



DD Mark Quinn, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan and Chuck Lucasey, CEO of Lucasey Manufacturing Corporation.

All in the Family for Oakland's Lucasey Manufacturing Corporation

Still Going Strong After Almost 60 Years

An Oakland manufacturing plant that started in 1954 making television mounting systems has been named the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for SBA's San Francisco District Office which covers 13 counties in Northern California.

The final Small Business Week awards program for 2011 was held May 26 at the Lucasey Manufacturing Corporation in Oakland with Mayor Jean Quan awarding the Lucasey family with a city proclamation honoring the firm and DD Mark Quinn presenting the Family-Owned Small Business of the Year award in the form of a handsome engraved glass plaque.

Lucasey Manufacturing Corporation was founded by Italian immigrant Joe Lucasey in 1954 when he came up with the idea for a lock and mount system to prevent the theft of hotel room TVs. Since then, the firm has been a leader in the TV mounting industry and has expanded its product line to wall, ceiling and pedestal mounts, audio-visual carts and truss display systems. In the past few years, Lucasey Manufacturing has also obtained federal contracts for custom-built airport screening tables.

When Joe Lucasey died in 2008, company ownership and management passed to his wife Teresa and her children and grandchildren. Teresa, who continued to work at the company into her 90s, passed away last year. Ownership then passed to her two daughters and two grandsons. Today, Chuck Lucasey serves as chief executive officer; his mother Janet is vice president; and his brother Chris is head of sales.

"This is a company that gives back to the community," said Mayor Quan, who met company founder Joe Lucasey ten years ago at a civic event. "We're working to keep our industrial base in the city and I'm so proud to see the number of jobs Lucasey Manufacturing has saved."

Brian Garrett, CEO of Community Bank of the Bay, the SBA lender that made a \$2 million Recovery Act loan to Lucasey in 2010, noted, "We're a community bank and this is what we do in the Oakland community. We're proud that our SBA loan helped Lucasey with job retention and job growth."



Ed O'Neill (left) shows off a guided search table to DD Mark Quinn. O'Neill, Lucasey's chief engineer, designed the table which was recently shown to TSA officials at an airport trade show in Atlanta. In addition to domestic airports, including SFO, the specialized tables are also in use in Canada, Germany and Israel. Lucasey Manufacturing Corporation is located in a HUB-Zone in Oakland which may assist the firm in securing future government contracts.



Hungarian Visitors. Dr. Erno Kallai, PhD. (right), a Hungarian government commissioner involved with national and ethnic minorities, received a briefing on SBA programs and minority assistance May 27 when he visited SBA's San Francisco office. He was accompanied by Agnes Niemetz, a translator under contract to the U.S. State Department. The SBA visit was arranged by the Institute of International Education in San Francisco.