

SBCCD recognized for perfect safety record

By Cynthia Mendoza

Thursday, June 13, the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) received the Outstanding Safety Performance Award for the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Central Plant and Infrastructure Project from The Statewide Educational Wrap-Up Program (SEWUP) Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, a comprehensive owner-controlled insurance program that covers the SBCCD as the owner, as well as the general contractor and subcontractors on the project, for doing just that. There were no workers compensation claims and no general liability losses throughout the 13 months of the project. More than 50 workers were involved in the project.

The SBVC Central Plant and Infrastructure Project is a Measure M bond-funded project whose original construction value was \$10,878,000.

“The safety and welfare of our workers is of paramount importance in each project and on each site of our District,” said SBCCD Chancellor Bruce Baron. “In addition to safeguarding the health of our construction crew, we also reap the benefit of lower employment costs which serves the taxpayers of our community. We are honored to have been recognized for our ongoing commitment to workplace safety.”

SBCCD Board Member Joseph Williams echoed similar sentiments.

He said that the board places a lot of trust in staff to carry out the business of the district and those recognitions such as this one reinforce that trust.

“This recognition shows staff’s commitment to excellence,” he said. “They are taking care of business. I appreciate what they do in making sure everyone is doing what they need to be doing.”

“The District demonstrated their commitment to safety by hiring and supporting the safety efforts of the construction management team of Kitchell/BRj/Seville,” said John Rodriguez John J. Rodriguez,

Director, SEWUP Loss Control Services, to what he attributed such an outstanding record. “[They] helped set the tone that safety was a priority.”

Rodriguez added that the general contractor and their subcontractors incorporated safety into the planning of their activities and followed through by holding safety meetings and integrating safety into their field activities.

“When there were safety concerns or possible deficiencies, there was no finger pointing among team members, only corrective action,” he said.

In other general updates, over the next few meetings the board will be going over their strategic plan for the future. According to

Williams, community input is welcome in the process.

The district also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2012-2013 budget. The SBCCD won the honor last year as well and for the second time is the only community college district in California to have received the recognition.

For additional information on the SBCCD, please contact Alisa Sparkia Moore at 909.382.4012 or by email at asmoore@sbccd.edu. On Wednesday, June 13, the San Bernardino Community College District received the Outstanding Safety Performance Award for the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Central Plant and Infrastructure Project from The Statewide Educational Wrap-Up Program (SEWUP) Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, a comprehensive owner-controlled insurance program that covers the SBCCD as the owner, as well as the general contractor and subcontractors on the project. There were no workers compensation claims and no general liability losses throughout the \$10 million, 13-month project.





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