



## Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design

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### **NOTICE**

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**To:** Nevada Firms That Provide Space Planning Services

**From:** Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design

**Re:** Clarification for firms that provide registered interior design services but are not owned by Nevada registrants

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In May 2018, the board issued a notice outlining how to legally specify furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) and provide space planning services in Nevada. A copy of the notice can be downloaded from the [board's website](#).

As detailed in the notice, only a registered design professional or appropriately licensed contractor can provide space planning services for a commercial project. Placement of systems furniture is space planning as it impacts ingress and egress. Likewise, firms that provide regulated services, such as specifying FF&E and placement of systems furniture, must be owned by registered design professionals, or have a registrant on staff.

Nevada law dictates that a firm advertising services that are regulated under NRS Chapter 623 must have at least two-thirds ownership by Nevada registrants:

*NRS 623.349.1*

*Architects, registered interior designers, residential designers, professional engineers and landscape architects may join or form a partnership, corporation, limited-liability company or other business organization or association with registrants and licensees outside of their field of practice, or with persons who are not registered or licensed, if control and two-thirds ownership of the business organization or association is held by persons registered or licensed in this State pursuant to the applicable provisions of this chapter, chapter 623A or 625 of NRS.*

*NRS 623.349.3*

*A partnership, corporation, limited-liability company or other form of business organization or association practicing under the provisions of this section may not perform, promote or advertise the services of a registrant or licensee unless that registrant or licensee is an owner of the business organization or association.*

Space planning services – including placement of systems furniture – require an architect or registered interior designer. If a firm advertises that it provides these services, it must be at least two-thirds owned by Nevada registrants.

Firms that are not owned by Nevada registrants, but employ a registered interior designer, may provide these services through its employee registrant. However, the firm must be careful in how it advertises such services. Firms must make clear that it is the registered interior designer on staff who is providing the space planning services, and not the firm.

For questions regarding firms providing space planning services, please contact NSBAIDRD staff at (702) 486-7300 or [nsbaidrd@nsbaidrd.nv.gov](mailto:nsbaidrd@nsbaidrd.nv.gov).