL Group, where he served in several positions, in-

cluding President of FPL Energy; Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of FPL Group; and Senior Vice President of Market and Regulatory Services for Florida Power & Light. His work experience includes extensive roles in operations, finance and regulatory matters in other industries, including telecommunications and oil and gas.

Yackira holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Lehman College, City University of New York and is a Certified Public Accountant.

NDA President's Council members make significant annual contributions of \$10,000 - \$24,999 and provide valuable resources of time, talent and treasure to serve the mission of the NDA.

The NDA extends appreciation for the support and financial commitment the President's Council organization provides.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Hale Lane Provides Counsel in Numerous Areas

Hale Lane Peek Dennison and Howard is a full-service firm, representing the entire spectrum of business organizations from gaming, lenders, developers and publicly traded companies to entrepreneurs and closely-held corporations. We also represent many individuals with regard to estate planning, tax issues and other personal matters.

The firm also provides a comprehensive government affairs and regulatory practice that advocates on behalf of clients before Congress, the Nevada Legislature, regulatory agencies and local government bodies across the state. They represent a full spectrum of clients from renewable energy, gaming and time share organizations to mortgage lending and technology companies.

The unparalleled growth Nevada has experienced has presented numerous challenges. To meet these challenges, Hale Lane has added a number of lawyers with expertise in such

diverse areas as energy and utility law, environmental law, health care law, securities law and gaming. These services complement our long standing real estate, lending and financial, business, tax and estate planning, bankruptcy and litigation practices.

Hale Lane was founded in Nevada in 1971 by Edward Everett Hale, a graduate of Harvard and Columbia. Edward's primary field of law was real estate transactions, and he became known as one of the best in the state in that field. Over the years, the firm expanded its practice to include all manner of business and commercial transactions, as well as a full-service commercial litigation practice.

Hale Lane is located at 3930 Howard Hughes Parkway in Las Vegas and also has fully staffed offices in Reno and Carson City.

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McDonald Carano Wilson Has Deep Nevada Roots

A statewide firm, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP was established in 1949 by United States Senator Alan Bible and Robert L. McDonald. The firm currently has offices in Reno and Las Vegas and employs more than 50 lawyers statewide. The firm offers a wide range of legal services in the areas of complex litigation, business entities and governance, commercial transactions, securities, bankruptcy, gaming tax, probate, estate planning, environmental and natural resources, real property, construction, labor and employment and intellectual property.

McDonald Carano Wilson's experienced professionals deliver the highest possible levels of service to their clients including direct access to their partners on a day-to-day basis. Collectively, the firm maintains active involvement in the management and supervision of each client's case.

The firm is comprised of individuals with extraordinary accomplishments. Many have risen to the top of the profession. Their current and former partners have been selected for judgeships, chosen to head the State Bar Association, selected as Best Lawyers in America, held high ranking positions in the Nevada Legislature, the Attorney General's office and other

government agencies, and have served with distinction in the Nevada Air Guard and other branches of the service.

McDonald Carano Wilson are proud members of Meritas, an exclusive association of commercial law firms with more than 200 affiliates in all 50 states and 70 countries. Meritas members must demonstrate their ability to adhere to the organization's strict standards before admission is considered. Memberships are limited, and as such, membership is considered an achievement only the finest firms may obtain.

The partners and staff at McDonald Carano Wilson law firm are dedicated to the very highest standards of the legal profession. Each member of their firm pursues these standards aggressively in all fields of law and business.



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Sierra Health Services Offers Nevadans Affordable Choice

Sierra Health Services, Inc. is a diversified health care services company that operates health maintenance organizations (HMO), indemnity insurers, preferred provider organizations (PPO), prescription drug plans and a multispecialty medical group. Headquartered in Las Vegas, Sierra's subsidiaries serve over 860,000 people through health benefit plans for employers, government programs and individuals.

Sierra is the largest health insurer in Nevada and Las Vegas comprises its core market. The Company continues to benefit from the state's unprecedented economic growth. Among the more recognizable brands offered by Sierra are Health Plan of Nevada, an HMO and point-of-service product which is offered to businesses and individuals, and Senior Dimensions, a Medicare HMO. Sierra also owns Southwest Medical Associates, a proprietary network of 14 medical clinics located throughout Las Vegas. Staffed by approximately 250 physicians and physician-extenders, Southwest Medical offers primary and specialty care, as well as urgent care services and outpatient surgical care. In addition to its proprietary clinics, the company offers its members a mixed-model physician provider network comprised of approximately 3,200 independently contracted physicians.

Sierra's roots are with founder and current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Anthony Marlon, who opened Southwest Heart Associates as an independent cardiology practice in the early seventies. That venture eventually grew to be Southwest Medical, with Health Plan of Nevada following soon after as the state's first HMO. The company initially went public on the American Stock Exchange in 1985, moving to the New York Stock Exchange in 1994, where it has remained as one of the most successful non-gaming public companies in Nevada.

In March 2007, the company announced it had entered a definitive merger agreement with UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) under which UnitedHealth will acquire all the outstanding shares of Sierra for \$2.6 billion.



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Lockton has technology and reporting tools that are outstanding, from an employer information portal to websites that can be built for employees. Lockton uses all the tools it has and focuses on emerging trends to meet one primary goal: provide clients with the most cost-effective employee benefits package available.

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Republic Services has been a part of Southern Nevada since 1997. However, long time residents know that prior to 1997 the tireless employees of Silver State Disposal had been working for Southern Nevada since the 1950's.

Republic Services currently serves 500,000 single-family residences and 21,000 sites that fall within the commercial, industrial or multi-family category and provides over 1,500 jobs to Southern Nevadans.

Working in bulk, their transfer stations combined handle about 10,700 tons of solid waste daily. The Apex Regional Landfill disposes of about 17,000 tons of waste a day.

Their services are always evolving. Customers rely on Republic Services for disposal, recycling, household hazardous materials disposal and bulky item collection. Service schedules are continually upgraded, as well as their disposal and recycling technologies.

One of the most important features Republic Services is proud to offer is construction demolition and recycling services. With the emphasis on "green" in the economy, Republic Services strives to maintain leadership in the waste management industry.

Businesses that choose Republic Services for waste collection will receive service that is reliable, cost effective and environmentally sound. As a responsible corporate citizen, they have an obligation to protect the environment. Further, Republic Services is committed to using the most advanced technology to effectively provide service to their customers. They also have available for lease a broad selection of containers ranging from one yard to eight yards to satisfy their customer's needs, with frequencies up to seven pickups per week. Industrial customers with roll-off services are provided with 10 cubic yard to 50 cubic yard bins, as well as specialized compactors. Roll-off bins can be utilized for trash, construction and demolition or recycling services.

Additionally, their professional drivers are available to drop off or pick up roll-off boxes at your convenience. Whether your building is going up, coming down, or being remodeled, Republic Services can fulfill all your waste disposal needs.



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January Breakfast Featured Keynote Speaker Michael W. Yackira of Sierra Pacific Resources

Nevada Development Authority held its January breakfast meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel, January 23rd and featured Michael W. Yackira, President and CEO of Sierra Pacific Resources. Mr. Yackira addressed NDA members, guests and media with a keynote speech entitled "Nevada's Energy Future." He discussed strategies to meet the state's future energy needs such as increasing energy efficiency and conservation programs, expanding renewable energy initiatives and investments and building new generating plants.

Mr. Yackira spoke specifically of Nevada's need to have a "balanced portfolio of power supply," including renewable energy sources such as geothermal and solar as well as more traditional natural gas and coal fired plants. Mr. Yackira also related that Nevada's current power is derived primarily from natural gas (70%) and by diversifying our energy sources we not only reduce our dependence on energy markets but also are able to provide "reliable energy at a reasonable and predictable cost."

By 2015, Nevada Power (a part of Sierra Pacific Resources along with Sierra Pacific Power) will be providing 20% of its power from renewable resources investing some \$2 billion

to meet the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard recently passed by the Legislature. Nevada has always been a leader in renewable energy and the renewable resources available in the state are significant. The United States Department of Energy, for example, estimates Nevada's geothermal output potential at 2600–3700 megawatts. Nevada is also already the nation's leader in solar watts per capita and solar as a percentage of retail sales.

Overall, Sierra Pacific Resources is on course to meet the considerable energy demands that a growing Nevada needs in the future, a demand estimated to increase by 200+ megawatts annually. Through conservation and efficiency efforts alone, 192 kilowatt hours were saved statewide in 2007. Combined with the use expansion of Nevada's renewable energy resources and an increase in power from new gas and coal fired plants, which also have increased efficiency and decreased negative impacts on the environment, the state is poised to meet its rising power demands and continue its national leadership in renewable energy.

Winter Mixer Held at The Stirling Club

Liqcrytech and The Stirling Club co-hosted Nevada Development Authority's winter mixer on Thursday, February 7th. The evening began at 5:30 p.m. in the beautiful setting of The Stirling Club, located in the center of the new prestigious highrise residential community, Turnberry Place - a \$700 million luxury development. The Stirling Club features a 30,000 square foot European spa, nightclub and piano lounge, clay tennis courts and an outdoor mosaic pool.

Nearly 200 NDA members and guests imbibed on complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at this business networking event. NDA mixers are proven to be quite popular and sell out in advance.

Liqcrytech, the mixer's co-sponsor, is the innovator of Liquid Crystal Technology, where the user can control the tinting on their windows.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR... NEVADA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

NDA Breakfast Meetings: Thursday, March 20, 2008 - Sponsored by



Thursday, May 22, 2008 • Thursday, July 17, 2008 Thursday, September 18, 2008

Location: Four Seasons Hotel
3960 Las Vegas Blvd., South - Acacia Ballroom
7:00 a.m. - Breakfast and Networking • 7:30 a.m. - Meeting
\$40.00 per person

Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP to (702) 791-0000



NEW NDA INVESTORS

Investors provide annual financial support to NDA of \$2,500 - \$4,999 and they are eligible to serve on NDA committees. You are encouraged to network and work with NDA supporters.

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NEW & EXPANDING COMPANIES

Please welcome these new & expansion companies assisted by NDA: November 2007 - December 2007

Community Environment Alliance (Start Up)

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Manufacturer and distributor of green building products

and services

NeoStem (New)

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NeoStem is a biotechnology services company enhancing the delivery of adult stem cell therapeutics to health-conscious consumers. The company is developing a nationwide network of adult stem cell collection centers, enabling people to donate and store their own stem cells with NeoStem for personal use years or decades later in times of critical medical need.

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Prevent-A-Theft Group NV, LLC/Motor Dealer

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National distributor of automotive, RV, marine and power sports after market products direct to dealers

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Manufacturer of start up mobile batteries for Rotorcraft

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE NEWS

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR 2008 NDA MIXERS:

If your company is interested in hosting one of the popular NDA Mixers, please contact NDA at (702) 791-0000.

NEWS BRIEFS

Burke and Associates' President Appointed to AGC Board of Directors

Burke and Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce that Kevin Burke, President and CEO of Burke & Associates, Inc. / General Contractors has recently been appointed to the 2008 Board of Directors for the Associated General Contractors (AGC). The AGC is a nationally recognized organization, representing the interests of the construction community across the country. The Southern Nevada Chapter has a long and distinguished history of speaking out on issues that affect the construction industry.

Mr. Burke has been with Burke & Associates since 1989. He earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University, with a minor in Business Management.

Grubb & Ellis|Las Vegas Announces Key Appointments to Management Services

Grubb & Ellis|Las Vegas, one of the leading providers of integrated real estate services, announced **Katherine J. Shim** joined the firm as Property Accountant, Management Services. Her responsibilities include client accounting, financial analysis and record keeping for the entire property management portfolio. In addition, Shim provides administrative and operational support to the Management Services team.

Christine M. Clament was promoted from Property Accountant to Assistant Property Manager, Management Services. As Assistant Property Manager, her primary responsibilities include managing the daily operations, administration, accounting, financial reporting, leasing and development of a Grubb & Ellis|Las Vegas management portfolio, comprised of office, retail, industrial and commercial association properties.

Johnson Jacobson Wilcox Hires Two New Staff Accountants

The CPA firm of Johnson Jacobson Wilcox is pleased to announce that Adam Grigsby has joined the firm as Staff Accountant, and Ryan Enlow completed his internship and will join the firm also as a Staff Accountant.

Existing members of the firm, **Damiana Crimi** and **Chris Itzen** both recently passed their CPA exam.

Nevada Lawyer Tara K. Young Named "Member of the Year"

Tara K. Young, an attorney with the statewide law firm Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw & Ferrario (Kummer Kaempfer), has been named "2007 Member of the Year" by the Commercial Real Estate Women of Las Vegas (CREW). Young joined CREW in 2006 and serves on its special event committee.

Young joined Kummer Kaempfer in March 2004. Her practice concentrates on all areas of commercial real estate transactions, including the purchase and sale of real property, real estate financing, commercial leases and condominium development.

Lionel Sawyer & Collins Names Two New Shareholders

Laura J. Thalacker, a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group, was previously Of Counsel with the firm. A litigator in Nevada since 1994, Thalacker's practice with Lionel Sawyer & Collins has focused on representing employers in employment and labor law matters. Thalacker provides day-to-day compliance advice and training to employers on a wide range of workplace matters, drafts employment policies, handbooks and contracts, and litigates employment and labor disputes before

federal and state administrative agencies and courts.

Doreen Spears Hartwell is with Lionel Sawyer & Collins' Litigation Department, where her practice focuses on civil litigation in state and federal courts. Her areas of practice include commercial litigation, employment, real estate, product liability and trust/probate matters. Hartwell is the 2001 recipient of the Myrna Williams Children's Pro Bono Award, and the 2005 recipient of the Judge Sally Loehrer Pro Bono Service Award. She is also actively involved in the Clark County Bar Association's Trial By Peers Program.

SR Construction Awarded Construction Contract For Varian Medical Systems LV-5 Test Cell Project

SR Construction Vice President Rob Silecchia recently announced the firm was awarded the contract for the construction of the LV-5 Test Cell project for Varian Medical Systems located at 6811 Spencer St. in Las Vegas. The 85,754 square foot project consists of four concrete test cell vaults, production area and administrative offices. The project is slated for completion in second quarter of 2008. Estimated construction costs for the project are approximately \$12 million. Hoover Associates will serve as the architect for the project.

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