

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 4c

Date of Meeting April 13, 2010

DATE: April 5, 2010

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Luis Navarro, Director, Office of Social Responsibility

SUBJECT: Special Order of Business: Small Business Champion Awards

BACKGROUND

The Port is celebrating the second annual Small Business Champion Awards. These awards recognize a Port employee or team who has championed increased Small Business participation at the Port during calendar year 2009 and a Small Business from our roster who provided outstanding products or services to the Port also in 2009.

The 2010 Internal and External Small Business Champion honorees are:

Aviation Maintenance Small Works Team: John Deen, CPO Contract Administrator and Jeff Martens, Av/Maintenance Small Works Inspector.

“Jeff and John are a successful team who have worked tirelessly ensuring that AV/Maintenance Small Business contractors understand and comply with the applicable laws, contract terms, safety requirements and how to professionally interface with the Port departments and staff who receive the work performed by the contractors. This consistent effort is demonstrated in the case of excellent interaction with CD Construction, a small business regional contractor, who successfully completed a repair project in baggage claim at the airport as well as their ongoing work with landscaping, glazing, and flooring contractors.”

Doug Bean.

Westgro Corporation

“The Westgro landscaping team working at Seattle Tacoma International Airport is an outstanding performing contractor in the following areas:

- Employees are proactive and self motivated in keeping all landscape areas well groomed and free of litter throughout the year, which is key to the appearance of our airport as the landscaping is one of the first things you see when you approach the airport and one of the last you see when you depart.*
- Employees are always looking out for the environment and understand the Port’s commitment to be the cleanest and greenest in the country.*

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- *Diligence in the observation and documentation of changes to the condition to landscaping caused by vehicles or construction activity.*
- *Consistently follow safety rules and regulations to keep their crew and the public safe.*
- *Completion and timely submission of daily work reports and herbicide reports.*
- *Responsive to the Port requests.*
- *Friendly employees.*
- *Pride in the appearance of Port property.*
- *Westgro's very competitive rates are contributing to our financial success."*

Doug Bean

We would also like to give special recognition to all nominees:

Internal:

- Erik Knowles
- Kathy Bahnick and Roy Kuroiwa
- Kenny Lyles and Karlina Smith
- Paul Meyer

External:

- Brian Davis – Yoga Instructor
- Burgess Consulting
- Herbert Engineering Corp
- Keeney's Office Supplies
- Pacific NW Shredding
- Perez Move Management
- Shen Consulting, Inc.
- Total Creative Incorporated
- United Reprographics LLC

The Port values the strong and ever expanding partnership with the small businesses community, as they are an integral part of the economic growth of the Port and the region. The Office of Social Responsibility, working with committed colleagues throughout the Port, continues to improve access, level the playing field, and increase participation by small businesses. We continue to make great strides in this area in support of the Port's mission of creating economic vitality and jobs in our region.