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Editor's Viewpoint



By Mark Buckshon

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Time to be thoughtful, cautious and courageous

As I review this issue of Florida Construction News for publication, I'm struck by the variation between the complex, challenging and controversial political, health and social environment and this issue's stories. For example, Projects and Opportunities outlines some major new hotel construction projects – at a time when the overall hospitality industry is reeling under the weight of COVID-19.

These projects remind us that the construction industry is a long-play and business cycle industry; yes, it has booms and busts – but the cycle of construction is measured in years rather than days and weeks. Opportunities caused by sudden events (such as hurricanes) can create massive business opportunities for designers and contractors long after the immediate crisis.

Nevertheless, I think only a fool would be complacent as we enter the final part of the year with the impending contentious election and a probable COVID-19 second wave. We need to be thoughtful, cautious, and courageous in the months ahead as the industry builds the infrastructure for a healthy and prosperous future.

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North Carolina construction worker awarded more than \$1 million in damages after dispute about supervisor's job site intoxication

Florida Construction News staff writer

An appellate court has ruled that a North Carolina construction worker is entitled to more than \$1 million in damages and attorney's fees after he was fired for complaining about his supervisor's intoxication at job sites.

In *Driskell v. Summit Contracting Group Inc.*, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, affirmed on Sept. 27 a jury's ruling that the worker was retaliated against for threatening to file a workers compensation claim after being punched by the supervisor and for complaining about the safety risk the supervisor's intoxication presented, *Business Insurance* has reported.

Justin Driskell worked as an assistant superintendent for Summit Contracting Group, headquartered in Jacksonville.

In June and July 2015, he noticed that his supervisor frequently drank alcohol at lunch and returned to work intoxicated, and on one occasion "drunkenly brandished a handgun at the job site" in violation of multiple workplace policies, the court filings say. Driskell said he reported the supervisor's behavior several times to senior managers, contending that he presented a safety risk.

The oral argument before the appellate court

Driskell contacted Summit's CEO Marc Padgett on July 16 that year and complained about his supervisor's drinking on the job, according to the filings. Another senior employee was asked to investigate the complaint, but said he could not corroborate Driskell's claims, court documents say.

On July 20, Driskell and his supervisor argued over a safety issue outside a bar, and the supervisor punched Driskell in the face repeatedly when he'd turned to walk away. Driskell wrestled with the supervisor and put him in a headlock. Neither was seriously hurt but both sought medical treatment. Driskell was released back to work in three days; the supervisor required the use of a neck brace for two weeks, the court documents say.

The supervisor told Driskell he was fired, though he was not formally terminated and realized that he had been let go when his workplace iPad and cell phone were deactivated.

In January 2016, Driskell filed a complaint with the North Carolina Department of Labor alleging he was terminated for reporting safety issues and because Summit believed he would file a workers compensation claim.

A jury held that Summit fired Driskell in retaliation



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and awarded him \$65,000 in compensatory damages, \$681,000 in punitive damages for wrongful discharge and \$441,600 in attorney's fees.

Summit appealed, seeking a new trial and arguing that the jury's award was not supported by the evidence. The appellate court affirmed the decision. Although Summit argued that internal complaints are not protected from retaliation, the court disagreed, saying that internal complaints of ongoing safety concerns can be protected when they lead to an investigation — which is what happened when the CEO directed another worker to investigate the supervisor's drinking.

Summit also argued that because Driskell never explicitly "threatened" to file a workers comp claim nor filed one, that he could not claim he was retaliated against, but the appellate court found that the jury could find that the law prohibits an employer from firing someone in anticipation of a "good-faith filing of a workers' compensation claim."

Finally, Summit argued that Driskell was fired because of the legitimate reason of insubordination and fighting with his supervisors. The appellate court, however, disagreed, noting that internal emails provided "ample evidence to support causation" of both of Driskell's retaliation theories.

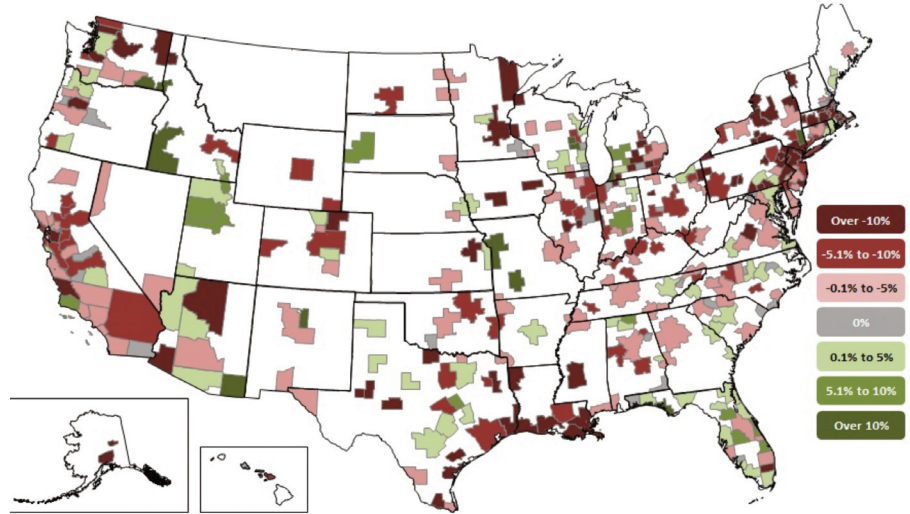
The court also affirmed the jury's award of damages and attorney's fees, but one judge dissented on the award of punitive damages and attorney's fees, *Business Insurance* reported.

Statewide Florida construction employment declines modestly in past year despite COVID-19 crisis

Florida Construction News staff writer



Percent Change in Construction Employment by Metro Area, August 2019–August 2020



Despite the pain and economic crisis caused by COVID-19, especially for the tourism and hospitality sectors, Florida’s construction employment levels for the 12 months ending in August have not fared so badly.

Data compiled from the US Department of Labor by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGCA) indicates that statewide employment declined by only about one percent, or 2,900, and that several metropolitan areas experienced a net growth in construction jobs in the year.

For example, the small market area of Panama City showed a 12 percent gain, causing it to rank as the sixth most healthy construction market in the nation, with a gain of 800 construction, mining and logging jobs to 7,700. (In smaller markets, mining and logging are lumped in with construction in the overall totals.)

Conversely, some markets such as Fort Lauderdale fared poorly — that market area experienced an 11 percent decline to 44,600 jobs, a loss of 5,400 jobs.

Nationally, construction employment decreased in 241, or 67 percent, out of 358 metro areas between August 2019 and last month, AGC reported on Oct. 1. Association officials urged Congress to pass new coronavirus relief measures before leaving town.

“Although residential construction is picking up in many areas, public and nonresidential construction are shrinking,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Project cancellations are spreading, and fewer new projects are starting up. That combination makes further employment declines inevitable unless the federal government steps up support for infrastructure.”

Here is the data by metropolitan area listed by area, industry, employment numbers for August 2019, numbers for Aug. 2020, the 12-month gain or loss, the percentage change and the area’s ranking nationally.

	Aug. 2019	Aug. 2020	GAIN/LOSS		RANK
Statewide Construction	569,100	566,200	-2,900	-1%	
Statewide Mining, Logging, and Construction	574,800	571,800	-3,000	-1%	
Cape Coral-Fort Myers Mining, Logging, and Construction	32,800	33,700	900	3%	43
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,900	7,000	100	1%	67
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,300	14,500	200	1%	67
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Div. Construction	50,000	44,600	-5,400	-11%	278
Gainesville Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,100	6,300	200	3%	43
Jacksonville Construction	46,600	46,800	200	0%	85
Lakeland-Winter Haven Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,500	15,500	1,000	7%	18
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Div. Construction	53,900	54,600	700	1%	67
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,600	18,500	900	5%	27
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Mining, Logging, and Construction	26,400	26,200	-200	-1%	118
Ocala Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,600	9,200	600	7%	18
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Construction	87,100	84,300	-2,800	-3%	147
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,600	16,600	1,000	6%	22
Panama City Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,900	7,700	800	12%	6
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,400	12,400	0	0%	89
Port St. Lucie Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,200	13,200	1,000	8%	14
Punta Gorda Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,300	4,300	0	0%	89
Sebastian-Vero Beach Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,500	4,400	-100	-2%	133
Tallahassee Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,100	9,400	300	3%	43
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Construction	81,100	82,500	1,400	2%	55
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Div. Construction	39,300	38,800	-500	-1%	118

Simonson noted that construction employment was stagnant in 29 metro areas and increased in only 88 areas (25 percent) over the past 12 months. Nineteen metros had all-time lows for August construction employment, while 33 areas had record highs for August, in data going back to 1990 for most areas.

Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Texas lost the most construction jobs over 12 months (-22,800 jobs, -10 percent), followed by New

Mass. had the largest percentage decline (-38 percent, -2,200 jobs), followed by Johnstown, Pa. (-34 percent, -1,000 jobs).

Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, Ind. added the most construction jobs from August 2019 to August 2020 (4,800 jobs, 9 percent), followed by Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, Md. (4,300 jobs, 5 percent). Niles-Benton Harbor, Mich. had the highest percentage increase (16 percent, 400 jobs), followed by Fond du Lac, Wisc. (15 percent, 500

Association officials urged Congressional leaders to not leave town until after the election without passing much-needed new coronavirus relief measures. In particular, the construction officials called on Congress to pass new liability protections for firms that are taking steps to protect workers from the coronavirus. They also urged Congressional leaders to boost investments in infrastructure and pass measures designed to preserve payrolls.

"The coronavirus and efforts to mitigate its spread have left our economy deeply wounded, depressing demand for many types of commercial construction projects," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "Congress can end the downward economic slide and help create needed new construction jobs by passing measures to boost demand and protect honest employers."

View the metro employment 12-month data, rankings, top 10, and map.



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Deborah Hampton is first female Director of Safety at Current Builders

*Robin MacLennan
Florida Construction News staff writer*

Deborah Hampton joined Current Builders in November 2019 as the Risk and Safety Director, a newly expanded role, overseeing risk management, occupational health, safety & environmental programs, and compliance.

One of the firm’s highest-profile team members, Deborah is the first woman to hold this position in the firm’s 48-year history.

“I am honored to nominate Deborah Hampton for this prestigious recognition. Thanks to her innovation and dedication, countless job sites have become a safer environment for thousands of construction workers,” said Crystal Binford, the Business Development and Marketing Director.

Since joining Current Builders less than a year ago, Deborah has already achieved exceptional contributions including implementing:

- a return to work program and new occupational health clinic criteria to facilitate medical management (resulting in lower medical costs and improved medical care for workers).
- the use of root cause analysis into investigations (resulting in increased awareness at the craft level of accidents and promoting the identification of better corrective measures).
- various Competent Person trainings for safety staff (resulting in the increase of greater occupational health & safety proficiencies in the field).
- an ergonomics program and monitoring for craft workers (focused on reducing back injuries).
- safety incentive programs such as “Caught in the Act” and “I know my safety steps” (promoting a safety cultures via positive reinforcement).

She also participated in Safe + Sound promoting worker safety via



“Why I work Safe” (promoting a safety culture), Construction Safety Week, and OSHA National Safety Stand-Down to prevent falls in construction as well as implementing a Behavior Based Safety program promoting a safety culture via what gets measured gets done.



"While mitigating risk in one of the most inherently dangerous industries requires excellence in innumerable proficiencies, Deborah combines this with a crucial power skill—compassion," Binford said. "Whether she is implementing an ergonomics program for more senior workers or offering positive reinforcement of the safety culture for new workers, she is a constant and vigilant protective force at our firm."

Hampton joined Current Builders after 10 years of success at Odebrecht USA, a construction and engineering firm based in Coral Gables.

During her decade as HSE officer for U.S. operations, she says she was "committed to performing every task in the safest manner possible with minimal risk." Her work emphasized controlling high-risk activities and striving to fully integrate health and safety into all aspects of operations through a process of continuous improvement.

Her hard work and accomplishments has been recognized throughout her career, and her work has resulted in her employers receiving numerous awards for safety excellence including multiple wins of ENR's Best Safety Project, the Bronze Safety Award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, AGC's Construction Safety Excellence Award and many others.

"Deborah is an invaluable asset to Current Builders and has fostered a heightened sense of connection among our work force," said Michael Taylor, President of Current Builders.

"Through her programs and guidance, every team member has developed a deeper understanding of our dependence upon each other to create a safer environment. Deborah's contributions to our firm has created a ripple affect as each employee, subcontractor and laborer has benefitted from her expertise and understanding."

At Current Builders, safety is not a goal; it is the primary performance standard. We follow a top-down commitment to safe performance and unsurpassed quality. No job is so important that it can't be performed safely.

Under Deborah's leadership, the safety program demands that every employee, subcontractor and field construction project "stand as an example of how to work expeditiously, without working in harms way."

"Toward that end, we have developed a comprehensive set of standards to ensure the safety of our workers and their environment," she said.

Deborah has earned a reputation in the industry as a proven innovator and results-oriented professional and is enthusiastic about establishing the footprint for this enhanced new position at Cur-

rent Builders.

"This is an exciting opportunity," Hampton said. "Current Builders is one of the most respected general contractors in the state, and I am looking forward to working with the firm to continue their excellent track record in this realm."

As Current Builders continues to expand in both the east coast and west coast Florida markets, the company searched for outstanding new members to facilitate long-term growth goals and Hampton's superior skill set, tremendous leadership qualities and innate desire to mentor the next generation made her a obvious choice.

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This is article is part of a continuing series recognizing Women in Construction who are Industry Leaders. For more details on nominations contact Chase@floridaconstructionnews.com

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B & I NEWS:

COVID-19 solutions – Contractor installs Bipolar Ionization units for businesses seeking to provide a safer and cleaner air environment to their customers

Florida Construction News special feature

The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre management in Fort Myers recently reached out to B & I Contractors to recommend and install filtration methods to reduce the risk of infectious diseases, in particular, COVID-19.

Bipolar Ionization units are installed to safely clean the air by reducing the infectivity of common viruses. Testing has demonstrated that common pathogens such as COVID-19, Legionella, MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) and E. Coli, and others, can be greatly reduced with the use of this technology.

"Because of this addition to our air handlers, along with other increased health and safety meas-



ures, we are able to reopen with the confidence that our venue will be as safe as possible for our customers, employees and cast members," said Will Prather, owner and executive producer of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The Bipolar Ionization filters provided for the Broadway Palm

Dinner Theater were supplied by Commercial Air Management (CAM) and will be installed in the airstream of the air handling unit.

Similarly, Marlene Downer, property manager of Beachway Profes-

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71-year-old construction company owner arrested for workers' compensation fraud

Ontario Construction News staff writer

A construction company owner has been arrested for allegedly concealing payroll information to avoid paying more than \$95,000 in workers' compensation premiums.

Everardo Boretini, 71, the owner of EFC Construction Corporation, was arrested on Sept. 24, the state's chief financial officer Jimmy Patronis said in a statement.

Boretini entered a "not guilty" plea to charges workers' compensation fraud, organized scheme to defraud, first-degree grand theft and organized scheme to defraud over \$50,000 on Sept. 28. His attorney Andy Rier was quoted by the Miami Herald on Sept. 30 as saying: "I look forward to a quick and favorable resolution for my client."

State corporation records indicate EFC Construction Corporation is an inactive business that has been administratively dissolved for failing to file an annual report since 2018. The state records indicate the business was incorporated in 2016. The business is registered to a residential building in Weston, a master-planned suburban community in Broward County.

"Businesses having the appropriate coverage for their employees is extremely important and avoiding carrying adequate workers' compensation insurance is a crime, placing injured workers at risk and ultimately inflating insurance rates for honest businesses," Patronis said in a statement. "I appreciate the outstanding work of our dedicated insurance fraud detectives and urge anyone that suspects insurance fraud to report it to FraudFreeFlorida.com."



EFC Construction Corporation operated from an apartment in Weston in Broward County, according to Florida State corporation filings

An investigation by the Bureau of Investigative and Forensic Services, Division of Workers' Compensation Fraud discovered Boretini allegedly concealed payroll information to avoid paying higher workers' compensation premiums. The investigation revealed that EFC Construction Corporation allegedly conducted more than \$1.5 million in payroll during the policy period but Boretini originally reported an annual estimated remuneration of \$68,648 in payroll on their workers' compensation insurance policy, effectively avoiding more than \$95,000 in workers' compensation premiums.

Everardo Boretini surrendered himself to CFO Patronis' fraud detectives on Sept. 24 and was booked into the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center in Miami-Dade County. Boretini faces charges of workers' compensation premium fraud, grand theft and organized scheme to defraud. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison. Individuals charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

B & I news

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sional Center, contacted B & I to inquire about HVAC UV light technology. However, once she learned about Bipolar Ionization, she determined that it was the best and most cost-efficient solution she could offer her concerned tenants.

"I wanted to let my tenants know that I am doing something for them and having ionizers throughout the building is a great idea," Downer said. B & I will be installing 53 ionizers to service the air handlers on the three floors of the Beachway Building.

B&I Contractors announces 13 apprenticeship graduates

B&I Contractors says it has announced 13 apprenticeship graduates with "great pleasure and excitement".

Jesse Foster, Bradley Kopale and Lucas McKee have graduated and received their HVAC-4 Certification; Romie Franklin and Isaac Washington have graduated and received their Plumbing Certification (PL-4), Douglas Grossi has graduated and received his Electrical Certification (EL-4) from Tri-County Apprenticeship Academy (TCAA) in Lee County.

Jose Angel Lopez Del Toro and Gremir Mendez-Cardenas have graduated and received their Plumbing Certification (PL-4) from ABC Florida

East Coast - American Builders and Contractors Institute in Broward County.

Alan Ruiz has graduated and received his Plumbing Certification (PL-4) from United Service Training Corporation - USTC East Coast (USTC) in Broward County.

Elton Elliot; Osmay Tejada Sanchez and Ryan Varney have graduated and received their Sheet Metal Certification (SM-4) from ABC Florida North - American Builders and Contractors Institute representing Leon to Escambia Counties.

Alejandro Hernandez has graduated and received his Plumbing Certification (PL-4) from Tampa Bay Tech Evening School part of the Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Here are some recent projects and opportunities reported by Florida Construction News online and in our weekly eletter. You can subscribe to the free eletter through the link at www.floridaconstruction-news.com.

Work begins on \$106 million Miami redevelopment

Related Group and Miami-Dade County have broken ground on Three Round Towers B&C/Brisas del Este in the Allapattah neighborhood.



The 383-unit project involves the rehabilitation of two existing towers and the creation of an adjacent new construction building, reports *Multi-Housing News Online*.

The existing Three Round Towers development was built in 1970 on a roughly 7-acre site at 2920 NW 18th Ave.

For the \$106 million affordable housing redevelopment project, Miami-Dade County partnered with Related Urban Development Group, the affordable housing arm of developer Related Group.

Summit Construction to start work on \$20 million North Naples charter school

Construction will start soon on a new \$20 million charter school in North Naples.

Summit Construction Management Group will build the Naples Classical Academy (NCA) at 10270 Immokalee Rd., just east of Collier Boulevard in North Naples. The project is currently in the permitting stage, *Naples Florida Weekly* has reported.

Summit has built 36 charter schools in Florida, South Carolina and Michigan. The two-storey, 70,000 sq. ft. structure will be followed by a future development phase, including a 14,000 sq. ft. gymnasium.

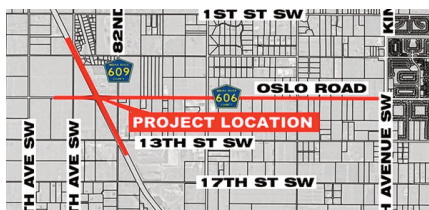


The 17-acre property is the current location of Fogg's Nursery, which is relocating. The site was selected for its proximity to the high-growth intersection of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard, which includes Founders Square, a 55-acre mixed-use development that is currently under construction.

"We're thrilled to launch Naples Classical Academy in North Naples, an area that is experiencing strong residential and commercial growth," said Erika Donalds, president and founder of The Optima Foundation, the nonprofit charter management organization that is helping establish and manage NCA. "This new tuition-free public charter school's location offers the opportunity for families in the surrounding areas to choose a high-quality classical education for their children."

FDOT buying land for \$40 million I-95 exit at Oslo Road

State officials are trying to acquire 122 acres of property for a new \$40 million Interstate 95 exit at Oslo Rd., reports *TCPalm*.



The Florida Department of Transportation wants to begin construc-

tion in 2025 and has a budget of about \$11.5 million to buy about 122 acres of right of way adjacent to I-95 for the project.

The project includes building a new I-95 exit 5.5 miles north of the Indrio Rd. exit and 3.8 miles south of the I-95 exit south of State Rd. 60.

Construction has been budgeted for the 2025-2026 budget year, and will take about three years.

Planning underway on surfing complex and mixed-use project in Fort Pierce

Developers are planning to build a multi-million surfing complex and a mixed-use development project in the city of Fort Pierce.

Willow Lakes is a 200-acre community development that will include at least 800 residential homes, 600 hotel rooms, 400,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 125,000 sq. ft. of office space, reports *Inman*.

The project is anticipated to create about 3,400 jobs during the construction phase. The first phase will feature the WaveGarden simulated surfing park, food and beverage facilities, and possibly a 150-room hotel.

Ash Grove to upgrade cement import terminal in Florida

Cement supplier Ash Grove, a CRH company, (formerly Suwannee American Cement in Florida), says it is undertaking a major transformation project at its Port Manatee deep water import terminal. The company says the project will improve Ash Grove's capacity to import cement, cement slag and flyash to meet the existing and future needs of customers in the Florida and South Georgia markets.

The upgrade project includes the addition of a high capacity FLS/Kovako ship unloader at the terminal,

together with the upgrade of existing material transfer and electrical systems, and the addition of self-loading capabilities. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2021, with the improved facility in full operation by the end of that year.

"The infrastructure improvements and new technology will also increase efficiency and improve environmental performance at the strategically located Port Manatee terminal, leveraging its existing silo capacity and complementing the capabilities of Ash Grove's cement plants in Sumterville and Branford," the statement says.

"The underlying fundamentals in the Florida market are positive with good population and employment growth. The upgrade of the Port Manatee import terminal will expand our capabilities and strengthen our ability to meet growing demand in the region," said Ash Grove regional president, Monica Manolas.

CanAm Enterprises invests \$50 million in Hialeah warehouse park

CanAm Enterprises has invested in a Hialeah warehouse project.

The EB-5 investment firm invested \$50 million into the County-line Corporate Park project in August. The money will fund construction of 1.2 million sq. ft. of warehouse space, reports the *Miami Herald*.



Flagler Global Logistics is developing the 8.4 million-sq.-ft. industrial park running from Northwest 154th to 170th streets and Northwest 97th to 107th avenues in Hialeah.

CanAm is expected to invest another \$125 million before the summer 2021.

Ground broken for 167-room hotel near Tampa

Moss Construction says it has broken ground on J.W. Marriott Clearwater Beach, a 167-room beachfront hotel that will also feature 31 residential units in Clearwater.



The 391,059-sq.-ft. building will have a pool, bar, spa, meeting rooms, ballrooms, fitness center, a beachfront restaurant and about 250 feet of private beach.

Designed by Baker Barrios, the project is situated on Clearwater Beach at 691 S. Gulfview Blvd. The developer is Kiran Patel.

A timeline for completion of the project was not disclosed.

Construction begins on new college building in Upper Keys

Construction is underway on a new building at the College of the Florida Keys in the Upper Keys.

The new Category 5 facility building will allow the college to expand programs in the Upper Keys that include nursing, emergency medical technician, marine environmental technology and public safety, reports *Keys Weekly*.

The building is expected to be completed in August 2021.

With a grant from the state Department of Economic Opportunity, the college is also expanding ap-

prenticeship opportunities in construction and technologies in the Upper Keys.

Daniel Corporation begins work on high-rise near Tampa Bay's massive Water Street project



Birmingham, Alabama.-based Daniel Corporation has purchased land in Tampa Bay for a new residential development near the city's expansive Water Street project.

The 324-unit rental high rise begin construction in the next few weeks, with work to be completed by the fall of 2022, the developer said in a news release reported by the *Tampa Bay Times*.

The project's site is land at the corner of E. Twiggs Street and Channelside.

The project is separate from the Water Street project, a joint venture of Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik and Microsoft founder Bill Gates, that is expected to be completed in 2026 or 2027 and is the biggest real estate project in the city's history, the newspaper reported.

"With pedestrian access to some of Tampa's most exciting new developments — including Water Street Tampa ... we are thrilled to have the opportunity to transform Tampa's most desirable undeveloped block," the developer's executive vice-president Justin Weintraub said in a statement.

Daniel spokeswoman Burgoyne McClendon told the newspaper that the company will name the project and launch a website with more information in the next few months.

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You can submit 4 nominations for clients, customers, industry partners or someone you work with. Our Top 10 List represents Owners, Executives, Managers and Front-Line staff. We will publishing reports on different sectors representing Contractors, Sub-trades, Suppliers, Service Professionals and Industry Leaders based on your nominees throughout the year.

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