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Statement of Interest

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September 30, 2021

ATTN: Mr. Bill Ponko, CPPB, Senior Contracting Officer
Lake County Office of Procurement Services
315 W. Main Street, Suite 441
Tavares, Florida 32778

RE: RSQ #21-0914, Supervisor of Elections Building Design

Dear Mr. Ponko and Selection Committee Members,

On behalf of Straughn Trout Architects, LLC (STA), it is with great pleasure we present this Statement of Qualifications to perform Architectural Design Services for the new Supervisor of Elections Administrative Office and Warehouse Facility ("Supervisor of Elections Building") in Tavares, Florida. As our award-winning firm celebrates more than 65 years of continual practice, we are poised to partner with Lake County and the Supervisor of Elections for this project. Our wide range of expertise paired with our collaborative design approach has yielded several projects in the Central Florida area and beyond. As evidence of our long-standing positive influence on the local landscape, our firm has been named Firm of the Year by the Tampa Bay AIA and Small Business of the Year by the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. In 2019, we were named #31 on the Tampa Bay Business Journal's "Fast50" list of fastest-growing companies (#60 statewide on the "Fast100"). One of our proudest accomplishments is being named to the Gator 100 in 2019 and 2020. Most recently, we were nominated for the Central Florida Development Council's Jim Brantley Success in Small Business Award. We look forward to being considered for this opportunity with Lake County.

Consensus-building, stakeholder participation, and sustainable design play key roles in the development of our projects. We maintain a constant level of business, continue to produce innovative designs, and hold a strong reputation for giving back to the communities we serve through both the built environment and philanthropy. Our firm will produce a design for this new facility that will enhance functionality; enrich aesthetics; be cost-conscious within the given budget; and be delivered on time (or sooner, if possible) to meet the needs of Lake County and its burgeoning constituency. **We assure you that, given our expansive and diverse portfolio, we can provide Lake County with the highest level of architectural expertise available. Our team fully understands the scope of services required for this project.**

We believe our team is the best choice to provide Design Services for the new Supervisor of Elections Building for the following reasons:

Extensive Public Client Architectural Experience & Relationships with Key Stakeholders. Throughout the tenure of our firm, we have been involved with key public facilities projects. We are proud to share with you select recent examples from our comprehensive portfolio. While our expertise stems far beyond the reach of these selected projects, we believe these examples will communicate the scale of our experience working with public clients and our ability to perform the scope of services described for this Contract. We have built trust and strong, professional relationships with our clients through excellent service, responsiveness, and dependability. This experience not only carries many "lessons learned" from projects of similar type, function, and scale, but also represents our knowledge of the public sector & familiarity with the applicable state, and local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Additionally, our team's recent experience working with Supervisor of Elections facilities gives our team the most up-to-date knowledge of the needs this building will address. We have reviewed the Scope of Services and understand the distinct requirements (heightened security measures outlined by Supervisor of Elections governing bodies) which are essential to the planning and design of this project.

Innovative, Holistic, Sustainable Design Philosophy. Our firm estimates that 90% of our work is with repeat clients, many of whom we have worked with since their inception. Our projects are custom designed to the client's program, site condition, schedule, and budget. As innovative thinkers, we take a holistic design approach aiming for sustainable construction solutions that deliver the highest value when considering not only costs but life-cycle costs. **Sustainable design is an inherent component to our design process.** As architects of the **first commercial Zero Energy Building in Florida and the first LEED Gold project in Polk County**, our firm continues to be a pacesetter for crafting design solutions aimed at reducing negative impacts on the environment. Our accomplishments and recognition on a local, regional, and national scale affirm our professional approach. Our LEED-accredited staff participate in Continuing Education Seminars to maintain up-to-date knowledge on "green" efforts in design, construction, and planning. We will work with Lake County to achieve its preferred goal of LEED Silver (or better) for this project.

Adherence to Strict Schedule and Budget Requirements. We are confident that we can craft the new Supervisor of Elections Building to not only exceed its design goals, but also the unique schedule and budget requirements attached to it. Specifically, our recently completed and current similar projects provide us (and Lake County) with the most up-to-date pricing information not only for building construction and site development, but also specialty items such as integrated flooring, equipment, accent lighting, acoustical treatments, office furniture, signage, experiential and interactive design, graphics, and many other unique elements that might enhance the building's functionality.

Furniture Specification & Coordination Capabilities. Local municipalities and State agencies have found a significant benefit on recent projects in our interior design services, specifically through furniture specification, procurement, and installation assistance. Straughn Trout Architects is an authorized dealer with multiple furniture and specialty item manufacturers with State of Florida Contract Pricing Agreements. This provides an additional level of service that many of our government and other public sector clients have leveraged. **This service saves project coordination time and offers significant cost savings for suitable and appropriate performance-proven furnishings.**

Organizational Resources. Our firm offers a proven ability to maintain organizational and financial resources required to successfully deliver this project. Our operational stability, corporate financial resources, and insurance limits meet or exceed all requirements. We also guarantee the full leveraging of our staff to meet any design deadlines and the proposed project schedule set forth by Lake County in the Request for Statement of Qualifications.

User Experience Design. We focus on more than just code compliance and operational efficiency. In office buildings, recreation centers, public safety, or utility service center alike - we pride ourselves on designing a memorable experience for each and every citizen, employee, and guest that steps through its doors. Custom graphic design, details, and enhancements including signage and wayfinding can create a uniquely branded (and secure) environment that reinforces the design principles of each project. This type of “experiential design” expertise will create added value and further Lake County’s ability to engage its citizens by creating positive experiences within its facilities.

Enhanced Technology & Communication Standards We guarantee continuous communication will take place with Lake County representatives, our design partners, and other stakeholders through all stages of this contract. While we embrace the traditional means of in-person meetings and communication, our firm has quickly adapted to the changing communications landscape in the wake of COVID-19. We will work with the County to meet its unique technology requirements for meetings and file sharing. We will continue to utilize Zoom (or other types of digital meeting spaces) and conferencing software, as well as site reporting and project management technology to ensure all elements of the project are aptly communicated to all parties. As needed, our office also affords us strong proximity to projects and design phase meetings in person and allows for as-needed site representation during permitting and construction project phases. **Our firm also utilizes both cutting-edge technology, such as 3D Building Information Modeling and virtual reality (VR) software, as well as traditional renderings, elevations, and sketches to investigate design opportunities and evaluate facility options.** These tools allow us to present visual design proposals where stakeholders and daily users of the facility can understand spatial ideas and provide input toward the design aesthetics and ultimate functionality of the final built product.

An ongoing professional commitment from our staff guarantees Lake County + the Supervisor of Elections that it will receive an unrivaled level of professional design and service from us personally, our entire team, and our consultants. We look forward to the next steps in the selection process for this project.

Sincerely,

Tim Hoelt, AIA, LID, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C
Managing Principal / Project Architect
Straughn Trout Architects, LLC

Jon Kirk, AIA, LEED AP
Principal / Project Architect
Straughn Trout Architects, LLC

Gerald “Jerry” Trout, AIA
Sr. Principal / QA + QC / Municipal Facilities Expert
Straughn Trout Architects, LLC



Straughn Trout Architects (STA) is centrally located in Lakeland, Florida. Our project portfolio is varied, ranging in scale and complexity from multi-purpose government and community centers, high technology office buildings, college and university campuses, medical clinics, criminal justice facilities, schools, art museums, banks, libraries, hangers, terminals, and residential architecture. **In 2021, Straughn Trout Architects celebrates its 65th year of continual practice.** Founded in 1956 under the leadership of the late A. Ernest Straughn, AIA, the firm has implemented consensus design strategies to develop iconic projects throughout Florida and the United States. Mr. Gerald Trout, AIA, became a partner in the firm in 1993. Shortly after the passing of Mr. Straughn in 2013, Mr. Tim Hoeft, AIA, assumed the Managing Principal role after 15 years with the company. In 2019, STA Principal Jon Kirk joined the firm, bringing more than 21 years of design expertise and local experience to the Straughn Trout Architects team and expanding the firm's capacity to best serve its clients.

STA's rich history can be told as a story of many milestones and pivotal moments, many of which are depicted through successful design projects and ongoing relationships with repeat clients. **Our history of serving public entities dates back to our inception.** Over time, we have completed projects of all shapes and sizes for county governments and elected officials, from space studies and courtroom renovations to new construction, such as our most recent major project, Northeast Polk County Government Center. At this time, the firm maintains continuing contracts with the City of Winter Haven, the City of Lakeland, the City of Haines City, the City of Lake Wales, the City of Bartow, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, Polk State College, Hillsborough County Schools, and Florida Polytechnic University. STA also has a history of successful projects with the State of Florida, the City of Auburndale, the Tax Collectors of Polk, Lake, Orange, and Okeechobee Counties, the Polk Supervisor of Elections, the Polk County School Board, Florida Southern College, Southeastern University and the Polk Museum of Art. This ongoing experience is considered an asset and positions our team as the best choice to provide design services for this project.

Our clients are woven into the fabric of the project from day one. Not only does this approach lead to successful project outcomes, but it also allows the firm's team members to build meaningful relationships with clients. **Constant client communication and involvement drastically reduces errors and omissions; it allows the project ethos to be fully blended into the design of each structure.** We have a long-standing reputation to design buildings that are functional and friendly, projects developed from clear thinking and thorough analysis, and architecture designed for people. We work closely with outsourced trusted subconsultants for the following disciplines: mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, plumbing design, fire protection systems design, fiber optic, technology and communications design, structural engineering, surveying, civil engineering, project branding, and various digital services. **Straughn Trout Architect's basic philosophy: great design results from creative solutions that reflect an awareness of people's needs.**



PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP

- Tim Hoeft, AIA, Managing Principal
- Jon Kirk AIA, Principal
- Gerald "Jerry" Trout, AIA, Senior Principal

OFFICE LOCATION

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LEGAL STRUCTURE

- S-Corp, LLC

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IN-HOUSE SERVICES


Our team's services are not limited to those listed below but are better described as a comprehensive design services approach. We focus more on the design process of listening first and then working together with our clients than we do on standardized corporate checklists. Creativity overcomes challenges and creates opportunities for invention in each of our projects developing uniquely refreshing spaces.

- **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**
- **MASTER SITE PLANNING & ANALYSIS**
- **EXPERIENTIAL DESIGN & WAYFINDING**
- **LANDSCAPE + STREETScape + FACADE DESIGN**
- **INTERIOR DESIGN & FINISH MATERIAL SELECTIONS**
- **RENDERINGS & CONCEPT LAYOUTS**
- **VIRTUAL REALITY SESSIONS**
- **FURNITURE SPECIFICATION & PROCUREMENT (STATE CONTRACT)**
- **GRAPHIC / SIGNAGE DESIGN & BRAND ACTIVATION**
- **FEASIBILITY STUDIES**
- **SAFETY ASSESSMENT BUILDING EVALUATION AFTER DISASTER**
- **FACILITY PROGRAMMING & SPACE PLANNING**
- **GUIDELINES & STANDARDS & DEVELOPMENT**
- **ENERGY CONSERVATION ANALYSIS**
- **SUSTAINABLE "GREEN" DESIGN**
- **CODE REVIEWS**
- **PERIODIC MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS**
- **ADA ACCESSIBILITY SURVEYS + CERTIFICATIONS**
- **COST ESTIMATING & VALUE ENGINEERING**
- **PERMITTING REVIEWS**
- **BIDDING & NEGOTIATION ASSISTANCE**
- **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REVIEWS**
- **PEER REVIEWS & WITNESS SERVICES**
- **LIFE SAFETY REVIEWS & PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS**
- **PROJECT OUTREACH & STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS**
- **SPECIALTY ENGINEERING COORDINATION**
- **CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES (CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, SHOP DRAWING REVIEWS & ANALYSES, CHANGE DIRECTIVES & CHANGE ORDER REVIEWS, PAY APPLICATION REVIEWS, ON-SITE PROJECT OBSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT OF AS-BUILT / RECORD DRAWINGS)**

SERVICES MANAGED AND COORDINATED BUT COMMONLY PROVIDED VIA PROFESSIONAL SUBCONSULTANTS:


- **LAND USE PLANNING & POLICY ANALYSIS**
- **TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING & TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**
- **CIVIL & GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**
- **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING & PLUMBING DESIGN**
- **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & LIGHTING DESIGN**
- **ACOUSTICAL ANALYSIS**
- **ENERGY MODELING**
- **COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY & ACOUSTICAL DESIGN**
- **FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING**
- **STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING & THRESHOLD INSPECTIONS**
- **BUILDING SYSTEMS & ENVELOPE COMMISSIONING**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**
- **WATER/WASTEWATER/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**
- **LAND SURVEYING & GIS MAPPING**
- **CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENTS & REMEDIATION**
- **UTILITY DESIGN & COORDINATION**

Stroughn Trout Architects maintains all necessary and appropriate licensure, incorporation documentation, and insurance coverage as required by Lake County. Full copies, as well as additional information regarding subconsultant licensure and certifications, is available upon request. Although the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation no longer issues a license specifically for the firm (per The Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act - HB 1193, effective July 1, 2020), our firm has consistently retained the proper registration to practice business in the State of Florida through the tenure of our firm. The Qualifying Agent for our firm is Timothy Hoeft, #AR96576.



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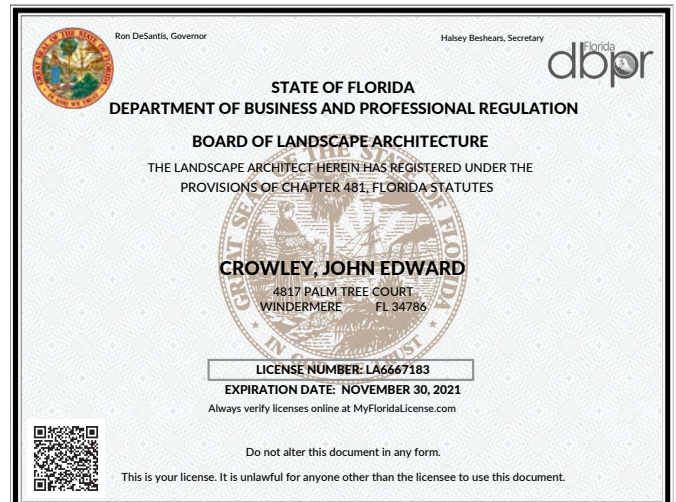
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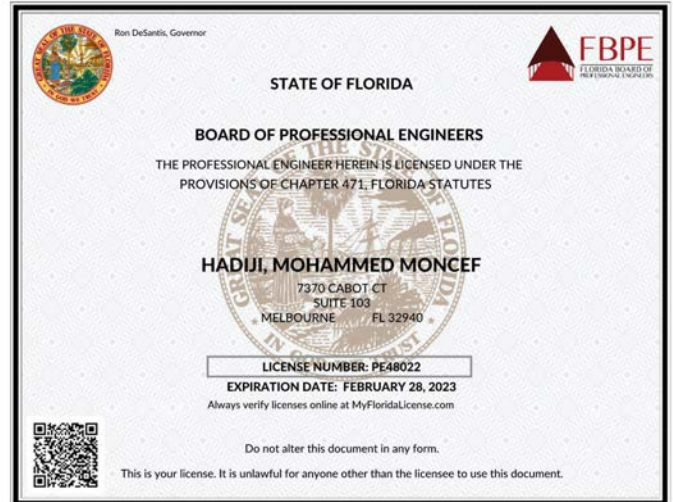
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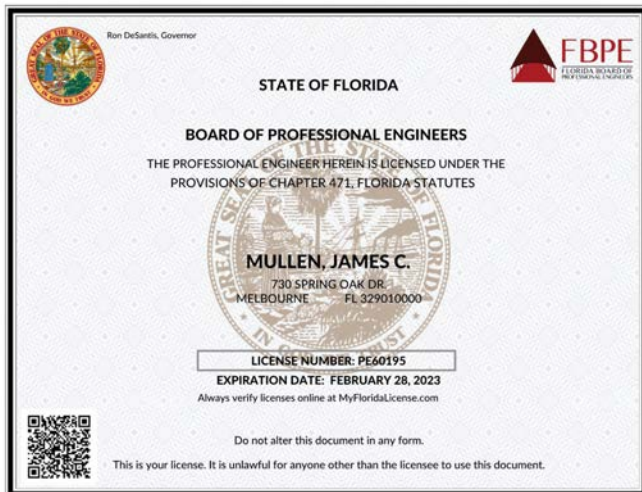
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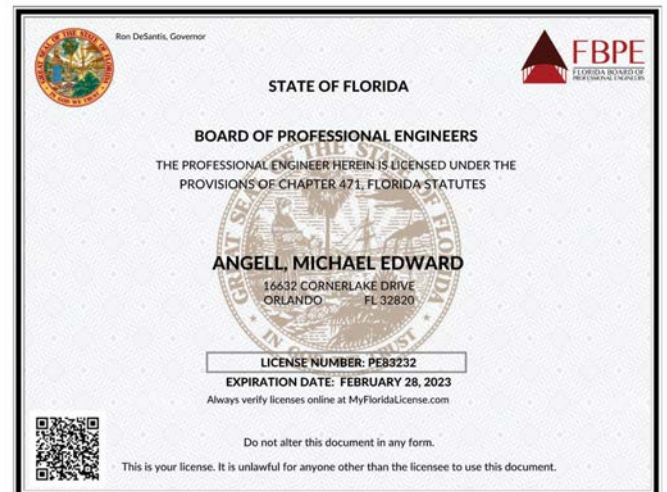
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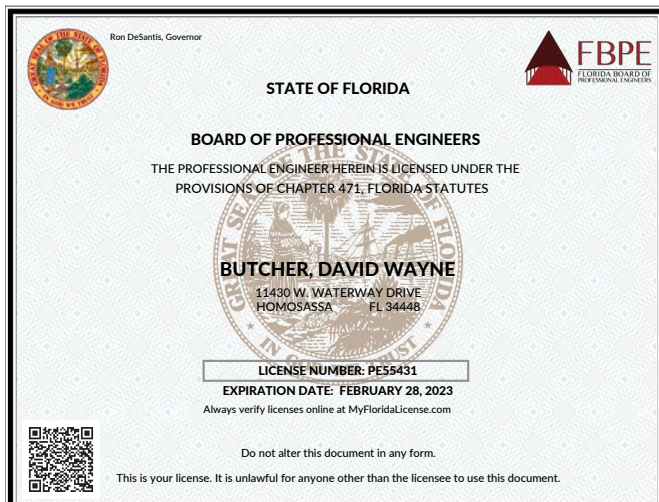
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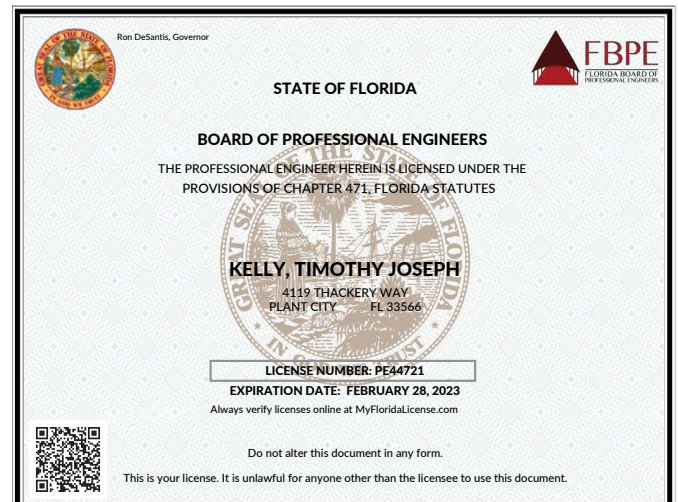
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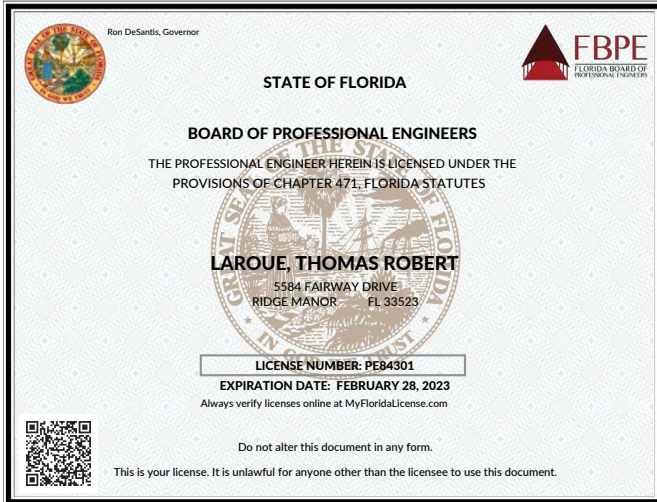
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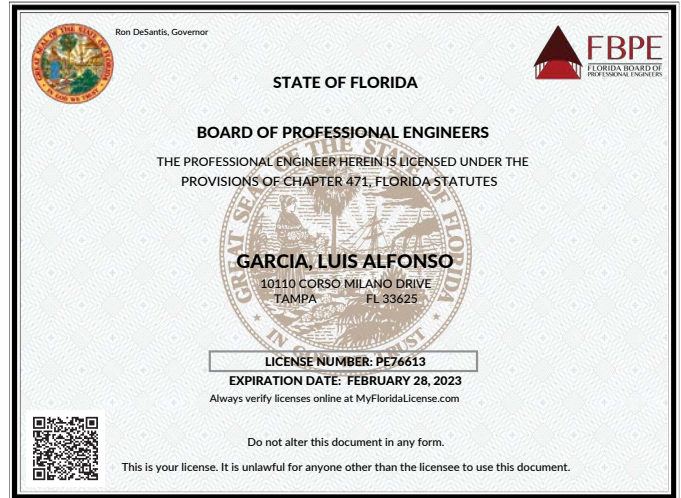
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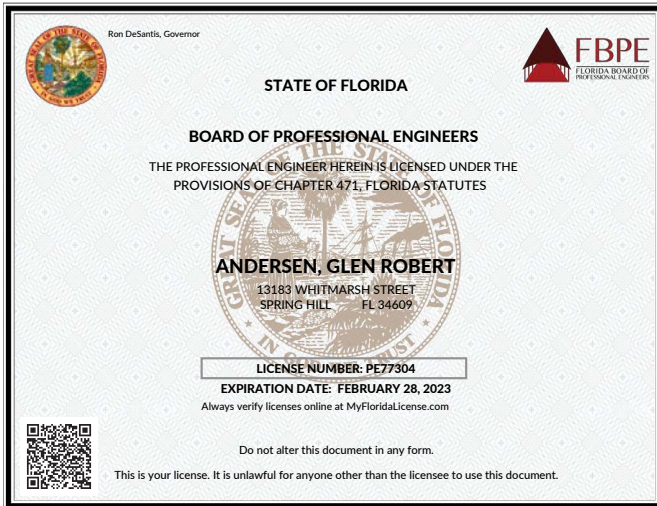
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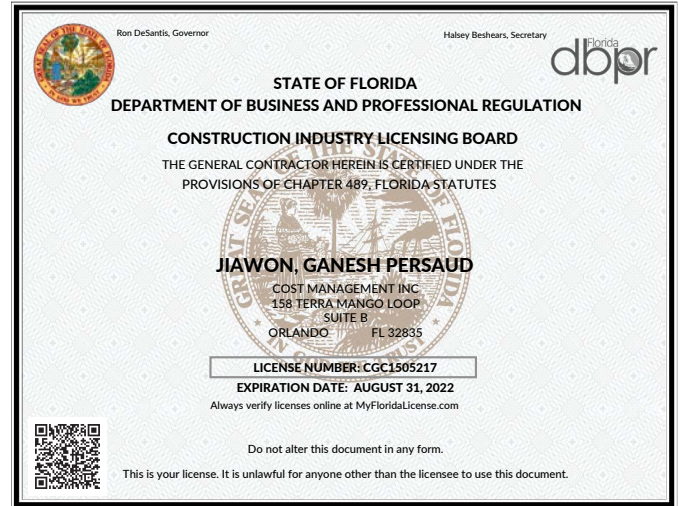
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Straughn Trout Architects
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GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION INC. CERTIFIES THAT

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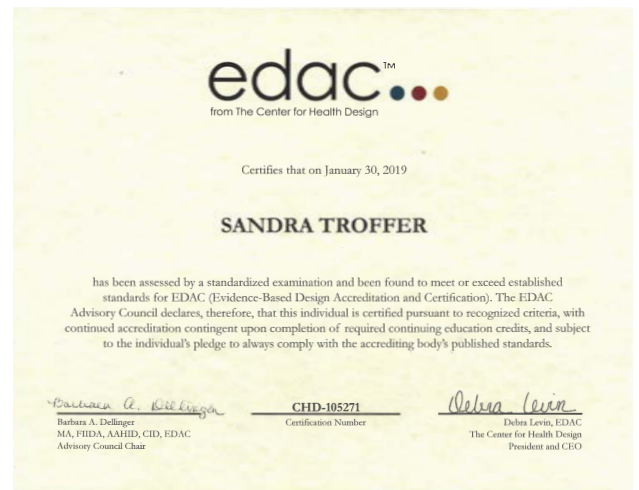
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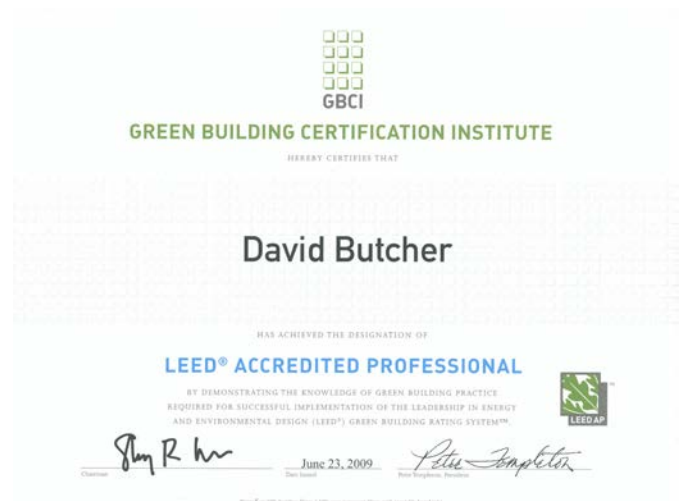
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BICSI Outside Plant Designer



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BICSI RCDD

ATTACHMENT 3 – REFERENCES FORM

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List no more than five projects which best illustrates qualifications relevant to the Solicitation. References must be less than five years old. LIST no more than two LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS (past, current, prime, and subcontractor) FIRST.

Firm Name: *Straughn Trout Architects*

PROJECT NAME: Supervisor of Elections – Due Diligence Survey, New Branch + Warehouse

Agency: Polk County Supervisor of Elections

Address: PO Box 1460

City, State, Zip code: Bartow, Florida 33831

Contact Person: Lori Edwards

Title: Supervisor of Elections

Email: loriedwards@polkelections.com

Telephone: 863.534.5888

Project Cost: \$1,692,143

Contract Start and End Dates: 2015-2016; 2020 as part of Northeast Government Center

SCOPE of Project (list tasks, outlines or descriptions of items): *See project page to follow.*

PROJECT NAME: Northeast Polk County Government Center / Supervisor of Elections Facility

Agency: Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Address: 200 Government Center Blvd

City, State, Zip code: Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

Contact Person: Mark Kithcart

Title: Project Manager

Email: markkithchart@polk-county.net

Telephone: 863.534.5511

Project Cost: \$27,200,000 (estimate)

Contract Start and End Dates: 2018 - present

SCOPE of Project (list tasks, outlines or descriptions of items): *See project page to follow.*

PROJECT NAME: Multiple Tax Collector Facilities for Polk County

Agency: Tax Collector for Polk County

Address: 430 E. Main Street

City, State, Zip code: Bartow, Florida 33830

Contact Person: Joe G. Tedder

Title: Tax Collector for Polk County

Email: joetedder@polktaxes.com

Telephone: 863.534.4700

Project Cost: Varies by project

Contract Start and End Dates: Ongoing experience; first project 2011, most recent project in 2020

SCOPE of Project (list tasks, outlines or descriptions of items): *See project page to follow.*

Attachment 2 - References Form (cont.)

ATTACHMENT 3 – REFERENCES FORM

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PROJECT NAME: St. Johns River Water Management District Apopka Service Center
Agency: St. Johns River Water Management Distrction
Address: 2501 S. Binion Road
City, State, Zip code: Apopka, Florida 32703
Contact Person: Rob Maphis
Title: President, The Collage Companies
Email: rmaphis@collage-usa.com
Telephone: 407.915.6174
Project Cost: \$6,500,000 (estimate)
Contract Start and End Dates: 2020 - present
SCOPE of Project (list tasks, outlines or descriptions of items): *See project page to follow.*

PROJECT NAME: AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center
Agency: City of Winter Haven (multiple stakeholders including Polk County BoCC)
Address: 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd
City, State, Zip code: Winter Haven, Florida 33880
Contact Person: T. Michael Stavres
Title: Assistant City Manager
Email: mstarves@mywinterhaven.com
Telephone: 863.291.5600
Project Cost: \$26,200,000
Contract Start and End Dates: 2017 - 2020
SCOPE of Project (list tasks, outlines or descriptions of items): *See project page to follow.*

Northeast Polk County Government Center

Polk County Government | Lake Alfred, Florida



ABOUT

The current Northeast Polk County Government Center is located between Winter Haven and Lake Alfred, Florida. Its lease will expire in 2025. Long-term lease or purchase options are not feasible. Given the continued rapid growth in the north and central areas of Polk County, there has been a compounding need for increased public access to services typically located on the south side of Polk. For these reasons, Polk County decided to develop a new Northeast Polk County Government Center (NEGC) in Lake Alfred, Florida near the growing cities of Haines City and Davenport. The building will include **offices and a voting facility for the Supervisor of Elections; training rooms and flexible meeting spaces;** a service center for the Tax Collector of Polk County + a driver license testing course; and offices for the Property Appraiser, and Health & Family Services. The facility has several shared conference rooms, break areas, and restrooms. In addition, the facility has an office for the Clerk of Courts, courtrooms, judiciary offices, and the State Attorney's offices. Enhanced security checkpoints separate the courts from high-traffic public areas. This project is currently under construction.

COMPLETION DATE

- Anticipated Completion: 2022

PROJECT SIZE

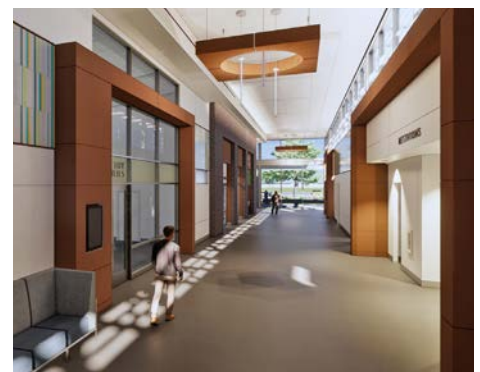
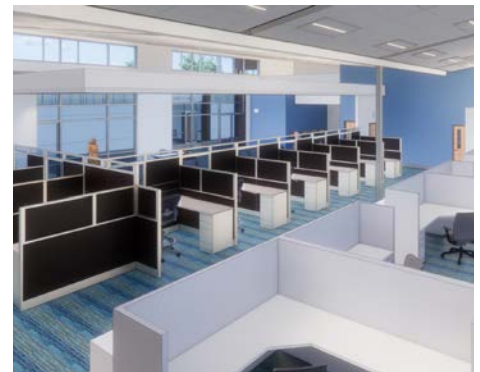
- 73,508 SF

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PROJECT COST

- \$27,200,000 (final budget TBD)



Supervisor of Elections for Polk County - NEGC

Polk County Government | Lake Alfred, Florida



The Supervisor of Elections (SoE) for Polk County is one of the eleven independent County Department or Constitutional Officer group stakeholders in the Northeast Polk County Government Center. SoE spaces include a dedicated office with a customer service window in the main public corridor and immediately adjacent to the multi-purpose shared-use meeting room. The meeting room will be used by the SoE for early voting and potentially for general and special elections as the SoE and County determine in the future. All SoE spaces are located adjacent to the primary entrance of the facility that includes outdoor covered area that could support voter staging in case of exceedingly high attendance periods. The office also includes a separate secure storage area dedicated to the SoE. This new public-facing voting area will service the growing population of Northeast Polk County.



Supervisor of Elections Offices, Storage, and Voting Facility at the Northeast Government Center



Supervisor of Elections, Auburndale Branch Office

Polk County Government | Lakeland, Florida



ABOUT

STA provided full architectural and engineering design services, including civil engineering for site modifications, to develop new office space and warehouse + secure storage space in an existing building adjacent to Simmers-Young Park behind the Auburndale Speedway. With a very modest project budget, we worked with a construction manager from the project's earliest stages to keep this much-needed project on time and within the budget. The project was completed following a due diligence survey, also completed by STA, where the firm examined multiple potential sites for this project. That project scope included developing as-built drawings, building envelope evaluation, structural evaluation, usage + configuration / code compliance, interior finishes, life safety, accessibility analysis, energy efficiency (best practices) analyses, telecommunications, and HVAC improvements recommendations.



COMPLETION DATE

- 2016

PROJECT SIZE

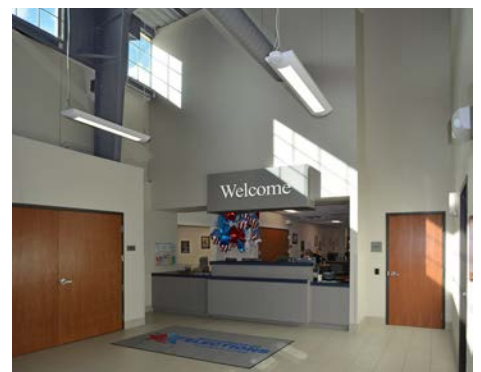
- 44,608 SF

CLIENT CONTACT

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PROJECT COST

- \$1,692,143

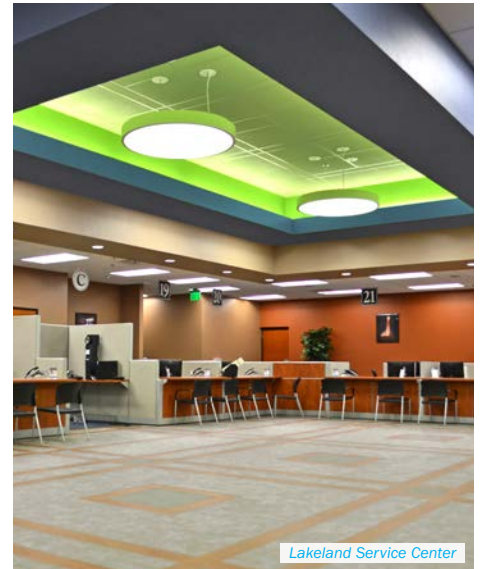


Multiple Tax Collector Service Centers - Polk County

Tax Collector of Polk County | Lakeland, Florida



Lakeland Service Center



Lakeland Service Center

ABOUT

As an extension of Straughn Trout Architects' decades-long experience with Polk County, the firm began working with the Tax Collector for Polk County to renovate and extend its Lake Wales Service Center. The facility included full driver license services, in addition to other offerings such as property taxes, vehicle titles & registrations, county local business taxes, and state hunting + fishing licenses. The facility focused on occupant capacity, circulation planning, and visitor experience. From this, STA developed a prototype which met the mission and vision of Mr. Tedder's office: "To treat customers with such professionalism and concern that we change their perception of government." Following this project, STA worked with the Tax Collector on multiple service centers, including: the design of an award-winning historic renovation of a former Publix Supermarket into the Lakeland Service Center (originally a feasibility analysis, considering future growth); a feasibility analysis + new construction facility in Davenport which fronts the major arterial US Highway 27; an additional study for the Bartow headquarters; and most recently, the Lake Alfred Service Center + driver license course for the Northeast Government Center. This experience has led to successful Tax Collector projects for other counties throughout Florida.



North Ridge Service Center - Waiting Area



Lake Wales Service Center - Welcome Desk

COMPLETION DATE

- Varies (most recent collaboration in 2020)

PROJECT SIZE

- Varies by location

CLIENT CONTACT

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PROJECT COST

- Varies by project



North Ridge Service Center

Tax Collector Service Centers

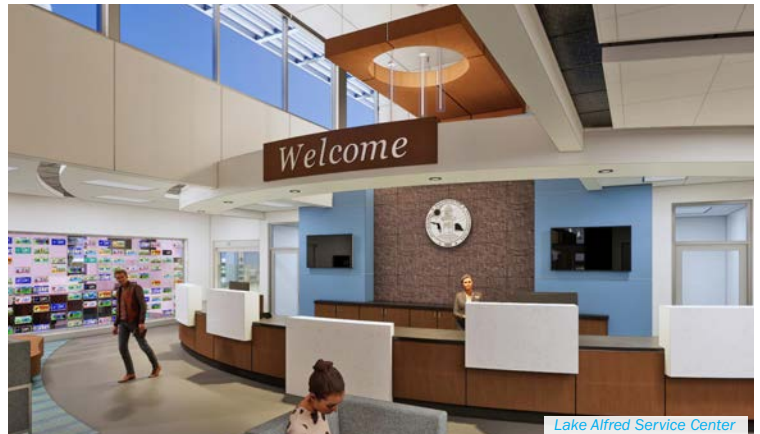
Tax Collectors of Various Counties | Central Florida



North Ridge Service Center



Okeechobee County Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and Driver License Facility



Lake Alfred Service Center



Lakeland Service Center

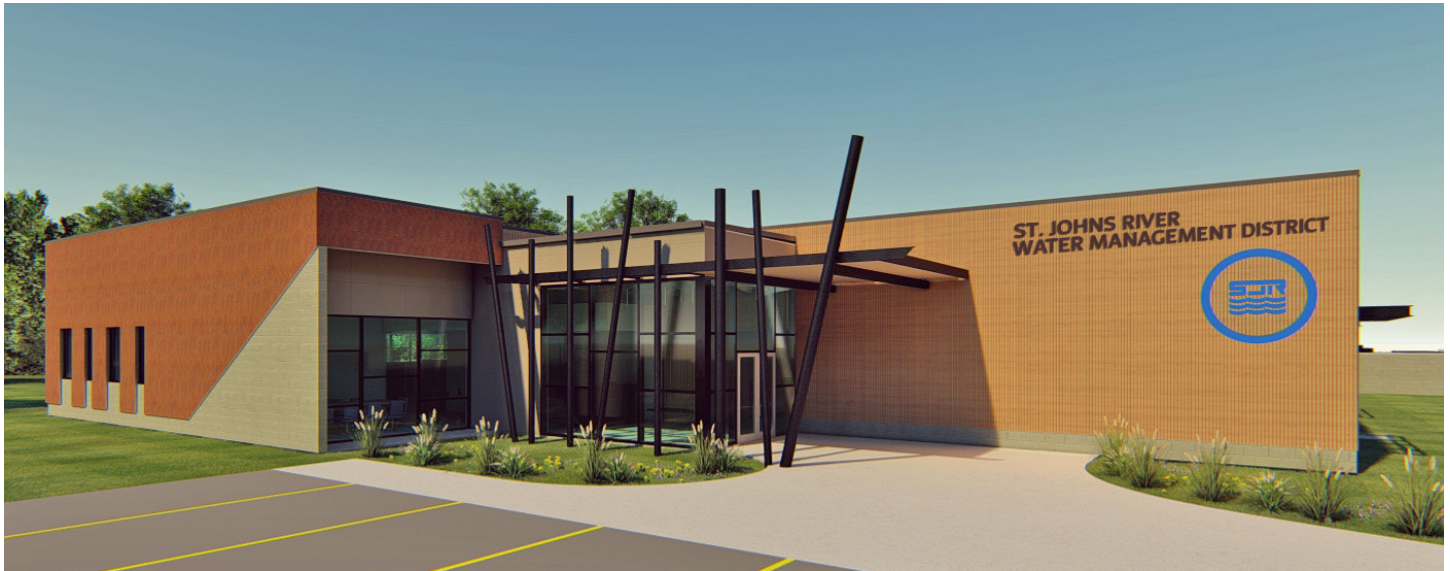


Sand Lake Service Center - Waiting Area



SJRWMD Apopka Service Center

St. Johns River Water Management District | Apopka, Florida



ABOUT

In 2019, the St. John's River Water Management District acquired a five-acre site near the shores of Lake Apopka for the construction of a new service center. The project is being delivered in a design-build teaming between Straughn Trout Architects and The Collage Companies. STA is providing the full scope of architectural design, landscape architecture services, interior design, and furnishings selection. The space will consist of executive offices, meeting rooms, flex offices, workstation areas, and large conference/collaboration spaces.

The project was designed in two phases. The first phase consisted of a project work plan and schedule, engineering design, value engineering, project cost models, various permitting activities, and negotiating a GMP. The second phase included a completion of the final design, securing permits, construction, commissioning, and any further testing necessary. This project is also pursuing Certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition, providing not only a sustainable design solution but also addressing the unique environmental and climate characteristics of Florida.

COMPLETION DATE

- Anticipated Completion Date: March 2022

PROJECT SIZE

- 17,160 SF

CLIENT CONTACT

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PROJECT COST

- \$6,500,000



AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center

City of Winter Haven | Winter Haven, Florida



ABOUT

In October 2017, the City of Winter Haven contracted STA as the lead architectural designer for the comprehensive redesign of this 69+ acre site. As part of Phase I of the Master Plan & Redevelopment of the Chain of Lakes Park in Winter Haven, the expansion of the existing Chain of Lakes Building served as the first phase. The project included the construction of a new Fieldhouse with meeting and conference rooms, offices, and a fitness room, along with a new loading dock, ADA, life safety, and energy efficiency upgrades to the existing theater in the Chain of Lakes building. The Lakeland Magic will use a portion of the Fieldhouse as their practice facility, including dedicated locker rooms, offices, and meeting rooms. The main Fieldhouse space is designed to host a multitude of sports and activities including volleyball and basketball tournaments, convention-type gatherings, and large banquets. With its prime location along U.S. Route 17 in Winter Haven, the Fieldhouse is now a major destination for the region, serving as the primary gateway to the City of Winter Haven and a catalyst for business & retail development. This project has earned three prestigious honors: Florida Engineering Society Ridge Chapter's "Project of the Year", the "Build-It Award" by the Heart of Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the 2020 AIA Tampa Bay's "People's Choice" Award. STA also completed a secondary phase of this project, which included wayfinding enhancements and signage, as well as new locker room areas and improvements to the existing aquatics facility.



COMPLETION DATE

- Phase I: December 2019
- Phase II: September 2020

PROJECT SIZE

- 85,000 SF - Addition
- 54,000 SF - Renovation

CLIENT CONTACT

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PROJECT COST

- \$26,200,000



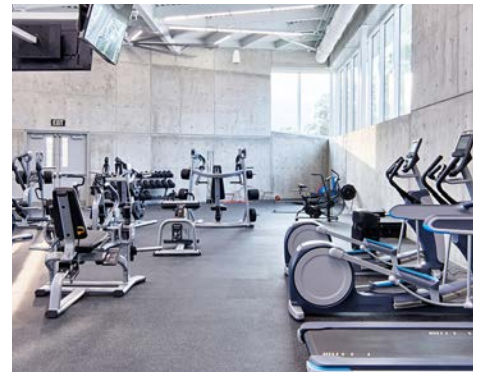
Student Development Center

Florida Polytechnic University | Lakeland, Florida



ABOUT

The University challenged our design team to develop a recreation facility that would personify the unique character of the newly established and innovative community. With an architectural program directly linked to the student body, it was important for the project to reinforce their creative spirit and interactive vibe. This student culture recently played an active role in the development of the University's mascot, the Phoenix. Our design team quickly recognized that the imagery and connotations of the Phoenix are not only emblematic of the University's research-focused scholastic vision, but also symbolized ideas focused on health and wellness. The project also relates directly to Polk County's architectural context, nodding to the nearby historic Frank Lloyd Wright campus at Florida Southern College, as well as Santiago Calatrava's Innovation, Science, and Technology (IST) Building directly on FPU's campus. The University's campus site location is highly visible to the adjacent highway. The building design serves as an outward physical display of the school's spirit to the greater Central Florida community. Although no formal certification was pursued, the project was designed utilizing a LEED Silver checklist.



COMPLETION DATE

- 2018

PROJECT SIZE

- 15,000 GSF

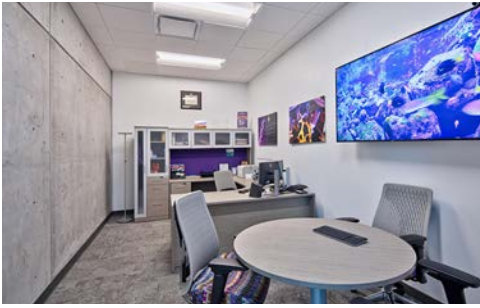
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PROJECT COST

- \$4,023,750





OTHER RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE



- Polk County:**
 - PCSO Southwest & Southeast Substations
 - PCSO L. Crow Building Renovations
 - County Administration Building (Bartow)
 - County Parking Garage (Bartow)
 - Eloise & Wabash Community Centers
 - NE County Gov't Center - Lake Alfred Campus
 - Supervisor of Elections - Office Renovations



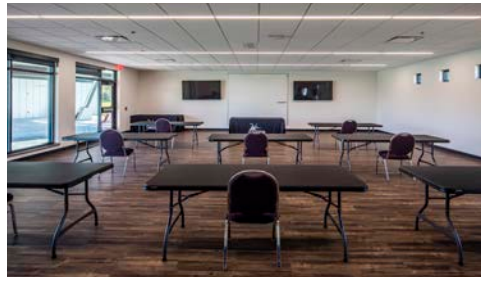
- Tax Collector for Polk County:**
 - Lake Wales Service Center (Polk)
 - Lakeland Service Center (Polk)
 - North Ridge Service Center (Polk)
- City of Winter Haven:**
 - AdventHealth Fieldhouse & Conference Ctr.
 - Lake Maude Recreation Park
 - Florida Citrus Building Feasibility Study
 - Recreation & Cultural Center Renovations



- City of Lakeland:**
 - Lakeland Electric - Office Renovations
 - Lakeland Electric - Space Study
 - RP Funding Center Multi-Phased Renovations
 - Glendale WWTF - Multiple Renovations
 - Northside WWTF Lab Renovations
 - Lakeland Main Library Renov./Additions
 - Larry R. Jackson Branch Library
 - Kelly Recreation Additions & Alterations
 - Cleveland Heights Golf Clubhouse
 - Beerman Family Tennis Center
 - Tigertown & Cleveland Hts. Maint. Facility
 - Se7en Wetlands Welcome & Education Ctr.



- City of Lakes Wales:**
 - Lake Wales WWTF Parking + Storage Facility
 - Stoudamire Park Renovations
- City of Bartow:**
 - City Hall (Original + Remodels)
 - Carver Recreation Center Renovations
 - Renovations to Oaks Building



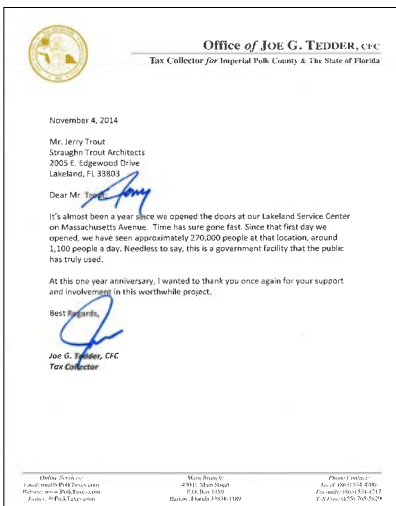
- Polk County School Board:**
 - + More than 150 Projects
 - Oscar Pope Elementary - Storm Renovations
- Polk State College:**
 - Chain of Lakes Building
 - Original Winter Haven Campus (11 bldgs)
 - Lakeland Campus (Multiple Projects)
- Florida Polytechnic University:**
 - Student Development Center
 - Admissions Center / Wellness Phase I
 - Campus Master Plan Update 2025-2035
 - Campus Reclaimed Water Integration
 - Custom Fabricated Benches





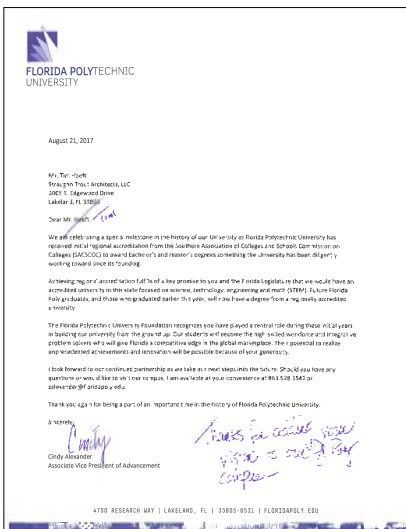
"...Our office has had the opportunity to work with the firm on multiple projects, and I have always been more than satisfied with the service they have provided... exceptionally patient... they are vigilant in their attention to keeping costs down with efficient and flexible use of space. And, have consistently finished their work on schedule.

- Lori Edwards
Supervisor of Elections, Polk County



"...we have seen approximately 270,000 people at that location, around 1,100 people a day... this is a government center that the public has truly used... thank you once again for your support and involvement in this worthwhile project."

- Joe G. Tedder
Tax Collector for Polk County



"...you have played a central role during these initial years in building our university from the ground up... I look forward to our continued partnership as we take our next steps into the future."

- Cindy Alexander
Former Associate VP of Advancement, Florida Polytechnic University