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Oceguera, Building Trades and Perini Applaud Passage of Landmark Construction Worker Safety Legislation

Assembly Bill 148 makes Nevada the first state to mandate safety training for all construction workers.

Las Vegas, NV – One year after the construction worker walkout at City Center, the Governor has signed Assembly Bill 148, making Nevada the first state in the nation to mandate OSHA-10 and OSHA-30 training for all construction workers and site supervisors. The bill, a collaboration between Assembly Majority Leader John Oceguera, Perini Building Company and the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council, sets Nevada on a course to become a leader in construction worker safety.

“I want to thank Perini Building Company for their cooperation on this bill, as well as the support of Majority Leader John Oceguera, who spent countless hours making sure this bill made it through the legislative process. This is important legislation that will have a meaningful impact in changing the culture on construction sites, and making workers safer,” stated Steve Ross, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council.

AB 148 was the by-product of a program established on the City Center job-site in an agreement between Perini Building Company and Building Trades, where all workers on the job-site were mandated to obtain OSHA-10 completion cards. After a string of worker deaths early on in City Center’s construction, there have been zero additional fatalities since the institution of the OSHA-10 program at City Center.

The Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council, and its 22,000 members, made passing a worker training bill its cornerstone legislative priority at the 2009 Nevada Legislature. The bill passed both houses of the legislature with broad bipartisan majorities, and was signed by the Governor on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

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