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Kirkpatrick, Ocegüera Smith to deliver “Nevada Businesses First” bill

Legislators team to get Nevadans and Nevada businesses back to work

LAS VEGAS, NV—Key Nevada legislators stated today they will introduce “Nevada Businesses First” legislation in the 2011 Nevada Legislature as a companion to their previously announced “Nevada Jobs First”.

Assemblyman John Ocegüera, Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Assemblywoman Debbie Smith announced the initiative to get Nevada businesses back to work. The proposed legislation focuses on those companies receiving tax abatements or tax credits for establishing themselves in Nevada. It requires them to provide Nevada subcontractors a 5% bid preference over out-of-state bidders, increasing the opportunities for Nevada businesses to qualify for new work.

“This is a companion measure to our “Nevada Jobs First” legislation which will help Nevada workers gain preference over out-of-state workers when companies bid for government contracts. This is part of our on-going commitment to encourage job growth for Nevadans,” Ocegüera said.

Kirkpatrick, who is closely involved in bringing “green energy” industries to Nevada, added, “These businesses are locating here because we have the land, the UNLV research, the incentives, and the political will power to help them. They agree with the direction we’re taking.”

Assemblywoman Smith emphasized the “win-win-win” aspect. “These businesses get tax abatements for coming to Nevada. Nevada workers and businesses, not

out-of-state operations, get jobs and contracts. The new companies win, Nevada businesses win, and Nevada workers win.”

All three legislators say they are continuing to explore more innovative ways to diversify the Nevada job market. They are making jobs and the economy their top priority.