

## NEDCO Makes Successful Bid For Local Minority Business Enterprise Services

The Nevada Economic Development Company, Inc., (NEDCO), has been the successful bidder for Minority Business Enterprise Services for the Las Vegas SMSA.

The \$200,000 contract was awarded by the Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.

A portion of NEDCO's scope of work is to assist a certain number of minority owned businesses by providing management and technical assistance in starting and/or expanding their businesses. The services are not entirely free. A \$25.00 hourly fee has been established with the federal government

paying 75% of the hourly fee for those firms grossing over \$500,000 annually and 90% of the fee for firms grossing under \$500,000 per year.

For additional information and assistance, call 384-3293 and/or visit the headquarters located at 618 East Carson, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101.

## New Ventures, Inc. Awarded Nevada Transportation Department Contract

New Ventures, Inc., a Nevada Business Consultant and Capital Development Corporation, has been awarded a contract by the Nevada Department of Transportation, FHWA, to provide supportive services.

The scope of work entails assisting NDOT in identifying, creating, expanding, and enhancing minority and women owned highway related businesses.

The New Ventures, Inc., plan room contains all pertinent data

concerning NDOT expenditures and projects for the next twelve months, contractors board requirements, M/WBE certification, OJT and training requirements, Dodge Reports, Construction Notebook, Dodge Scan, Richardson Estimating Standards, and all other criteria in enhancing business enterprise. Workshops and seminars are conducted both in Las Vegas and Reno.

If you are a minority

or female owned firm, contact the New Ventures, Inc., office at 618 East Carson or call 384-3881 for additional information. Millions of dollars are projected for highway construction.

## LV Board Appoints Bonnie Juniel

The Las Vegas Board of Commissioners appointed Bonnie B. Juniel to serve on the Board of Zoning Adjustment at their November 3, 1982 meeting. Commissioner William Pearson, who nominated Mrs. Juniel, was pleased that the Board ratified her appointment.

Commissioner Pearson stated, "I know that Mrs. Juniel will be an asset to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Her involvement in civic activities and her knowledge of the real estate business have given her an excellent understanding of our community."

Juniel, who is married and has one child, has been a resident of Las Vegas for 19 years. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, a past board member of the NAACP and an active member of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority.

The purpose of the Board of Zoning Adjustment is to review requests for use permits upon those requests by applying an established criteria. BZA rulings are final unless appealed to the Board of Commissioners.

Members of the BZA receive no compensation and regularly meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.

## "Concerned NAACP Members" Issue Position Statement

The following statement released for publication is authorized by the "Concerned NAACP Members," Las Vegas Branch: Executive Board Members — Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Aderholt, Virginia Fountaine; Hampton Giner, President Pro-Tem Alfred Gleghorn, Member Rev. James Allen, and Life Members James F. Veal and Benjamin Bell.

The action taken by the "Concerned NAACP Members," in the removal of President Lovell Gaines, is predicated upon the dire need of the Black community of Las Vegas. This community must have a competent, efficient NAACP organization to represent them. We have on file in our office literally hundreds of complaints by people of this community, whose Civil and Legal rights have been deprived.

President Gaines conducted the administration of his office in an "Autocratic & Dictatorial" manner, often stating, "I am the president and I will do things the way I want to." He refused to accept the advice and counsel of his Executive Board, Chairmen of Committees and his membership. This is in direct conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of this organization. Often his behavior and verbal interaction with members was dehumanizing and demeaning in nature.

President Gaines and Sherman Hatcher (Treasurer) are both charged with the following violations of the Constitution and By-laws of this organization:

A. Failure to maintain and properly process financial records and other related administrative material as provided by the Constitution and By-laws of the NAACP.

B. Failure to produce financial statements, vouchers, requisitions, cancelled checks and other pertinent records related to the financial status of this Branch.

C. Failure to appear along with Sherman Hatcher before an Executive Board meeting, at which he was requested to produce the records.

D. Abuse of Executive power in that Mr. Gaines caused to be issued and cashed checks above the sum permitted by the Constitution and By-laws. These checks failed to meet the criteria of bearing the correct number of legal signatures authorized to conduct the business of this organization.

E. Failure to see that proper financial reports were rendered to the Executive Board and membership relating to the following.

F. Affairs: 1. The NAACP Freedom Fund Affair; 2. NAACP Housing Complex; and Other related involvement of this Branch.

G. After having been afforded and requested numerous times an opportunity to respond in a positive manner, he and Sherman Hatcher, including Rev. Sam Roberson attempted to conduct a hearing of these charges through the local press.

Some person or persons of this community or other area, have seen fit to call the home of Rev. James Allen, at which time the life of Rev. Allen was threatened. This is an indicator of the level of importance enjoyed by anyone elected President of this branch. It also indicates the fear being experienced by those persons involved in this disgraceful affair, and the limit to which they will go to silence any opposition.

The "Concerned Members of the Las Vegas Branch," have resorted to a last effort to clean up this branch. After having appealed through the correct channels of supervision, from Regional Office to National, and having been frustrated in our attempts to rectify wrong, we took the final action of removing Lovell Gaines as president. This action was taken with the best interests of the Black Community at heart. The community is now in desperate need of a competent, efficient NAACP branch in full operation.

In the past few months the office was swamped with complaints from Black citizens of Las Vegas. All of them are related to abuse of their Civil and Legal rights. The NAACP came into being due to a need for some positive action in both of these areas — Discrimination in Hiring, Loss of Employment, including Unequal Justice within the Criminal Justice System. A mechanism for investigation into Police Abuse and Brutality is also needed. Problems have again risen related to the impartial and correct educational procedures accorded to Black children.

It is an accepted scientific study result that "Back Lash" against minorities increases during economic periods, which are classified as "Inflationary, Recessional or Depressive." Thus we observe the treatment accorded Black people in many instances of the complaints we have received.

It is the hope of the "Concerned NAACP Members," that from this internal struggle will develop a sense of unity and purpose within our community and a new NAACP branch conforming to the principles of our national organization and dedicated to progress in all levels of American culture.

The above was submitted through the local NAACP office as a press release.

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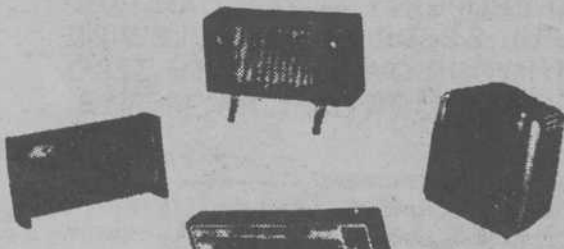
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