SMALL BUSINESS RECEIVES SAFETY AWARD AT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

“One Team One Goal — For Excellence in Safety and Performance.” This phrase is imprinted atop coins that were awarded to team members of the San Diego-based small business, Western Pump. These specialty coins were presented for the exemplary safety record for their work on the Rental Car Center at San Diego International Airport (SAN).

“The airport is a great organization to work with because their standards for performance are very high and that brings our level of professionalism up a notch,” said Ryan Rethmeier, President of Western Pump. “To meet the airport’s standards, we work that much harder and even improved our safety program. We know safety is of the utmost concern, so it is nice to be recognized for our efforts.”

As a specialty contractor, Western Pump secured two substantial contracts for the Rental Car Center. The contracts include the installation of 36 fuelling dispensers, underground storage tanks for gasoline on three stories of the facility and 18 carwashes.

“These contracts are very significant to our business, as it is the largest project we’ve won since 2012,” said Rethmeier. “Since the beginning of the year, the company hired 11 additional employees to fulfill the work on this job.”

The Western Pump team is excited about the opportunity to work right in their own backyard – and it has afforded the opportunity to take on new challenges. Most fueling systems are on the ground floor. However, in a facility like a Rental Car Center you have fueling systems on multiple levels that have to comply with California regulations.

“This was definitely a learning experience for us, but with the help of the airport team, we delivered – and we couldn’t be happier with the results,” said Rethmeier. “I’m proud of my team for their passion. They love what they’re doing and when you love what you’re doing, you do a really good job.”

And they have the awards to prove it!

SAN places a great emphasis on its commitment to providing business opportunities to local and small businesses, including women- and minority-owned and disabled veteran businesses. To date, $155 million has been awarded to local businesses and $60 million to small businesses for work on the Rental Car Center.