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Facilities

Rice Lake Weighing Systems of Rice Lake, Wis., recently purchased a 29,700-square-foot manufacturing facility in Fernley, Nev., where the company plans to expand truck-scale manufacturing and improve service to its western heavy-capacity customers. This expansion will create at least 25 jobs upon opening in November, primarily for welders, painters and other skilled positions.

Erie, Pa.-based Eriez announced that the company will move its 5-Star Service Center to its newly-purchased 114,000-square-foot building in Erie, about 15 miles from its headquarters building. The 5-Star Service Center is equipped to remanufacture complex systems. The center employs trained technicians and has the machining, fabricating and welding capabilities necessary to rebuild all Eriez equipment as well as some competitive units. Once remanufactured, all Eriez equipment leaves the service center with an "as new" warranty.

The new building will also handle the manufacturing of Hydroflow Fluid Filtration and Recycling Equipment, Column Flotation Cells and Metals Recycling Equipment. The company plans to finish some renovations to the space and move operations in by the end of 2011.

Eriez is also expanding operations around the world. The company has purchased a second building in China and its operations in Canada and India will be moved from existing facilities to larger buildings in the area.

Contracts

Nether Providence Township, Pa., will have a new company handle its recycling program next year. Township officials chose J.P. Mascaro & Sons to run the program. The company was the lowest bidder, according the Delaware County Daily Times. Officials ruled out bringing in a company that would do weekly curbside pickups of commingled recyclables and collection of residential trash. The township's contract with Suburban Waste Services expires at the end of the year.

Balcones Resources has chosen Bulk Handling Systems to manufacture and install a custom-designed 25-ton-per-hour multistream processing system for its new Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Austin, Texas. The company broke ground on the facility and new 10-acre campus on Aug. 3.

The MRF will be capable of processing either residential or commercial material through the system and is scheduled to begin running in fall 2012. The plant will have a recovery rate in excess of 95%, the companies said. It will process cardboard, newsprint, mixed paper, PET, HDPE, mixed plastics, mixed office paper, glass and metals.

Balcones was recently awarded a 20-year contract with the city of Austin to process the majority of its single-stream recyclables from 177,170 residential accounts. Balcones also operates a commercial recycling facility in Austin.

Memberships

Sims Recycling Solutions, the world's largest electronics recycler, has become a member of the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID). NAID is an international trade association for companies providing information destruction services. It sets the standards and ethics of member companies.

Donations

City Carton Recycling / Ockenfels Family Foundation raised more than \$111,000 at its 17th Annual Charity Golf Outing benefiting the American Cancer Society's children's programs, including its scholarship fund. One hundred percent of the golf outing's proceeds are donated thanks to the Ockenfels Family Foundation, which pays all golf outing expenses. The outing is held in memory of Deborah Ockenfels, daughter of City Carton Recycling founders Mort and Marcy. Deborah died of cancer at age 17.

More than 160 golfers from across the United States and Canada teed off. About 40 more friends, family and City Carton Recycling team members volunteered with the event held on Aug. 9 at the Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville, Iowa.

More than \$870,000 has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society and children's cancer programs since the start of the golf outing 17 years ago.

Awards

Four California businesses were honored by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) during the organization's Arrow Awards ceremony held recently in San Diego at the California Resource Recovery Association's 35th annual conference.

Opportunity Green, Savory and Sweet Catering, Agricultural Container Recycling Council and the US Air Conditioning Distributors received statewide recognition for excellence in product stewardship, green design, coalition building and product take-back.

Located in Los Angeles, Opportunity Green was given the Golden Arrow Award for Overall Excellence in Product Stewardship for its efforts in bringing together leading companies and visionaries to create opportunities and innovations that drive today's sustainability movement.

Sunnyvale-based Savory and Sweet Catering was awarded the Green Arrow for System Design and Innovation for integrating green thinking into its entire business model. It was the first U.S. business to purchase a Korean composting tub that turns food scraps into a soil amendment every 24 hours. Over the past 10 years, its goal of having 95% of any catering event be edible, reusable, compostable or recyclable has provided a blueprint for other food services and catering businesses.

Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC) was honored for its coalition-building with a Bow & Arrow Award. The recycling program is run by Interstate Ag Plastic, based in Buttonwillow, Calif. The oldest, continually running, voluntary, industry-funded, product-stewardship program in the nation, ACRC members formulate, produce, package and distribute crop protection and other pesticide products. Their efforts in California have led to 20 million pounds of containers recycled, 45,000 gallons of gasoline saved and 100,000 cubic yards of landfill space saved.

Because of their "Cash for Clunkers" mercury thermostat take-back program, the city of Industry-based US Air Conditioning Distributors received the Infinity Award for Service and Take-Back this year. The program gave contractors incentives to collect and properly recycle mercury thermostats by placing recycling bins at all their branches. By collecting more than 55 pounds of mercury in 2010, the company also won a Waste Recycling Award from CalRecycle. The company saved \$85,000 in fuel by switching to natural gas trucks, recycled 73,180 pounds of scrap metal, 12,320 pounds of corrugated cardboard, 3,360 pounds of white paper and 500 pounds of electronic waste last year.

The Environmental Quality Co.'s (EQ) site in Belleville, Mich., received the CET Bronze Award today for an outstanding safety and health record from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). The MIOSHA program is part of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

The MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division recognizes the safety and health achievements of Michigan employers and employees through CET Awards, which are based on excellent safety and health performance. The CET Bronze Award recognizes leadership and commitment to workplace safety and health resulting in significant improvement of their MIOSHA record. The company has completed the following criteria to receive the Bronze Award:

- * Reduced its injury/illness incident rate by more than 50% within the last three years.
- * Developed and implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system.
- * Established a safety and health committee, with both employee and management participation.
- * Developed an employee training system, with an emphasis on how to do the work in a safe and healthful manner.
- * Worked diligently to change their workplace culture to reflect the importance of worker safety.