

Language Training Facilitator Classes

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NCCER will offer the first Language Training Facilitator class for its Online Instructional Language Series at **2 p.m. EST on April 7, 2009.**

Language Training Facilitator (LTF) classes will be conducted the first Tuesday of every month via the Internet and will last one-two hours. The LTF is a key component of Construction English for the Spanish Speaker, a series of courses created to provide Spanish-speaking employees the necessary language skills to communicate safely on the job site.

The role of the LTF includes teaching basic computer skills, logging onto the Internet, navigating the course, and monitoring progress for Spanish-speaking participants enrolled in the Construction English for the Spanish Speaker courses. LTF must be fluent in both Spanish and English.

NCCER's Online Instructional Language Series consists of a two-part series to address the language challenges facing the construction industry. Construction English for the Spanish Speaker is a series of five courses that provide a practical tool for Spanish-

speaking to perform and communicate safely on the job site. Courses include Introduction to Construction English I-II, Intermediate Construction English I-II, and Advanced Construction English. The second series, Construction Spanish for the English Speaker, provides Spanish language skills to English-speaking employees.

All courses are highly graphic and interactive to hold the individual's attention and include practical exercises, exams, and benchmarks to measure progress. Participants can log in anytime and anywhere there is access to a computer and the Internet.

The Online Instructional Language Series is a partnership between NCCER and constructNet International of Phoenix, Ariz.

To register for the next or upcoming LTF classes or to view a course demo, visit www.nccer.org/ols. For more information on the Online Instructional Language Series, contact NCCER customer service at 888.622.3720.

For **Miller Construction Co.**, reaching the firm's 35th anniversary with a pipeline of projects in a challenging economy provided a good reason to celebrate. A mainstay of the South Florida construction industry since 1973, Miller recently hosted clients, subcontractors and other business leaders for a celebration of the past, present and future.

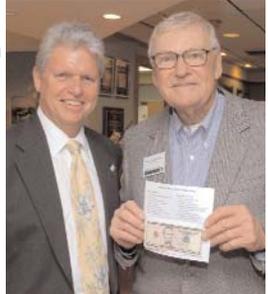
Miller Construction Co. gave guests an *"instant economic stimulus"* package, including a \$5 bill, suggestions for spending it, and directions to *"please spend your stimulus dollars within 2 weeks."*

"We wanted to give a memorable gift -- appropriate, given the times -- that people could use," says Traci Miller Martineau, Miller business development associate.

Stiles Construction has begun work on a \$30 million Public Safety Complex for the City of Sunrise. The 109,000-square-foot facility at 10440 West Oakland Park Blvd. will house the city's police and fire service headquarters. The project includes a 17,850-square-foot fire station and 4,900-square-foot central energy plant adjacent to the new Public Safety Building.

Sunrise Mayor Roger Wishner and other civic leaders took part in the building groundbreaking ceremony, along with Stiles representatives.

The complex is scheduled for completion in March 2011.



Harley Miller, Miller Construction president, with Hank Langsenkamp, Steel Fabricators, displaying Miller's Economic Stimulus Package.



Sunrise Mayor Roger Wishner and Terry Stiles at groundbreaking.

Finished Product...Always on Time!

Each month Construction FOCUS features a CASF member company, selected by drawing a business card from among those attending the monthly networking breakfast. The next breakfast, sponsored by Turner Construction Co., will be held on Thursday, April 16, 7:30 a.m. at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes.

Cayman National Manufacturing and Installation, Inc. have been providing quality, custom commercial case-work and millwork for over 25 years.



Cayman employs a staff of 80 professionals at their 44,000 square foot facility. Their team is experienced in all aspects of case-work and millwork

to ensure total satisfaction. From the first meeting with their Estimators to your personal Project Manager, Cayman will be involved in every aspect of your project through completion.

Cayman's OmniTrac scheduling system allows them to complete projects on time to the ever changing construction schedule. Their skilled installers have extensive knowledge dealing

with on site challenges that always seem to arise. In addition, Cayman's detail-oriented Engineering team uses state-of-the-art technology to meet the most stringent demands. This attention to detail not only produces a successful project, but also is very cost-effective.

After passing Quality Control's stringent inspection, the completed project is carefully loaded and safely delivered to your jobsite by Cayman's own fleet of trucks.

Cayman's corporate mantra is "Product On Time". They are extremely proud of their 25 plus years of accomplishments, and have a long list of repeat customers to back it up. By providing quality workmanship on all their products, as well as, outstanding service, Cayman not only delivers projects on time, they also

provide their clients peace-of-mind.

Cayman has successfully completed over 4,500 projects including: Fontainebleau Resort, Palm Beach International Airport: Concourse C Renovations, Cruise Terminal 18 Port Everglades: Phase I.

Current and other projects in the pipeline include: SOHO Beach House, Suncoast High School, Carol City Senior High School replacement Phase B & C /State School LLL, Cruise Terminal 18 Port Everglades: Phase II, Palm Beach County Jail Exp. II, & DCOTA.

Moving forward, even as the economic issues are affecting us all, Cayman is committed to maintaining a high-level of professionalism. They are dedicated to providing all their clients on time delivery and installation. By also coordinating with other trades and anticipating and implementing rapid response to project changes, Cayman is truly focused on making customer service their highest priority. Taking full advantage of precise communication methods, Cayman continues to work extremely hard to stand out from the competition. They are on track for the future and look forward to the exciting challenges and opportunities that they face.

Cayman National Manufacturing & Installation, Inc. is located at 1301 SW 34th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. For more information, go to their website at www.caymanmgf.com or call 954-421-1170.

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Don't Put Your Life On The Line

On March 26, the CASF Safety Committee hosted a breakfast presentation with the Florida Power & Light Company. The guest speaker was Pete D'Aversa, FPL's Supervisor of Power Systems - South Area Transmission.

Mr. D'Aversa featured an educational and informative multi-media presentation called "Don't Put Your Life On The Line" - promoting safety awareness with electricity. The program details the six primary areas that everyone in the industry should be aware of.

Safe habits are vital to your well-being. According to the National Safety Council, more than 10,000 workers in the U.S. are killed in industrial accidents annually. Approximately 4% of those accidents involve electricity. Safety should never be taken for granted, but it is easy to avoid the most common mistakes made around electric power lines.

The following is a summary of the six easy-to-remember rules:

1. **Work A Safe Distance:** This is the single most important rule. It is critical to work a safe distance from all power lines. When you operate construction equipment, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that certain pieces of equipment must be kept at least 10 feet from power lines of 50,000 volts or less. When uncertain of the voltage, stay 18 feet away.

2. **Stay Calm-Stay Away:** If the construction equipment you are operating con-

tacts a power line, don't panic. Stay where you are unless you are in danger from a fire or from being struck by a power line. You will be safe from electrical shock as long as you don't become a pathway for the current to flow to the ground. Remember that the ground may carry a higher than normal electrical charge.



3. **Ladders 'n Lines Don't Mix:** Even though they are lightweight and easy to handle, aluminum ladders conduct electricity. If you are standing on, or holding a metal ladder which contacts an energized power line, you become part of the path to the ground the electricity follows. Before putting up any kind of ladder or metal pole, make sure to check all directions for power lines.

4. **Call Before You Dig:** Before starting excavation

work, call toll-free "Sunshine State One Call of Florida" at 1-800-432-4770 at least 2 business days in advance of digging. Calling before you dig not only makes good safety sense, but is also required by OSHA and Florida law.

5. **Look Up And Live:** Always remember to look up when you work around overhead power lines, especially when trees are nearby. Tree branches can hide power lines from view, so be on the lookout. Make sure to stay a safe distance from all power lines no matter what type of equipment or tool you are using.

6. **Downed Lines Can Be Deadly:** If you see a line down, stay away. Do not touch it or attempt to move it. Call your local FPL office immediately. The sooner FPL learns about the problem, the sooner they can fix it.

For more information please contact Florida Power & Light at 1-800-DIAL-FPL or visit online at www.fpl.com. Copies of the "Safety Six" brochure are available upon request.

FPL Safety Alert

Contact with power lines can cause serious injury or death.

FPL Power Line Voltages

13,000 - 69,000 volts
115,000 - 138,000 volts
230,000 volts
500,000 volts

If equipment contacts power line:

Don't panic
Stay at controls
Move machine off wire
Keep everyone away
Call FPL



March Bar-B-Que

CASF Members pitching in to replenish food items at the



Three horizontal lines for a signature or name, followed by a grey rectangular box containing the text 'ROUTE TO:'.

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