

CONSTRUCTION FOCUS

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CASF Creates Foundation to Promote Construction Trades

The Construction Association of South Florida has recently created the CASF Foundation, Inc., to expand its efforts promoting careers in the trades. In addition, the Foundation will encompass and expand CASF's diverse community-service initiatives.

"CASF has a long history of promoting the skilled trades in construction," said CASF First Vice President Jeff Slade (Miller Construction). "In the years before security protocols changed, CASF brought dedicated programs to local high schools and demonstrated heavy equipment on school grounds, which was very popular with the participating students."

Slade also pointed out that in 2009, CASF was a charter "storefront" at the Junior Achievement (JA) World on the Broward College campus. Today, that storefront is regularly touted by youth as the most popular attraction at JA. The JA construction storefront exposes every student in the Broward County Public School District to viable career options in 13 construction trades.

In addition to its JA Storefront, CASF has long-standing endowments that each year present scholarships to deserving stu-

dents at the University of Florida M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Construction Management, as well as the Florida International University Moss School of Construction, Infrastructure and Sustainability. Moving forward, the CASF Foundation will maintain and expand these programs with its stated mission "to educate, train, provide scholarships and promote initiatives with an emphasis on skills needed in the construction industry."

Despite adding 31,700 jobs over the past year and exhibiting the highest percentage of job growth (6.3%), Florida's construction industry continues to be challenged by an acute shortage of skilled labor. The CASF Foundation's ability to develop successful initiatives and beneficial training programs will not only help address that ongoing industry concern, it will enrich its member communities by helping South Florida residents find fulfilling and lasting careers in the industry.

Those efforts will align with the other rail of the CASF Foundation, which is to encompass of CASF's current and future philanthropic activities. Since its incep-



Students from Crystal Lake Middle School learn about careers in construction during their March field trip to the JA Construction Storefront that CASF founded.

tion in 1950, CASF has been a staunch supporter of community organizations throughout Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Over the past decade alone, CASF's annual charity golf tournament has generated more than \$1 million for youth-related causes. CASF's upcoming charitable activities in 2018 include its Golf Tournament (May 10), Fishing Tournament (June 1), Bowling Tournament (June 27), Membership Appreciation Party (August 30), and the Women's Council Gala (September 13).

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WHO'S WHO AT CASF?

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CASF MEMBER PROFILE

Avila Engineering & Construction

Energy Efficient, Smart & Valuable Construction Solutions

Avila's foundation is built upon professionals who have specialized in North America on Project Management, Engineering and Construction of Energy, Residential and Industrial projects. Combined, their team of professional have over 85 years of experience in the Construction-Engineering industry which guarantees the high levels of client satisfaction.

With more than 30 years of experience, Mr. William Avila – a Professional Civil Engineer from Alberta, Canada, brings strong construction knowledge, outstanding reputation in delivering Environmental, Safety, and Quality excellence; innovating ideas and outstanding best practices to execute commercial and residential projects with the best superiority and competence in South Florida.

Their business expectation is to promote social well-being, while protecting the environment. AE&C's guiding principle of social responsibility, along with energy efficient ideas, while reducing carbon emission and pollution on the job-site; constructing low maintenance buildings and improving the quality of life of the dwellers.

Avila Engineering & Construction recognizes the importance of operating with minimal environmental impact, maximizing economic and social benefits in its projects.

This contract method is more cost-effective than bid-build. By involving AE&C earlier in the project life-cycle,



they work with the design team on key decisions that improve the project. This strategy creates opportunities to optimize the three main parameters governing any project: Price, Quality and Schedule. Avila's early collaboration of the construction management team promotes project coordination and communication in developing an environment equipped for success.

Utilizing a Lump-Sum contract approach, this delivery method assures certainty on all three key projects parameters: Price, Quality and Schedule. Once the client and AE&C have defined the scope, the client can have a sound total cost of the project. AE&C assumes responsibility for the design, the construction and take all pricing and timing risks.

This traditional delivery method typically under a lump-sum or cost-reimbursable contract where the work is awarded to a company according to a competitive bidding process. Clients self-plan and oversee design and construction, tender during the different phases of the project life-cycle and then select the winning bidder. This strategy requires more project control and involves more risk to the client.

AE&C can also provide you with customizable and comprehensive packages with services from the list below.

- ◆ Design and Engineering

- ◆ Insulated Concrete Form
- ◆ Permitting
- ◆ Foundations
- ◆ Exterior Renovations
- ◆ Pools and Landscapes
- ◆ Civil Work/Site Preparation
- ◆ Remodeling and Alterations
- ◆ Kitchen and Bathroom

Avila Engineering & Construction is always looking to evolve through partnering with reputable industry leaders. Holding quality with utmost priority, AE&C is adding energy efficient systems that will improve the productivity of projects and the final outcome to the client in order to reduce building maintenance, operational costs and show green building results.

Insulated Concrete Form is the new commercial and residential construction tendency. Hotel, shopping centers, buildings, townhouses, single home are utilizing this system to reduce construction time and labor costs and at the same time, ICF increases the end result of the structures becoming more energy efficient, stronger, better insulation and sound resistant.

AE&C is the South Florida authorized distributor and installer of Quad-Lock, a Canadian worldwide leader ICF Manufacturer. Quad-Lock, established in 1994, develops and fabricates patented Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF) with the highest standard of quality in the market.

Avila Engineering & Construction can be reached by phone at 561-931-7697. Their corporate headquarters are located in Palm Beach County at 433 Plaza Real, Suite 275, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

CASF MEMBER NEWS

Office Approves a 9.5% Decrease to Florida's Workers' Compensation Insurance Rates

Florida Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier issued a Final Order granting approval to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) for a statewide overall rate level decrease of 9.5% and premium level decrease of 9.8%. This applies to both new and renewal workers' compensation insurance policies effective in Florida.

"I am pleased that today's approval of NCCI's rate filing will translate into a decrease in workers' compensation rates for many Florida employers," stated Commissioner Altmaier. "The Office will continue to monitor the marketplace and support reforms that provide additional cost savings for Florida's businesses."

"Florida's job creators will no doubt appreciate this significant cost savings, a step that will support our state's growing economy," said Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. "I'm pleased to see the cost of business going down, and as the Legislature looks at our workers' compensation system, I will be working with them on proposals to lock in these lowering rates."

Quest Contracting, LLC Awarded Aviation Project in Doral

Quest Contracting, LLC., was recently awarded Preferred Composite Services located in Doral, Florida.

Preferred Composite Services will occupy an 80,000 square-foot interior renovation and an addition to the existing warehouse facility. This facility encompasses state of the art equipment vital to Preferred Composite Services thriving aircraft parts rehabilitation business. Interior renovations to the existing offices and warehouse will be done in conjunction with the addition. Improved HVAC and electrical systems will enhance the facility making it more functional for the new tenant. The Quest Contracting team will be collaborating with the owner's vendors to assist with the installation of Preferred Composite Services state of the art equipment.

"Quest Contracting is thrilled to be working with the Preferred Composite Services team to provide them unmatched construction management services to facilitate the building needs of their growing business." - Tim Sterling, Chief Operating Officer

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of AutoBuilders General Contracting Services, Inc., Quest Contracting, LLC focuses its efforts in three primary markets; Florida, Texas and California. Over the past 17 years, Quest has completed commercial construction projects which include ground-ups, renovations, and interior build-outs.

UPCOMING CASF EVENTS

April 26, 2018

CASF 2018 Safety Expo: Hurricane Preparedness

Courtyard Marriott
2440 W Cypress Creek Road Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

May 10, 2018

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Fort Lauderdale Country Club
415 E Country Club Circle Plantation, FL
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

May 15, 2018

CASF Breakfast Seminar — Three Things that Will Help You Avoid a Major Moisture Failure in your Next Project

Presented by George DuBose, GCG and Donald B. Snell, PE, CMC
CASF Building
2929 W Cypress Creek Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

May 17, 2018

CASF May Networking Breakfast

FLORIDA LEMARK
Shula's Hotel
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

June 1, 2018 - June 2, 2018

CASF Tom Tucker Fishing Tournament

Resort World Bimini North Bimini Alice Town, Bimini
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

June 21, 2018

June Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by Turner Construction
Marriott West Palm Beach
1011 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach, FL 33401
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

UPCOMING CASF EVENTS

June 27, 2018

9th Annual Bowling Tournament

Strikes at Boca
21046 Commercial Trail Boca Raton, FL 33486
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

July 19, 2018

July Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by Hensel Phelps
Courtyard Marriott Fort Lauderdale
2440 W Cypress Creek Rd Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

August 10, 2018 — August 11, 2018

CASF's Annual Summer Getaway & Planning Meeting

Ocean Reef Club
More info pending

August 16, 2018

August Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by Balfour Beatty
Courtyard Marriott Fort Lauderdale
2440 W Cypress Creek Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

August 22, 2018

Construction Night at the Marlins Game

Marlins Park
1501 NW 3rd Street Miami, FL 33125
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

August 30, 2018

CASF Membership Appreciation Party

More info pending
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

September 13, 2018

Get Your Kicks on Route 66!

Sunrise Grand Ballroom
10610 W Oakland Park Blvd Sunrise, FL 33357
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM