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Nationwide Equipment wins statewide award

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[Nationwide Equipment Co.](#) received a 2004 Governor's Business Diversification Award for excellence in exporting. The award was one of 11 handed out in five categories by Florida Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings March 4.

Nationwide Equipment President and CEO Ed Kostenski accepted the award.

Nationwide Equipment, which Kostenski founded, was also named the International Trader of the Year for 2004 by the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce. In May 2004, Nationwide chartered a cargo ship to export more than 100 pieces of refurbished heavy earthmoving and road-building equipment to West Africa, a deal worth about \$6.5 million.

Governor's Business Diversification Awards are sponsored annually by Enterprise Florida Inc. to recognize Florida businesses' contributions to the state and local communities.

Kostenski was recently named to the Export-Import Bank of the United States' Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee.