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## **Airport Authority's Small Business Outreach Wins Two Prestigious Honors**

SAN DIEGO – August 30, 2010 – San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was recently recognized with two awards for its small business outreach and involvement efforts.

On July 14, the San Diego chapter of the American Subcontracting Association (ASA) recognized the airport for its outstanding contribution toward and support of the San Diego subcontracting community's issues and concerns. The award is not given out annually but only when ASA chooses to recognize a public agency for outstanding efforts.

The airport was also honored by the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) with a prestigious national award known as the "Award of the Organization." The award was presented for the airport's significant contributions toward the inclusion of historically underrepresented businesses, and was presented at the 26th annual Business Diversity Conference in June in New Orleans, hosted by AMAC and the FAA.

AMAC praised the Airport Authority for its Bonding & Contract Financing Program, its small business education program and the success of its Ready-Service Contracts, which have had more than 50 percent participation by historically underrepresented businesses.

"The airport is committed to providing business opportunities to local small businesses, including women- and minority-owned and disabled veteran businesses," said Thella Bowens, President and CEO of San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

The airport's Small Business Development Department was established to ensure that local, small, historically underutilized, disabled veteran and emerging businesses have every opportunity to do business with the airport.

Visit [www.san.org/smallbusiness](http://www.san.org/smallbusiness) to learn more about opportunities for small businesses to work with the airport.

*In 2009, passengers rated San Diego International Airport 88% in overall passenger satisfaction, the highest in six years of surveying.*

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