

2018 Pioneer of the Year | Aaron West

NNDAA's 2018 Pioneer of the Year is Aaron West, CEO of the Nevada Builders Alliance (NevadaBuilders.org). Aaron has done an outstanding job of representing Nevada's construction industry and the critical role it plays in economic development. He has been an economic development trail-blazer, in support of his members, the Silver State's construction industry, and the Sierra Region.

Aaron has served as CEO of the Nevada Builders Alliance since June 2014. In his role as CEO, he is responsible for all areas of budget development, marketing, membership development and government affairs.

He has a diverse background in residential and commercial development, both as a consultant and a business owner. In addition, he has been a real estate and insurance licensed agent.



2018 Pioneer of the Year Aaron West, Nevada Builders Alliance CEO, accepting the award at the NNDAA Pioneer Awards & Gala.

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NNDA's Pioneer of the Year award honors an individual who both personally and professionally supports and has had a significant impact on the economic development and growth of Nevada's Sierra Region. The winner of this capstone award is selected by the NNDA Executive Board.

Under Aaron's leadership, the Nevada Builders Alliance has grown to become the largest statewide construction industry organization and is known to be the voice of the industry.

As part of his statewide industry leadership role, he participated on the team of construction industry leaders who successfully facilitated the passage of important industry reforms by the 2015 Nevada Legislature.

Aaron has worked with Western Nevada College to implement workforce education and training programs which better meet the needs of the Sierra Region's rapidly growing construction industry. These include the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Construction Management and an Associate degree in Construction Technology.

Aaron led the establishment of the Nevada Builders Alliance annual Golden Hammer Award. Presented alongside the NNDA Pioneer Awards, the award recognizes the construction team whose project had the greatest impact on economic development for the Sierra Region.

When Nevada emerged from the Great Recession, NNDA was asked by the Governor's Office of Economic Development to establish and pilot the Nevada Certified Sites program (NevadaCertifiedSites.com).

NNDA's Construction and Design Committee accepted the task, realizing that expanding the inventory of industrial space was essential for the Sierra Region's economic ecosystem. An active member of that committee, Aaron was instrumental in making it the successful program it is today. As NNDA continues to administer the program, he is playing an ongoing key role in its refinement and expansion. ■



The Aaron West family.
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“Aaron’s leadership, passion and vision have had a significant impact on the economic development and growth of our region.”

Rob Hooper
NNDA President & CEO



NNDA Celebrates the Pioneer of the Year (left to right) Chairman Greg Dye, CEO Rob Hooper, Aaron West, and Director Bill Miles.
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