

## OSHA Narrows Focus

At the November CASF Safety committee meeting, Vergie Bain, Compliance Assistant Specialist for OSHA's Fort Lauderdale Area Office, presented an OSHA Update. Discussed were the new focus and directives affecting the South Florida Construction Industry.

OSHA's view is "no job is a good job, unless it is a safe job". **In 2010 there were 4,547 fatalities in the United States and 68 in Florida.**

For the next year OSHA will focus on Enforcement, Outreach, and Partnerships.

There will be an effort on strong, fair and effective enforcement. There is an updated penalty policy with higher monetary fines. OSHA will be looking at Safety & Health Programs, emphasis on more accurate reporting, and resetting priorities on the regulatory agenda to have a more common sense approach. They are working on improving their investigative techniques. Target areas will include trenching, falls, ladder safety and the use of nail guns. Exposure to hazardous materials and chemicals, and respiratory protection in construction is an area which is generally overlooked by the employer and will be a new focus area.

### Severe Violator Enforcement Program(SVEP)

The SVEP directive became effective on June 18, 2010, cancelling the Enhanced Enforcement Program. Under the SVEP, the criteria was changed to better focus enforcement efforts on significant hazards by concentrating inspection resources on employers who have demonstrated recalcitrance or indifference to their OSHA Act obligations by committing willful, repeated, or failure-to-abate violations in one or more of the following circumstances: (1) a fatality or catastrophe situation; (2) in industry operations or processes that expose employees to the most severe occupational hazards and those identified as "High-Emphasis Hazards;" and (3) exposing employees to hazards related to the potential release of a highly hazardous chemical. The SVEP also created a nationwide referral procedure in which OSHA may inspect related worksites/workplaces of an employer if OSHA identifies a broader pattern of non-compliance. The High-Emphasis Hazards include fall hazards and specific hazards, such as, amputation, combustible dust, excavation/ trenching, etc.

For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

## Member News

**Crawford Tracey Corporation** announced that their employee, *Obed Gonzalez*, was awarded a 2011 Craftsmanship Award for his work on the recently completed glazing package for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. The Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is Florida's newest freestanding Children's Hospital. The \$140 million project showcases its theme of "Power of Play" throughout the exterior glass with each floor representing themes of Sports, Arts, Games and Dreams.

**Miller Construction Company** CEO Tom Miller announced the promotions of *Brian Sudduth*, *Jeff Slade* and *Chris Hannaka* to senior leadership positions.

"The promotions are a key step in positioning our firm to grow its presence in Palm Beach County and in new market segments", Miller said.

All three executives are shareholders in the 38-year-old design/build and general contracting firm. Named senior vice president, *Sudduth* leads Miller's Preconstruction team; *Slade* has been promoted to vice president-operations manager; and *Hannaka* was promoted to project executive from project manager with over a decade of construction experience at the firm.

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Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital



Brian Sudduth



Jeff Slade



Chris Hannaka

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# Marine Contractor that Enjoys a Challenge!

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 Stiles Construction Company, will be held on Thursday, December 15, 7:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott-Cypress Creek in Ft. Lauderdale.

**P**iedroba Marine Construction (PMC) was founded in 2006 by a group of South Florida based professionals who saw the need for a locally based marine contractor with specific emphasis on dredging. Beyond filling the geographical niche, the

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MARINE CONSTRUCTION



closely-knit partnership of engineers, contractors, business consultants, and public affairs specialists envisioned a firm offering marine construction services, guided by the latest and most innovative techniques and engineering methods available.

PMC offers comprehensive environmental engineering services including marine construction, dredging, engineering consultancy, and other related services throughout the south-eastern United States and

Latin America. They are one of the few companies in the U.S. that specialize in both the construction and engineering side of dredging. Their understanding of Florida's subsoil conditions, past experiences as both a contractor and engineer and access to and understanding of a wide range of marine equipment sets them apart from competitors.

Starting the business during such hard economic times and in such a competitive and capital intensive industry has definitely created many challenges and adversity for PMC.

However, by working in such a tough environment, a foundation of creativity, determination and dependability was made, and it has enabled the company to be successful. The company currently has 13 employees and continues to grow.

*"One of the great things of working with PMC is working with Dr. Prieto-Portar; his 40 years of construction and*

*engineering expertise, combined with his ability to transfer his knowledge, make it a pleasure to work with him",* expresses Jelle Prins, who has been with the company since it has opened.

One of the company's most significant moments was being selected by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to teach the required 'Dredging Fundamentals' class to their employees/students for the next five years. The successful completion of the course's first year has led to other in-house training contracts with different Army Corps of Engineers' Districts. PMC also recently successfully completed the Hernando Beach Dredging Project and work for the South Florida Water Management District, which consisted of bridge repairs around Lake Okeechobee.

Above all else, PMC is a business that enjoys a challenge. Whether it is a complex dredging project, requiring a novel combination of technologies, or assisting a police force with using dredging equipment to recover crime scene evidence, PMC's team of engineers and contractors is always ready. PMC just recently joined CASF in order to get their name out and establish their company within the association as one of the few marine contractors and the only dredging contractor. *"We hope to also strengthen our ties with local contractors and suppliers, and take advantage of the great networking opportunities"* states Prins.

Piedroba Marine Construction LLC is located at 3250 Grand Avenue, Suite 201, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, call 305-529-2235 or visit [www.piedroba.com](http://www.piedroba.com).

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# 53rd Annual Craftsmanship Award Winners



## LANDSCAPING

*Randy Singh*  
PROJECT: Rolling Hills Graduate  
Residence Pool

## CONCRETE

*Mike Castellon*  
PROJECT: NSU Coral Reef  
Research Facility

## CONCRETE FORMWORK

*George Gore*  
PROJECT: Marlins Stadium

## CONCRETE TILTWALL

*Tom Vanderspool*  
PROJECT: The Point/ NSU

## MASONRY- BLOCK

*Jose Done*  
PROJECT: Publix #1288

## NATURAL STONE/ GRAN- ITE MARBLE

*Matthew Campbell*  
PROJECT: Florida Shores Bank

## STONE

*John Kovachs III*  
PROJECT: City Furniture/Ashley  
Furniture

## ALUMINUM CANOPY

*Cory Jay Dion*  
PROJECT: Parkway Middle School

## ORNAMENTAL METALS

*Robert Rosa*  
PROJECT: Stiles Headquarters-  
Plaza at Las Olas

## STEEL BRIDGE

*John Hegarty*  
PROJECT: Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital

## STEEL ERECTION

*Curtis Mayes*  
PROJECT: Marlins Stadium

## ARCHITECTURAL WOOD- WORK

*Duniex Feliciano*  
PROJECT: Florida Shores Bank

## HEAVY TIMBER CON- STRUCTION

*Steve Klosowsky*  
PROJECT: Bodenweber  
Residence

## MILLWORK

*Duniex Feliciano*  
PROJECT: Beaux Arts Hotel Miami

## ROOFING - PRE-FORMED

*Javier Cruz*  
PROJECT: City Furniture/Ashley  
Furniture

## GLASS & GLAZING

*Dominic Licari*  
PROJECT: Miami Freedom Tower

## GLASS & GLAZING- CUR- TAIN WALL

*Obed Gonzalez*  
PROJECT: Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital

## ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS

*Jeffrey Whitaker*  
PROJECT: Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital

## ARCHITECTURAL METAL CEILINGS

*James Clemence*  
PROJECT: PBSC Technical  
Education Center

## CERAMIC TILE

*Victor Garcia*  
PROJECT: Soho Beach House

## FLOORING- DECORATIVE CONCRETE

*Sam Godbey*  
PROJECT: FIU PG5 Market  
Station

## FLOORING- LAMINATE

*Heather Nighman*  
PROJECT: St. Mark's Episcopal  
School- Gym

## FLOORING- RUBBER

*Chuck Johnston*  
PROJECT: Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital

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## Craftsmanship Award Winners

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**2011 Overall Craftsmanship Award  
 Florida Shores Bank**

**GC:** JWR Construction Services; **Architect:** Gallo, Herbert & Lebolo and **Engineer:** Bryntesen & Associates, Inc.

- FLOORING- SPORTS**  
*Juan Otero*  
 PROJECT: Parkway Middle School
- FLOORING- WOOD**  
*Mike Macina*  
 PROJECT: Soho Beach House
- GYP SUM WALLBOARD**  
*Oscar Ronquillo*  
*James Glover*  
 PROJECT: New World Symphony Center

- GYP SUM WALLBOARD/  
 FRAMING**  
*Paul Irving*  
 PROJECT: FAU College of Engineering
- LATH & PLASTER**  
*Max De La Cerda*  
 PROJECT: Miami Freedom Tower
- PAINTING**  
*Vergil Smith*  
 PROJECT: Miami Freedom Tower
- PAINTING-FAUX FINISHES**  
*Rubens Terci*  
 PROJECT: El Dorado West Palm Beach
- PLASTER- VENETIAN  
 ELEMENTS**  
*Alberto Garcia*  
 PROJECT: Villagio Restaurant at Sawgrass
- STUCCO**  
*Mario Riveria*  
 PROJECT: Publix #1288
- STUCCO- EFIS**  
*Andre Schelchta*  
 PROJECT: Florida Shores Bank

- TERRAZZO**  
*Mateo Sebastian*  
 PROJECT: Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- WALL COVERING**  
*Bobby Soars*  
 PROJECT: Florida Shores Bank
- SWIMMING POOL**  
*Ronald Sugg*  
 PROJECT: Rolling Hills Graduate Residence Pool
- SYNTHETIC TURF**  
*Teddy Ginter*  
 PROJECT: Orange Bowl Field at Moore Park
- AIR DISTRIBUTION**  
*Luis Jimenez*  
 PROJECT: Aveva
- MECHANICAL/PLUMBING  
 PIPING**  
*Sean Reif*  
 PROJECT: University of Miami Life Sciences
- PIPE FITTING**  
*Russ Adams*  
 PROJECT: Broward County Convention Center