## Wastequip acquires Consolidated Fabricators Corp.

Charlotte, North Carolina-based Wastequip, a leading North American manufacturer of waste handling equipment, has announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Consolidated Fabricators Corp. (ConFab), a waste container manufacturer based in Van Nuys, California.

Founded in 1974, ConFab operates manufacturing, steel processing and equipment repair facilities in central and southern California with additional California locations in Sun Valley, Fontana, Galt and Otay Mesa, as well as a manufacturing facility in Tijuana, Mexico.

Under the terms of the agreement, ConFab will continue to operate as its own entity with the existing leadership team remaining in place and reporting directly to Wastequip Chief Executive Officer Marty Bryant, according to a Wastequip news release.

The acquisition of ConFab adds a West Coast container manufacturer to Wastequip's portfolio of brands. A family-owned business started by Al Melideo and now under the leadership of son Mike Melideo, ConFab has established itself as a leading provider of custom waste containers and related equipment specifically designed to suit the unique needs of the California market.

Existing Wastequip customers will benefit from access to a suite of products suited to their geographic market, along with additional production facilities to meet demand quickly.

This acquisition, along with Wastequip's acquisition of Amrep in early 2019, rounds

out Wastequip's ability to offer complete nationwide product coverage for waste containers and related equipment, the company says.

"ConFab has been one of our top acquisition targets for some time because of the synergies it brings, including the ability to process steel, expand our parts fabrication and add container repair services," Bryant says. "We are impressed by the business that Mike Melideo has built over the years in terms of vertical integration, intimate market knowledge, consistent product quality and outstanding customer support."

Mike Melideo, CEO at ConFab, adds, "Becoming part of the Wastequip family aligns the company we've proudly built over the past four decades. This alignment allows us to take advantage of the strength of the Wastequip brand and leverage additional operational efficiencies to continue serving our customer base."

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