

PORT PRESENTS AWARD AT MINORITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS FOURTH ANNUAL AWARD RECEPTION

Last Thursday, the Northern California Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials held its Fourth Annual Award Reception in San Francisco. The mission of COMTO is to ensure a level playing field and maximum participation in the transportation industry for minority individuals, businesses and communities of color through advocacy, information sharing, training, education and professional development. With 38 chapters throughout the United States, members include individuals, transportation agencies, academic institutions, industry non-profits and Historically Underutilized Businesses. From highways and roads to mass transit systems; from subways to rail systems; and from port authorities to airports, COMTO members represent every facet of the transportation industry.

I had the pleasure of attending this event, along with Port of Oakland Director of Social Responsibility, Diann Castleberry and her staff. I was honored with presenting the award for “Private Sector Employer of the Year” to Lea & Elliott, Incorporated. The Port of Oakland is a previous winner in this category, back in 2006. I would like to take this time to thank Diann and her staff for their continued work with the many local agencies, organizations and business networks that are committed to the issue of social responsibility.

Thank you.