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## RAC Opens Pensacola Office

Roy Anderson, III, Chairman, President and CEO, announced Roy Anderson Corp has expanded its footprint to include a full service construction office in Pensacola, Florida. Headquartered in Gulfport, Mississippi, Roy Anderson Corp purchased specific assets and hired a core team from Opus South Construction Corporation's Pensacola office. Roy Anderson, III stated "we have completed numerous projects in the Florida Panhandle and are very pleased to now have a permanent full service construction office that will serve the Northwest Florida region. I am also pleased Steve Peranich, former General Manager of Opus South—Pensacola, will continue to have the leadership responsibilities as Vice President and General Manager of the RAC Pensacola office. Opus South Construction has an excellent reputa-

tion in the Northwest Florida region, and we share similar core values in giving back to the local communities in which we work. The Opus group has also been a pioneer in the design-build concept throughout the United States and Roy Anderson Corp has similar synergies of delivering professional services to our customers."



**Chamber of Commerce  
Ribbon Cutting**

A few of Roy Anderson Corp's notable projects in the Northwest Florida region include the Sandestin Hilton Hotel and Convention Center Expansion, the Lost Key Resort in Perdido, the Emerald Grande Resort at HarborWalk Village in Destin, and the Harbor Landing Condominiums in Destin (shown above).

The RAC Pensacola office is located at 5401 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 300, Pensacola, FL 32504.

# Project Updates

## **Ocean Science Laboratory—Stennis Space Center, MS.**

This 171,600 square foot, two-story steel frame structure supports the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVO). The state-of-the-art laboratory, training spaces, and supporting administrative spaces are utilized to accomplish engineering, system design, system development, system integration, test and evaluation, and maintenance of marine systems. NAVO marine systems include analytical systems for evaluation of the ocean environment, systems for studies of wave dynamics, current flow, chemical variances, geophysics, bottom sampling/imagery, target detection, and much



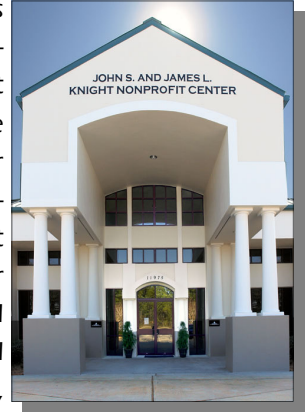
more. The facility will consolidate 263 employees and numerous functions from various buildings around Stennis.

Site work consisted of 600 auger cast piles, all 55 and 65 ft. The building slab was placed with 5,200 cubic yards of 4000 pounds-per-square-inch (psi) concrete with a thickness ranging from 9 to 12-inches. This complex opened in the fall of 2008. *Architect: Studio South Architects*

## **Knight Non-Profit Center—Gulfport Center, MS.**

This 2-story, 70,000 square foot, multi-tenant commercial use building houses many of the Gulf Coasts non-profit agencies. Complete renovation of the first floor included all new walls, floors, ceiling and above-ceiling components. This floor consists of a kitchen, break room, a 250-person capacity banquet room, oval

shaped executive board room, two general assembly meeting rooms, two glass enclosed meeting rooms and glass storefront entrances to each tenant space. New walls were built on the second floor to construct a main corridor which mimics the first floor. The second floor received new carpet and consists of two general assembly meeting rooms, and a break room. A separate Annex building was renovated receiving new flooring and ceilings. Two new chillers were installed as well as a fire alarm system and fire sprinklers were modified throughout. The exterior received Dow AllGuard which improved the skin's weather resistance and aesthetic value. *Architect: Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel Architects*



**Hooters Restaurant—Biloxi, MS.** This 5,097 square foot restaurant includes all custom built tables, tabletops, and interior woodwork. Televisions are positioned throughout so patrons are able to keep up with current news and sporting events while relaxing and enjoying their meal. Located on Highway 90 near the beach, additional features were included such as rolling hurricane shutters and under slab grade beams approximately 11 ft. on center each way to prevent slab damage by storm surge in the event of a hurricane.



## Commanders Palace Restaurant Opens at HarborWalk Village



The Commander's Palace in Destin is the second location for the famous New Orleans, Louisiana restaurant of the same name. The project consisted of the build out of a two story restaurant on the second and third floor of the retail area inside of the Emerald Grande Condominiums at the HarborWalk Village. The restaurant is approximately 10,000 square feet with a



bar and bathrooms on the bottom level and the kitchen and dining on the top level. Special features include a grand staircase surrounded by a two-story wine rack and a two-story art feature, two private dining areas with a hand painted mural in one, outdoor terrace dining and a frosted window that looks into the kitchen from the main dining area.



## NOTEABLE PROJECTS



**Lost Key  
Condominium Resort**  
— Perdido Key, FL



**Sandestin Hilton  
Expansion / Addition**  
— Sandestin, FL



**Capri  
Condominiums**  
— Perdido Key, FL

## Jennifer D'Aquila named Outstanding Community Leader

Top community leaders in South Mississippi were honored at an annual awards ceremony sponsored by Sun Herald MultiMedia at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on March 19, 2009. Sun Herald Publisher, Ricky Mathews, called the honorees "the best of the best." Jennifer D'Aquila, Vice President—Risk Management of Roy Anderson Corp, was among those honored. The winners were chosen from more than 70 nominations. Jennifer is now entered in the Roland Weeks Leadership Hall of Fame, named in honor of the former publisher of the Sun Herald. Congratulations to Jennifer for this awesome achievement.



## RAC wins Workforce Development Award

The Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors (MABC) announced the winners of their Workforce Development Awards Program. This program (established in 2008) consists of four areas: High School Craft Instructor of the Year, Adult Craft Instructor of the Year, Vocational Center of Excellence, and Workforce Development Company Awards. "It is a real honor to be able to recognize instructors, a vocational center, and companies for their commitment to education and developing the next generation of construction professionals," said Buddy Edens, MABC President. "Their efforts embody the ideals of high educational standards and community involvement of the merit shop construction industry."



Roy Anderson Corp won in the Workforce Development Company Award division. Nominees were evaluated on management commitment, recruitment, training and retention. Debbie Bermond, Vice President—Human Resources, stated, "We continually work to create an inclusive work force and recognize the importance of our human capital." Everyone deserves to feel their position is important to the company. We try to recognize the hard work and dedication of our employees by promoting from within, whenever possible."

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