WESTERN DREDGING ASSOCIATION

Is pleased to present WEDA’s 2016 Annual Safety Excellence Award for a Dredging Contractor to

J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.

McMillan Island Pumping and Dewatering Project North of Mississippi River Lock #10

J.F. Brennan Company defines its safety culture through acts of its employees every day. Brennan professionals of all tenures are empowered to question or stop work whenever they see something that just doesn’t look right. The involvement of these good people is key to Brennan’s safety success.

The McMillan Island project completed nearly 7,300 man hours in just over three weeks’ time, finishing with zero lost time injuries, zero restricted days, zero recordable injuries, and zero releases to the Environment. Thanks to great employee Safety Behavior Observations (SBOs), the project identified slip, trip, and fall hazards as potential sources of injury on the job site. This information was relayed from the safety team back to project management on site, who immediately began mitigation with more clear and defined walkways, salted and sanded decks when the potential for frost was present, and increased focus on slips, trips, and falls during daily toolbox meetings. Employee foresight together with management response created a better work environment for all employees.

Throughout the project, Brennan gather data documenting all safety meetings, near misses, and SBO’s into one central location, instantly trending for proactive prevention. The company’s participation in a software pilot program contributed to a product likely to protect others across the industry over time.

JF Brennan Company’s exemplary safety commitment and dedication meet and exceed the Western Dredging Association’s stated safety desire to raise safety awareness throughout the dredging and marine construction industry and are greatly appreciated.