

1/08 CS Continues Engineering Partnerships in South Florida

In the heavy construction industry, competition is fierce. Millions of dollars in contract fees and construction costs are won or lost to the few firms who are competitive at the high-stakes level. Recently, RS&H CS was chosen to lead the CEI team providing construction management services for two major bridge rehabilitation projects in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. for the Florida Department of Transportation, District Four. This win is significant not only for the fact that new construction is becoming more limited throughout the entire state during these times of economic worry, but also due to the highly specialized work each of these jobs requires. Only a limited number of qualified personnel in Florida are capable of performing the work up to the rigorous FDOT standards. CS has expertise managing all types of heavy bridge construction, but not enough experience actually performing these specific tasks. The first contract provides tendon grouting services on the I-595/ I-75 Northeast and Southwest Connector Ramps while the second provides for the application of steel bridge paints and coatings to the Davie Boulevard Bridge in Ft. Lauderdale. Fortunately, both jobs were an excellent partnering opportunity, and RS&H CS was able to successfully negotiate Bolton Perez and Associates for the paint and coating work plus gain Corven Engineering to handle the tendon grouting aspects. Each respective firm is considered one of the best in the business for its specialized work, proving once again that CS employs the best economic method to profitability: specialize in what you do best, trade for what you want done.