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Construction Notebook

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Construction is complete for the new 7,300-square-foot National Polytechnic College of Science (NPCS) located on the National University campus in the Kearny Mesa. San Diego-based design firm **Architects | Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker** provided full design services and participated in the discretionary permit process for the \$2.1 million project.

The new two-story building will provide classrooms, lab space, and equipment for NPCS, which teaches curriculum pertaining to commercial diving, marine technology and hyperbaric medical technology.

The scope of work for Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker included the re-design and re-location of an existing compressed air/mixed gas system.

A two-story diving tank and an existing single-story structure, housing classrooms and office space for the NPCOS, occupied the new building's original site.

The diving tank, used for training deep-water commercial divers, was the only portion of the original site to remain unchanged. The design team was charged with integrating the diving tank with the new building.

The project required discretionary review for conditional use, which entailed presentations before the San Diego Planning Commission and well as public hearings.

The building is one of four new structures designed by Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker that recently was completed, or currently is under construction on National University's Kearny Mesa campus.

Most challenging to the architect team during design of the four buildings was sequencing them, as the university's operations had to be maintained while various departments were moved from one building to another until each new structure was built.

Michael Wilkes, served as principal-in-charge for Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker, with Randall Dolph as associate, and Alan Nations as project architect and manager.

Other members of the project's design team included David Salud as project manager, Erin Bilz as interior designer and Cynthia Barba.

Hope Engineering served as the structural engineer on the NPCS project, with RBF Consulting as the civil engineer and Xnth as the electrical and mechanical engineer. Wimmer Yamada Caughey was the landscape architect for the project, with Roel Construction serving as the general contractor.

T.B. Penick & Sons has announced the formation of a new carpenter's union affiliate, Triton Structural Concrete.

The formation will allow the firm to become signatory to the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, a major carpenter's union that represents more than 65,000 union carpenters in Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico, according to a release.

Triton is a separate company, but will employ all structural concrete trade personnel

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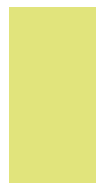
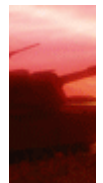
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for T.B. Penick, whose general building and decorative concrete divisions will remain an open shop, and unchanged by the structural concrete division's new union affiliation.

The formation represents the firm's first union affiliation in 27 years and provides the structural concrete division of the T.B. Penick with access to new markets and personnel.

The Southwest Regional Council is the largest council affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and spends \$28 million every year to provide skill and productivity training to its members.

T.B. Penick also recently announced it has been selected to build an Indian gaming casino in Yuma, Ariz., and a large military project for the Department of Defense in Ventura.

Weston Solutions Inc. recently announced it has been awarded a \$12.4 million construction management services contract for the interim/source removal action at Pier A West/Area 2 within the Port of Long Beach.

The removal action calls for excavation and disposal of approximately 250,000 cubic yards of impacted soils from 19 delineated sump areas, and replacement and site grading of approximately 650,000 cubic yards of clean fill at the site.

The historical oil field waste was disposed on site prior to the POLB purchase of the property.

Weston will be responsible for performing and overseeing all duties necessary for successful delivery of the project, including but not limited to construction management and construction contract administration; field inspection; surveying; geotechnical, environmental, and material testing services; and coordinating construction contractors and subcontractors.

Weston's construction management scope is just one part of an estimated \$80 million remediation project at Pier A, which is under the regulatory oversight of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Andrew Berg, executive director of the National Electrical Contractors Association San Diego chapter, received the first-ever Taxpayer Champion Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) in recognition for his outstanding dedication and leadership, according to a release.

Berg, executive board member and vice-chair of SDCTA, has been active in the association since 2002, sitting on numerous committees and subcommittees.

"Andy has been a loyal, dedicated member of SDCTA genuinely committed to the mission of the organization. He is most deserving of this award," said Lani Lutar, SDCTA president and CEO.

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