

Legislative Victory

At the time this publication was produced, the House of Representatives and the Senate passed the Notice and Opportunity to Repair (NOR) legislation in form of HB1196.

This item would make it easier and less expensive for builders and home owners to resolve construction defect disputes. This benefits home buyers and home builders by a procedure to get homes fixed faster. It benefits the home building industry by decreasing general liability insurance rates.

Similar legislation has been passed in 29 other states. It does not prevent a homebuyer from filing legal action against a contractor for alleged construction defects. Instead it stays a lawsuit until the contractor is served notice and is allowed an opportunity to inspect the property and make an offer to repair or compensate the homeowner.

The HBASE has been in favor of this legislation for nearly three years. With a unanimous vote in Pierre, this is one step closer.

Potential Hires...

Here is a list of local schools who will be having graduates in the home building related fields this spring.

Mitchell Technical Institute

(MTI) in Mitchell, South Dakota graduates approximately 20 students every year. MTI will have graduation on May 11, 2007. Students from the Architectural & Drafting Program and the Building & Construction Program are very well trained in their fields. Skills include carpentry, surveying, estimating, and cabinetry. They have design and carpentry experience from building two homes as a part of their curriculum. They also go through the CAD training.

If you would like to hire any of these students call Janet Greenway, Career Service Coordinator, at 605-995-3025. She can be reached by email at: janet.greenway@mitchelltech.edu.

Minnesota West & Technical College

has two different graduation dates for their graduating students. The students from the Carpentry Program recently graduated on Feb. 15th. The Plumbing Program students graduate on May 9th. The Carpentry

Program includes instruction in areas such as common systems of framing construction materials, estimating, blueprint reading and finish carpentry techniques. The Plumbing Program includes training in assembly, installation and repair of pipes, fittings and fixtures which make up water supply or waste disposal systems.

Contact Luke Olson or Laurel Berg for information on hiring one of these students. Call Luke at (507) 825-6841 or email him at luke.olson@mnwest.edu. Laurel can be reached at (507) 825-6815 or laurel.berg@mnwest.edu.

Southeast Technical Institute

(STI) is in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Its graduation will be held on May 11th. Students at STI have strong computer aided drawing experience, street analysis, estimating, construction management, and some have work experience.

Resumes are available upon request from Jeff Schlepp at 367-4454 or via email at Jeff-frey.Schlepp@southeasttech.com.

Lake Area Technical Institute

in Watertown, South Dakota will be holding its graduation on May 12, 2006. The Building Trades Technology program at Lake Area Technical Institute follows curriculum guidelines set forth by the Associated General Contractors of America. During the program students gain optimal practical experience, in addition to their classroom instruction, by planning, drawing and building a home to a client's specifications and satisfaction.

If you are interested in hiring someone, please contact Julie Mollenhoff, Placement Officer at 882-5284 Ext. 256.

South Dakota State University

has the graduation for the Construction Management Program on May 5, 2007.

This program integrates courses and topics from business management, construction engineering, and construction management. Contact Diane Marsh at 605-688-5427 for more information about these students.

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Course Fee & Registration:

The fee for this course is \$160 per attendee. If a company has 10 or more attendees that complete the course, the fee will be \$140 per attendee.

This includes the cost of all course materials, refreshments and lunch. A copy of the complete *OSHA 29 CFR Part 1926 Standards for the Construction Industry* is included in the cost. Please register in advance by filling out and mailing or faxing the registration form in to the SDSU Engineering Extension.

If more than one person is attending for your organization, please photocopy additional registration forms. Registration confirmations will not be sent.

Make checks payable to: *South Dakota State University (SDSU)*

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Mail registration form above to: Engineering Extension, Box 510, SDSU, Brookings, SD 57007 or fax to 605-688-6290.

LEAD SAFE WORK PRACTICES OSHA TRAINING

Sioux Falls Community Development is sponsoring a lead safe work practices training course. This course is designed for painters and remodeling contractors, property owners and managers, and maintenance workers. Learn safe work practices for protecting workers against lead exposures. This course also meets the minimum requirements necessary for contractors working with lead-based paint on federally funded projects through Community Development.

Training provided by:

**UND-Environmental Training Institute
PO Box 8273
Grand Forks, ND 58202
(701) 777-0384**

Cost: \$190.00 (payment must be received by sign-up deadline)

When: March 22, 2007

Where: Community Development
235 West Tenth Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Time: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Register Online: www.eti.und.edu

Lunch will not be provided

To sign up, call Community Development or stop in and speak to Brent Tucker or Bruce Smidt – 367-8180

The University reserves the right to cancel program if not enough participation.

Sign-up deadline is March 8, 2007

SD Remote Ticket (locate) entry Systems

Friday, March 16, 2007

9:00am & 11:00am

Sioux Falls

Colorado Technical University

3901 W. 59th St.

Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Who should attend?

Any South Dakota member, operator or excavator who uses the system to request locates. Existing IBIS and Web ticketing users are welcome. You will learn how to enter your own requests using your computer and the internet, quickly and accurately. Save time and eliminate calls and faxes to SD One Call.

Questions? Call Jeff Tatusko at 800-873-3588 (option 3) or email him at jtatusko@1-call.com.

To register for either session, please email or fax your phone your name, company and contact phone number to Jeff Tatusko.

The seminar and software are FREE.

Got News?

Fax any member information to 361-8329 or email lisa@hbasiouxempire.com or mail it to "Member News", 6904 S. Lyncrest Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, or call 361-8322!

Congratulations...

Jeff Kingma, Shopping News, and his wife, Kari, welcomed their first child into the world on February 18. Baby girl Ava Reese was born at 8lbs. Jeff and his family are home from the hospital and doing great!

Chad Belitz, Waddell & Reed, and his wife, Beth, welcomed their new baby boy into the world on December 27, 2006. Cooper Charles weighed in at a mighty 7lb. 1oz. and 21 inches strong. He joined his big brother, Aiden at home.

To **Emily Bartscher**, daughter of **Ed Bartscher, Bartscher, Inc.**, who recently received the State Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for her kindness and consideration to others. She received a free trip to Washington, D.C. for the national competition and \$1,000.

Sympathies...

Our thoughts go out to **Lori DeVries, The Insurance Connection**, and her family for the passing of her father, Lloyd Hanson, on February 13.



HBASE Staff Update...

Todd Anawski recently joined the HBASE staff as the Government Affairs & Education Director. He was previously at the South Dakota Soy Bean Association. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Sioux Falls with their 2-month old daughter, Abby.

HBASE Mail Box...

January 10, 2007

Dear **Repair Affair Committee**,

Words cannot express what the ramp means to me. There are those that don't have them and those that do. Now I do. I love the bathroom too! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Frank Tatum

Dear Association,

I just wanted you to know that Charlie Beatch allowed a student from Lincoln High School to shadow him yesterday (Wednesday, February 21). I really appreciate the help in allowing these students the opportunity to explore their career options!

Linda Rodman
ShadowED Coordinator

Hansen Receives 1st GMB Designation in South Dakota



Kurt Hansen, GMB, CGB, Home Tech, Inc. received his Graduate Master Builder designation while attending the 2007 National Home Builders Convention in Orlando in February.

The ultimate symbol of the building professional, the GMB designation is for experienced veterans only. Kurt has been in the building industry for many years and all of his hard work and determination to build great homes has paid off.

A special congratulations goes to Kurt for being the first builder in South Dakota to receive this award. Great job, Kurt!

Bickett Elected A Life National Director of NAHB



Duane Bickett, Bickett Construction, has been elected a life director of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) at the Association's recent Annual Convention Meeting.

It is with great honor that we thank Duane for his dedication and commitment for attending and participating in NAHB's Board of Directors meetings for so many years.

A national director has to attend at least two meetings per year for 10 years to become a life director and earn a permanent seat on NAHB's Board of Directors.

Duane has been an active HBA member since 1985. Other things Duane has been involved in with the HBASE has been the Building & Grounds Committee, Membership Committee, Repair Affair Volunteer and the Board of Directors. He is also a former President of the SDHBA and HBASE.

Congratulations, Duane!



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FREE HELP...

The Architecture/Construction Engineering Technology Students at Southeast Technical Institute are available up until the end of March (as their trip is at the beginning of April) to help you and your company on the construction site. Everything from shingling to siding to cleaning up a job site to framing!

By letting them help you, you in turn are helping them.

1. They have the opportunity of seeing the construction project up close.
2. You help them understand how a building is put together.
3. They will bring back to the classroom new construction methods to share with others.

They are not asking for any kind of paycheck, they're just looking for a great opportunity. By helping you, they hope you would consider helping them defray costs of their year-end trip to Chicago.

If you are interested, please contact Jeff Schlepp at 605-367-4455 or email him at Jeffrey.schlepp@southeasttech.com. Please give them a 48 hour advance notice.

Students will be required to bring their own tool belt and hand tools. They will also sign a release form that states that they will not hold the contractor, Southeast Technical Institute or the Sioux Falls School District liable for any injuries or accidents while on the job site.

SPECIAL DATES FOR 2007

May 5-8	Spring Parade of Homes
June 5-10	NAHB Spring Board Meeting, Washington, DC
June 12	Repair Affair Day
August 21	Membership Meeting/PAC Auction
August 22	PAC Golf Outing
Sept. 4-9	NAHB Fall Board Meeting, Seattle, WA
Sept. 15-18	Fall Parade of Homes
October 13-14	HBASE Showcase of Remodeled Homes
December 7	Holiday Gala, Ramada Inn

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20 Sioux Empire Building Permits-November

March 2007

Sioux Falls Permits		Single Family Units					Duplex			Townhouse Units					Multi-Family	
Month	Year	'03	'04	'05	'06	2007	'06	2007	'03	'04	'05	'06	2007	'06	2007	
JANUARY		35	39	31	61	40	2	0	2(4)	3(4)	3(6)	2(4)	2(6)	0	10(76)	
FEBRUARY		31	55	58	52		0		3(6)	5(10)	3(6)	1(2)		3(99)		
MARCH		81	146	164	94		2		10(20)	7(12)	2(4)	8(13)		4(16)		
APRIL		111	125	103	132		2		13(50)	12(24)	4(7)	5(10)		2(8)		
MAY		94	95	83	94		3(6)		20(34)	4(10)	9(15)	13(18)		8(66)		
JUNE		103	109	90	118		2(4)		5(10)	9(16)	10(14)	2(4)		1(8)		
JULY		136	101	92	83		4(8)		21(61)	16(26)	5(8)	7(12)		2(8)		
AUGUST		87	107	91	87		0		15(25)	3(6)	16(26)	4(6)		12(64)		
SEPTEMBER		119	76	119	93		1(2)		9(18)	6(10)	6(12)	13(17)		3(23)		
OCTOBER		104	94	95	66		2(4)		8(12)	9(16)	6(8)	12(22)		2(8)		
NOVEMBER		83	66	77	61		2(4)		6(8)	5(10)	2(4)	5(8)		4(16)		
DECEMBER		42	54	43	39		0		1(2)	2(4)	0	3(4)		3(12)		
TOTAL (Sioux Falls)		1024	1065	1041	980	40*	17(34)	0*	111	83(150)	88(111)	75(120)	2(6)*	44(430)	10(76)*	
Metro Area Permits		'03	'04	'05	'06	2007								'06	2007	
Brandon (city only)		96	124	89	104	4*	< Metro Area Duplex & Townhouse Permits are included with Single Family Unit Totals SOURCE: City of Sioux Falls Planning & Building Services; City of Brandon; City of Harrisburg; City of Hartford, City of Tea and Minnehaha and Lincoln County * Indicates year-to-date totals							1(6)*		
Harrisburg (city only)		109	121	177	143	4*								0*		
Hartford (city only)		14	28	25	19	0*								0*		
Tea (city only)		44	40	64	16									2(20)*		
Minnehaha County-rural		116	92	79	68									0*		
Lincoln County-rural		71	67	6	12									0*		
TOTAL (Sioux Empire)		1474	1537	1481	1296									40(428)		

Sioux Falls Single Family Unit Permits

SUNSET DEVELOPMENT L 4509 W KATHLEEN ST	113125
CANDLE DEVELOPMENT 7800 W 44TH ST	80200
CANDLE DEVELOPMENT 3813 SVILLANOVA AVE	87170
DANIELS CONSTRUCTION 1200 N ADVANTAGE AVE	96520
DANIELS CONSTRUCTION 1112 N ADVANTAGE AVE	99580
TNT CONST (TRYGSTAD) 1404 W WATERSTONE DR	204655
RONNING ENTERPRISES 4608 S GRAYSTONE AVE	122920
PAUL FICK HOMES 3916 W 93RD ST	80075
PAUL FICK HOMES 4121 W 93RD ST	75900
PAUL FICK HOMES 3908 W 93RD ST	78820
DANIELS CONSTRUCTION 1208 N ARCHER AVE	90230
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 5608 W HEMLOCK DR	100205
DANIELS CONSTRUCTION 8004 S RED HILL CIR	149430
DAVID HASVOLD 2110 SPENDAR LN	195515
PAUL FICK HOMES 501 S WHITEWOOD AVE	81930
JBART CONSTRUCTION IN 7001 SMUSTANG AVE	163000
DAKOTALAND BUILDERS 3900 SHARMONY DR	150750
A-PLUS CONSTRUCTION 7604 W PRESIDENT ST	156090
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 5508 W TEEM ST	103320
HUBER BROTHERS CONS 1201 S MONTPELIER AVE	240925
EBERTS CONSTRUCTION 7512 S MOOR CROSS DR	173200
DAKOTALAND BUILDERS 3700 SHARMONY DR	145965
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 5500 W TEEM ST	90120
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 5408 W TEEM ST	99245
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 1409 N HOLBROOK AVE	90120
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 5705 W PINERIDGE DR	114440
KN CONSTRUCTION INC. 3141 SHARMONY CT	131635

BECKMAN CONSTRUCT. 1904 S SHAW AVE	134205
EQUITY HOMES INC 7809 W 55TH ST	96770
EQUITY HOMES INC 2301 S HOFSTAD AVE	115485
SIGNATURE HOMES LLC 2745 E WORCESTER PL	117010
JARDING CONSTRUCTION 1309 S MONTPELIER AVE	190865
ROGER DEDE 3444 SHARMONY DR	209060
PAUL FICK HOMES 4017 S TUSCANY CT	147630
EQUITY HOMES INC 4905 S GRINNELL AVE	95145
EQUITY HOMES INC 2200 S MACEY AVE	116890
IDEKER CONSTRUCTION 7425 W 64TH ST	107180
JOHNNY HANSON CONST. 5104 S STOCKWELL CIR	162585
HORSTLAND LLC 4708 E TIGER LILLY ST	139160
CLASSIC HOMES BY MIK 1916 S SHAW AVE	123360

Sioux Falls Apartment Permits

EQUITY HOMES INC 4924 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	513600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4920 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	513600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4916 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	513600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4912 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	513600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4908 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	513600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4904 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	503600
EQUITY HOMES INC 4900 SKLEIN AVE (eight-plex)	503600
EQUITY HOMES INC 8809 W 32ND ST (eight-plex)	626670
EQUITY HOMES INC 8801 W 32ND ST (six-plex)	474840
STENCIL CONSTRUCTION 3601 W 81ST ST (six-plex)	498240

Sioux Falls Townhome (Twinhome) Permits

JONES CONSTRUCTION 5608 S SHADOW WOOD PL	379130
HIGHLAND HOMES LLC 6608 S BELLWOOD AVE	275560

Minnehaha County Single Family Permits

Paul Hentges 45721 263rd St	\$132,000
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Brandon Permits

Loosbrock Family Homes 1704 Locust Ave	\$132,520.00
Regal Homes 1317 Creekside Dr	\$147,168.00
Regal Homes 1321 Creekside Dr	\$154,126.00
Sunrise Builders 2717 Sunrise Ct	\$153,132.00

Hartford Permits

No New Permits

Harrisburg Permits

KN Construction 608 Augustana Ave	\$325,000.00
Paul Fick Homes 417 United Ave	\$91,830.00
Wodzinski Construction 1006 Walnut Street	\$125,410.00
Frontier Homes 600 Cottonwood Dr	\$108,030.00

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