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**CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD (CSLB) RECOGNIZED
FOR INNOVATION IN REGULATION**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) presented the 2006 *Innovation in Regulation Award* to the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) on August 25, 2006 at the associations 44th Annual Conference Banquet and Installation of Officers.

This national award was created as a way for NASCLA and its many members to recognize innovation, creativity and excellence in the regulation of the contracting/construction industry.

The CSLB developed the Underground Economy Enforcement: Multi-jurisdictional Prosecution of Illegal Operators initiative as a way to combat the insidious effects of the underground construction business. By sharing information and resources, and by eliminating bureaucratic red tape and duplication of efforts, CSLB has broken new ground in the field of proactive enforcement. By joining forces with other state and federal regulators, CSLB and its partners are increasing the prosecution of illegal underground business.

Stephen Sands, Registrar of the California Contractors State License Board accepted NASCLA's *Innovation in Regulation Award* on behalf of the CSLB on Friday, August 25, 2006.

For more information on NASCLA and the *Innovation in Regulation Award*, please visit our website at www.nascla.org.