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# How to Combat Jobsite Theft

Every day, contractors face challenges – from supply chain issues and rising prices to staffing shortages and extreme weather. Sadly, jobsite theft is also a considerable concern, especially in Florida.

When materials and equipment disappear from sites, contractors lose money. However, they also lose time because new materials must be ordered and schedules are delayed. In addition, if they submit insurance claims for the materials, their insurance premiums increase.

### **Understanding the Impact**

Unprotected jobsites provide easy access to wouldbe thieves. Construction equipment, tools, lumber, shingles, windows and even appliances are seemingly up for grabs overnight and on weekends when few workers are around.

Nationwide, material and equipment theft can add up to millions of dollars in losses, with California, Florida and Texas being the hardest hit. Although site theft has been an issue for years, the instances appear to be on the rise lately, perhaps because material prices have increased dramatically.

### What Builders and Contractors Can Do

Given the loss of time and money resulting from material theft, it is critical that builders and contractors find ways to protect their equipment. Here are some strategies to consider:

### **Conduct an inventory:**

Make sure you have a master list of all your



equipment. This process will help you keep track of where items are and it will simplify filing police reports and insurance claims if anything is stolen.

**Mark your materials:** Take the time to put identifying information on all your tools, machinery and other equipment. If possible, add a colorful company logo



on larger items. For company property, add your tax ID number to the materials; for personal items, use your driver's license number. This tactic makes it easier for law enforcement to recover the stolen items, but it also may deter thieves from taking them in the first place. Use RFID tags and other types of geospatial locators to help identify the location of stolen materials or equipment.

**Track your shipments:** Keep detailed lists of deliveries to jobsites. While marking those items may not be practical, you should have a complete record of what should be onsite. This approach will help if you see that items are missing. In addition, avoid having any deliveries arrive just before or during weekends, holidays or any other days when the site is quiet. It is better to receive those deliveries when many workers are present and close to when the items will be used. Less excess material on a jobsite is always preferred.

**Secure the jobsite:** Depending on where your project is located, find ways to make the site more secure. Lock items behind fences if possible. Install security cameras if feasible. If you are building in a residential area, coordinate with the neighborhood watch or the homeowner's association to monitor the construction sites, especially at night. You can also try storing materials in hard-to-access places, such as on the top floor of a building under construction or within a large piece of equipment.

Preventing jobsite theft also requires coordination between roofing contractors and distributors to work together to catch thieves attempting to resell or use stolen equipment.

### **Final Thoughts**

Stolen equipment can hurt your bottom line, but it can cause other problems as well. If hard-to-get items go missing, you must order more, meaning your project will take longer. This scheduling issue will have a domino effect, impacting other projects you are committed to. Late completion can also frustrate clients who are eager to move into their new homes or offices. That frustration can damage your reputation, which can do more harm to your company in the years ahead.

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# What's Wrong With These Pictures?





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# Special Elections Preview 2024 Campaign Season

A pair of special elections triggered by recent resignations from the Florida House of Representatives will give Floridians an early preview of the 2024 election season. Both seats up for grabs reflect urban districts and the competitive races will provide a litmus test for recent legislative action on a variety of issues from abortion to immigration reform. Let's explore these two special elections and discuss the political backdrop that will give them statewide importance.

### Florida GOP Continues Ascension

The Republican Party of Florida has made tremendous strides in recent years in voter registration, finally besting Florida Democrats in voter registration statewide in 2022. That momentum has continued this year. Recent reports show that Florida Republicans enjoy a current voter registration advantage of 496,150 voters as of May 31. That number continues to grow as current trends show Florida Republicans average approximately nine new registrants for every new Democrat registered in the state. These numbers will play a major role in shaping 2023's special elections and the statewide (including U.S. Presidential) election in 2024.

# House District 35 Special Election (parts of Orange and Osceola Counties)

Prominent lawmaker Representative Fred Hawkins (R) was recently selected to be the new President of South Florida State College, a public college with campuses in Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee counties. He tendered his resignation to the Florida House effective June 29. Hawkins' departure triggers a special election for the HD 35 seat, which is a newly drawn district in Central Florida that, from a partisan standpoint, is one of Florida's most competitive. The date of the special election for HD 35 has not been set, but a crowded field of candidates is taking shape. For the Republicans, Erika Booth is emerging as a frontrunner, recently garnering the support of both incoming Speaker Danny Perez (R – Miami) and the influential Associated Industries of Florida (AIF). She faces three other Republican candidates in the primary: Ken Davenport, Demetries Grimes and Scotty Moore. For the Democrats, two candidates have emerged in Rishi Bagga (who lost to Hawkins in 2022) and Tom Keen. Both parties are expected to dump significant

financial resources into the HD 35 race, with Democrats looking to make a pick-up of this competitive seat and provide positive momentum into 2024.

### House District 118 Special Election (Miami-Dade County)

Another special election was triggered when Representative Juan Fernandez Barquin (R – Miami) was appointed by



Governor Ron DeSantis as the Clerk of the Court and Comptroller of Miami-Dade County. He tendered his resignation to the Florida House effective June 11. HD 118 is a reliably conservative seat, with Fernandez Barquin having bested his Democrat challenger with 68 percent of the vote in 2022. A contested Republican primary between two candidates will determine the ultimate winner. Incoming Speaker Danny Perez (R – Miami) has endorsed Mike Redondo, a Miami attorney, in the race. Redondo faces a significant battle in the race with challenger Christian Chavez, who is a Miami firefighter. A date for the special election has not been set.

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# **Industry Updates**

### **Beacon Announces New Locations**

Beacon continues its expansion in 2023, announcing that it has opened four new locations, two in Texas, one in Florida and one in Tennessee. With the latest branch openings, the company has nearly achieved its 2023 projection of 15 openings in just half a year.

The new branch in Ruskin, Fla., is in Hillsborough County, part of the greater Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater market. "This location adds further service for customers in our Tampa Beacon OTC network," said Jack Gill, Beacon's Florida Regional Vice President. "We are pleased to open along the Interstate 75 corridor to optimize deliveries and increase convenience for contractors needing to pick up building materials for residential and commercial projects."

### Gulfeagle Supply Announces Leadership Changes for Continued Growth

Gulfeagle Supply announces changes in leadership following Doug Stringfellow's plan to retire this fall while helping to transition the leadership team. He has been with Gulfeagle Supply since the acquisition of his family's distribution company in 1995. Doug has played a



vital role in Gulfeagle's growth and success over the past 28 years with the company.

Brad Powers has been promoted to Vice President of Sales and Operations for the Southeast. Ben Zwolski has been promoted to Regional Manager for North and Central Florida to fill Power's previous role. Ben has been with Gulfeagle for over 20 years, most recently as the Longwood Branch Manager. Kurt Schwahn will now oversee both sales and operations as Executive Vice President of Sales and Operations for the company. The promotions from within demonstrates the company's commitment to its core value of "development of people."

### Atlas Announces Appointment of New President Ken Roberts, Retirement of Ken Farrish

After 20 years serving as President of Atlas Roofing Corporation, Ken Farrish has announced his retirement. Ken leaves behind a legacy of industry leadership, financial stewardship and employee development, building an organization that embodies a culture of cultivating "Products with Purpose and People with Passion."

Building on a strong foundation, Ken transformed the organization by embracing the rise of technology, investing in capital projects that improved the customer experience and developing a management team that always strives to put employee growth and team building above all else. This approach led Atlas to sustainable growth in each of its four divisions: Atlas has become a proven leader in the building materials industry.

With Farrish's departure, Atlas is pleased to announce that Ken Roberts assumed the role of President on July 31. Ken has had a successful 30-year career at Masco Corporation. He most recently served as President of Delta Faucet. Previously, he held the positions of President of Masco Canada, VP of International Sales, VP of Specifications and National Accounts, VP of Asian Business and numerous other roles in purchasing and manufacturing. Prior to Masco, Ken worked in GE's Aircraft Engine Division.

Known for his ability to build teams and manage complex projects, Ken operates with intention and transparency. He is passionate about embracing and celebrating differences and focuses on accountability and enabling individual and team success.

Ken holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, as well as a master's degree from Northwestern University in Business Administration and Engineering Management.



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### Lakeside Construction Fasteners, Inc. Promotes Eric Velliquette

Lakeside Construction Fasteners, Inc. (LCF) is pleased to announce the promotion of Eric J. Velliquette to President. Eric has been with Lakeside Construction Fasteners for 10 years, during which time he held the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing, proving himself by expanding the LCF family brand of products throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Before joining LCF, Eric worked as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Atlas Bolt & Screw Company, one of largest fastener manufacturing-distributors in the U.S., servicing the metal building industry. During his tenure with Atlas, Eric earned an MBA and was selected as an Adjunct Professor at Ashland University's College of Business, located in Ashland, Ohio.

In partnership with owners John and Kyle Lane, Eric has forged continuous growth at Lakeside Construction Fasteners by providing the metal building industry with alternative product solutions, keeping quality a focus and working to develop longterm customer relationships. CEO Kyle Lane stated, "He is confident LCF will continue with a strong future, poised to reach even greater heights under Eric's leadership."

Eric's background in international business, sales, marketing, supply chain management and operations gives him an overall understanding of how to improve customer satisfaction. His experience, coupled with his ability to motivate strong working teams, will continue to fuel LCF's ongoing growth and success.

# TFC Acquires a Portion of Connective Systems & Supply Inc.

Triangle Fastener Corporation (TFC) has finalized an acquisition agreement with Connective Systems & Supply, Inc. (CSS). TFC has acquired the segment of CSS's business primarily focused on fasteners for roofing, metal building and mechanical contractors in and around Denver, Colo.

CSS has been a leading provider of fasteners and products to construction industry professionals since its founding in 1985. This segment of their business is supported by approximately 20 employees in two locations who achieved 15 million in sales in 2022.

The acquisition of CSS aligns with TFC's plans for long-term business growth by developing branch locations in the western U.S. and expanding their catalog of proprietary TFC branded products. In addition to the pending opening of a location in San Antonio, Texas, the integration of CSS assets will mean a total of 27 U.S. locations and a marked increase in the central and western U.S. By utilizing CSS's employee expertise and existing sales structure, TFC will confidently serve customers locally and across North America from an increasingly strong market position.



# Altenloh, Brinck & Co. U.S., Inc. Appoints CEO and COO

Altenloh, Brinck & Co. U.S., Inc., a division of Altenloh, Brinck & Co. Group, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, and is the leading U.S. manufacturer of highly engineered fasteners for use in residential and commercial building material industries under the brand names of SPAX, TRUFAST and TRUFAST Walls. Jason A. Beals has been named Chief Executive Officer, providing transition support is Nikolas Dicke, who has been acting CEO for the last five years. In addition to the appointment of Beals as CEO, Allyn Luce has been named COO for the company.



"I am delighted to announce Jason Beals as our new Chief Executive Officer and Allyn Luce as our Chief Operation Officer. Both Beals and Luce are long-time leaders within the company and are highly involved within our communities. Local leadership and our commitment to our employees and customers will lead to continued success for our business as well as building strong partnerships between ABC U.S. and northwest Ohio, supporting our community to be an attractive place for residents to live and work in our region," says Dicke.

As a fifteen-year veteran, Beals joined TRUFAST in 2006 starting in finance after graduating from Miami University. Over his tenure, Beals has held various direct and indirect supervisory and leadership roles within the organization and has helped to guide the company's excellent track record of driving transformation within the commercial roofing industry through the commercialization of high-quality, engineered fastening solutions. As President for TRUFAST and Chief Financial Officer for Altenloh, Brinck & Co. U.S.. Beals has been instrumental in successfully helping drive the company's growth, guadrupling the business in size, adding more than 200 jobs, and leading the acquisition of what is now TRUFAST Walls in 2017, all while maintaining its family-owned, people-focused culture.

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# Underdeck Clearance of Lines, Pipes, Conduits and Cables Have Been Ignored — Until Now

Mike Silvers, CPRC, Owner, Silvers Systems Inc. and FRSA Director of Technical Services

A contractor contacted me a few weeks ago hoping to get some help with a problem they had encountered. During a reroofing operation, they had penetrated a water line causing damage to the interior of the building and its contents. The damaged water line was located just under the deck. Certainly, there must be some type of minimum clearance that the line should have had below the deck. After all, it's common knowledge that most mechanically attached (nailed or screwed) roof coverings or systems must penetrate the deck, so why would this line be allowed to be located there? I had to share some bad news pertaining to his immediate problem, but also some good news that will apply in the future.

### **The Bad News**

The code definitely addresses the location and clearances for lines, pipes, conduit and cables in several of the different subcodes and in code references. Examples are shown below. Notice the addition of underscores to demonstrate the many locations in the building that are addressed and the different types of equipment that are specifically covered and methods used to protect them. But the bad news, at least currently, is that the word "roof" doesn't appear anywhere.

# 2023 Florida Building Code – Plumbing 8th Edition

### CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 305 PROTECTION OF PIPES AND PLUMBING SYSTEM COMPONENTS

**305.6 Protection against physical damage.** In concealed locations where piping, other than castiron or galvanized steel, is installed through holes or notches in <u>studs</u>, joists, <u>rafters</u> or similar members less than 1-1/4 inches (32 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, the pipe shall be protected by steel shield plates. Such <u>shield plates</u> shall have a thickness of not less than 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage). Such plates shall cover the area of the pipe where the member is notched or bored and shall extend not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates.

Note: The 1-1/4-inch dimension was changed from 1-1/2 inches in the 2020 Florida Building Code – Plumbing 7th Edition and was carried over to the 8th Edition.

# SECTION 308 (IFGS) CLEARANCE REDUCTION 308.1 Scope.

This section shall govern the reduction in required clearances to combustible materials, including gypsum board, and combustible assemblies for <u>chimneys</u>, <u>vents</u>, <u>appliances</u>, <u>devices</u> and <u>equipment</u>. Clearance requirements for <u>air-conditioning equipment</u> and <u>central heating boilers and furnaces</u> shall comply with <u>Sections 308.3</u> and <u>308.4</u>.

# SECTION 404 (IFGC) PIPING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

### 404.4 Piping in solid partitions and walls.

Concealed piping shall not be located in <u>solid par-</u> <u>titions</u> and <u>solid walls</u>, unless installed in a <u>chase or</u> <u>casing</u>.

### 404.7.1 Piping through holes or notches.

Where piping is installed through holes or notches in framing members and the piping is located less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the framing member face to which <u>wall</u>, <u>ceiling or floor</u> membranes will be attached, the pipe shall be protected by <u>shield plates</u> that cover the width of the pipe and the framing member and that extend not less than 4 inches (102 mm) to each side of the framing member. Where the framing member that the piping passes through is a bottom plate, bottom track, top plate or top track, the <u>shield</u> <u>plates</u> shall cover the framing member and extend not less than 4 inches (102 mm) above the bottom framing member and not less than 4 inches (102 mm) below the top framing member.

### 404.7.2 Piping installed in other locations.

Where the piping is located within a <u>framing member</u> and is less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the framing member face to which <u>wall</u>, <u>ceiling or floor</u> membranes will be attached, the piping shall be protected by <u>shield</u> <u>plates</u> that cover the width and length of the piping. Where the piping is located outside of a framing member and is located less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the face of the framing member to which the membrane will be attached, the piping shall be protected by <u>shield plates</u> that cover the width and length of the piping.

### 404.7.3 Shield plates.

<u>Shield plates</u> shall be of steel material having a thickness of not less than 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage).



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### 2023 Florida Building Code, Mechanical 8th Edition CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 305 PIPING SUPPORT

305.5 Protection against physical damage.

In concealed locations where piping, other than castiron or steel, is installed through holes or notches in <u>studs, joists, rafters</u>, or similar members less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from the nearest edge of the member, the pipe shall be protected by shield plates. Protective steel <u>shield plates</u> having a minimum thickness of 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage) shall cover the area of the pipe where the member is notched or bored and shall extend not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates.

### National Electrical Code (NEC)

# Protection Against Physical Damage, NEC 300-4

### NEC Article 300.4, sub-section D – Cables and Raceways Parallel to Framing Members.

In both exposed and concealed locations, where a cable- or raceway-type wiring method is installed parallel to framing members, such as joists, rafters, or studs, the cable or raceway shall be installed and supported so that the nearest outside surface of the cable or raceway is not less than 1-1/4 inches (31.8 mm) from the nearest edge of the framing member where nails or screws are likely to penetrate. Where this distance cannot be maintained, the cable or raceway shall be protected from penetration by nails or screws by a steel plate, sleeve, or equivalent at least 1/16 inches (1.59 mm) thick.

As shown in the previous excerpts, the code clearly demonstrates concerns for the locations and clearances of lines, pipes, conduit and cables, all meant to reduce the possibility of them being damaged. It addresses locations that have a lower likelihood of being damaged compared to roofs that are roofed and then reroofed many times during the building's life, each time exposing mislocated items to potential damage. Unfortunately, this lack of consideration for such an important part of a building – the roof – is nothing new. Addressing these and other similar long-standing roofing-related oversights is just one reason it is so important that FRSA, along with our industry allies, stay involved in the codes arena. We need to continue to make important changes to correct these oversights. Which brings me to the good news.

### **The Good News**

During the development of the 7th Edition Florida Building Code (2020), the Florida Roof Deck Association submitted a code modification to add new language to Section 1510 of the FBC Building titled "Cable and raceway-type wiring methods" that is shown below. It deals primarily with prohibiting the installation of wiring between a metal deck and the roof covering. This installation method has been used in many instances within a Lightweight Insulating Concrete (LWIC) pour. This practice definitely has safety implications when using a roof cutter or when installing fasteners on that type of deck where concealed wiring exists between the structural portion of the deck - steel or concrete - and the poured deck's surface. The modification was accepted in the 2020 code and is included below as it appears in the 2023 code.

### 2023 Florida Building Code 8th Edition CHAPTER 15 ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

### SECTION 1510 ROOFTOP STRUCTURES 1510.11 Cable and raceway-type wiring methods. Cable- and raceway-type wiring methods installed on rooftops and not encased in structural concrete shall

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be supported above the roof system and covering. Cable- and raceway-type wiring methods installed in locations under metal-corrugated sheet roof decking shall be supported so there is not less than 38 mm (1-1/2 in.) measured from the lowest surface of the roof decking to the top of the cable or raceway. A cable or raceway shall not be installed in concealed locations in metal-corrugated sheet decking-type roof.

This change was strongly supported by FRSA and opened the door for us to request a modification for the 2023 code. During the latest code development cycle, FRSA submitted a modification (shown below) that was approved. It establishes a required clearance of 1-1/2 inches below the deck in almost all situations.

### 1510.12 Lines, pipes, conduit and cables under roof decks

Lines, pipes, conduit and cables installed below the roof deck shall have a minimum clearance of 1-1/2 inches from the lowest surface of the roof deck except where they penetrate the roof deck.

Exclusion: Lines, pipes, conduit and cables installed under structural concrete decks.

This new FRSA language establishes a foothold to include similar requirements in the other code sections (previously shown), where it has been overlooked in the past. This change will not eliminate these conditions where they currently exist, but it does help by establishing that some expectation of clearance is reasonable. It will apply to new construction and alterations including the installation of any new line. pipe, conduit and cable runs. The code increasingly requires fire sprinkler systems. These systems present a large potential for water damage - not only where the cause of activating the system occurs but throughout the entire zone, such as an entire condo wing or floor. There are other similar issues that our Codes Committees should discuss for possible modification proposals. They include the far from clear sections in the code that address clearance, routing and protection of lines, pipes, conduit and cables above the roof. Roof mounted solar panels and modules and the related wiring in both residential and commercial applications are becoming more common. The issues encountered due to the proliferation of mechanical units and equipment on low-slope commercial and multi-family roofs are being further complicated by cellular communication equipment installations. If our industry and FRSA do not address these issues, they will continue to be overlooked.

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# **Product Approvals**

Riku Ylipelkonen, Owner, Standard Building Advisors and FRSA Technical Advisor

For anyone that has been involved in a roofing project, product approvals are an integral part of the process and are often overlooked considering the effort and expense that go into them. In the most basic terms, the building code defines the minimum threshold of performance for a roof. In Florida, the 900-pound gorilla is wind uplift requirements. The whole process of construction is regulated by the building code to ensure that the life safety of the occupants of the building is preserved during a wind event. Design pressures, live loads, deadloads and more are all meant to cover the needs of performance for any portion of the building. Wind speed maps and project site conditions help to focus the requirements for the roof system to be used on the project. To this end, there is a lot of math involved to determine the requirements of how the roof can be constructed. In Florida, integral components of the roofing system (see the dropdown list on page 18) need to substantiate a product's ability to perform to the requirements of the specific project. Furthermore, the compatibility with other products in the assembly must be substantiated as well because all the components must become a working roof system.

Low-slope roofing systems are, for the most part, easier to design because the testing of each system of components is performed and defined in the Florida Building Code approvals and Miami-Dade Notice of Acceptance (NOA) approvals. As one of my previous managers told me about low-slope roofs, think of it as building a cake. Each layer must work with the one below it and the one above it, from deck to sky. Once you meet design, waterproofing, uplift and warranty requirements, you need to find the approval for the cake assembled as needed. If you have had to find one of these approvals in the past, you know the variety and sheer number of approvals is enough to make your head spin. Hearing that a specified component is backordered or not available will bring a twitch to your forehead because you know you must dive in and find a suitable substitution with a corresponding approval.

Steep-slope roofing systems are a little different. Components are most often tested by individual manufacturers and published with their respective approvals. Then, the roofer must assemble the components in a way to ensure that the system will work when properly assembled and installed. This important and potentially liability-laden process most often falls on the roofing contractor. As an example, you may not be able to use the same underlayment systems under shingles and metal. They are different applications and may require different considerations. Roof tile is even more unique. Because tile roof systems are not tested as a system, you cannot assume the mechanically attached tile will keep the underlayment in place during a wind event. To comply with code, the underlayment system must be installed in a way to ensure it can perform to the requirements of the project without the aid of the tile assembly on top of it.

The new code coming into effect at the end of the year is making a change to tile underlayment testing. Code will now require design pressure testing and



performance reporting on approval evaluation reports. This will help roofers comply with the required design pressures for the project they are working on. Some of the prescriptive ways of showing compliance are going to be eliminated, but any system that is tested and has the performance reported in its approval, will be allowed to be used. This will be a pain point for the product manufacturers who must spend money and time to anticipate what the market will need. The assemblies you need may not be readily available as we transition to these new requirements but this will also be a great opportunity for innovation and new products to come into the market. Do you want to use cap nails instead of nails and tin-tags to

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# **Fire Some Customers**

Mitch Levin, CEO, Corporate Finance Solutions

Here's an outlandish suggestion: fire some of your customers. Most business executives and managers devote a significant amount of time to expanding their customer base by selling more products and services to more people. Most never consider the possibility that some of those customers, including some who have been with them for years, are unprofitable, are very difficult and make no referrals. If you get rid of them, your sales may drop, but your profits could rise.

I did some strategic planning for a small steel fabrication shop a few years ago. Their largest customer was extremely demanding, not only in terms of delivery and quality, but also in terms of price. That customer never passed up an opportunity to bargain for a lower price. Both the shop owner and the sales manager continued to give in to those price demands because it accounted for over thirty percent of the company's annual sales. That company went through a reorganization process and was eventually liquidated.

At the time, I was also working for the fabrication shop that had taken over that demanding customer and a portion of its fabrication business. They sat down with the customer at the start of the relationship and went over a detailed list of all the components that needed to be manufactured.

They raised prices for each piece by varying amounts. "Fine, you should do that," the fabricator said when the customer said he could get a cheaper item from another supplier. Today, that company continues to manufacture the majority, but not all, of those parts and profits not only from that customer's work, but also from their overall business.

You might consider firing a customer for a variety of reasons. For instance, if you do business with a company that is notorious for paying invoices late, you should request a copy of their financial statements. If the late payments are due to a financial emergency, don't be concerned about the revenue impact of losing that customer. Consider the impact of a bad debt write-off on the company's entire receivable. You can't afford to deal with a customer who isn't likely to pay.

If the customer's financial situation does not appear to be overly precarious, simply inform them that you require a written agreement for extended payment terms. Then add the cost of carrying that receivable for another thirty days to the prices you charged that customer. If they refuse to accept the price increase, insist on prompt payment. Your company is not a bank for your customers. If a customer has a history of late payments and refuses to provide you with their financial statements, you should consider firing them.

Most managers have heard many times "Twenty percent of your customers will usually represent over eighty percent of your annual sales." If this is the case with your business, you should look into the profitability of serving a large number of small customers. If the cost of maintaining a customer relationship is disproportionately high in comparison to the revenues and gross profits



generated, consider firing that customer or raising prices.

There are other customer demands that can result in a de facto price cut and the elimination of profits for that specific account. Continual back-charges due to real or perceived quality issues, as well as other reasons the customer might use to pay less than the invoiced amount, are among them. Furthermore, if a customer's demands or delivery requirements necessitate constant overtime work, the increased production costs will reduce the account's profitability toward zero or below.

A remote customer's delivery costs should also be factored into their pricing calculations. Those delivery costs are just as real as direct labor and materials costs. You should not continue to serve a customer if the delivery costs exceed the account's profitability. I recently worked with a client whose firm manufactures a bulky product with a low gross margin. They found co-packers who would gladly privately label materials and ship to that customer in their markets in order to service a large and important customer throughout an area that included cities beyond their profitable shipping radius. My client's company is more profitable and the customer is happy.

The rule is simple: you shouldn't have an account that isn't profitable. Rather than squandering money on customer service, let your competitors handle it. Your business will be more powerful, while your competitors will be less so.

Of course, in a customer relationship, price and profit aren't the only factors to consider. Some people are simply too difficult to deal with; a customer who is consistently unsatisfactory should be avoided.

Every business owner should review their entire customer list with their sales managers at least once



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# Post-Accident Workforce Drug Positivity for Marijuana at 25-Year High in 2022

Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index Analysis Finds

In 2022, the percentage of employees in the general U.S. workforce testing positive for marijuana following an on-the-job accident increased to its highest level in 25 years, according to a new analysis by Quest Diagnostics, the world's leading provider of diagnostic information services.

Last year, post-accident marijuana positivity of urine drug tests in the U.S. workforce was 7.3 percent, an increase of 9 percent over the previous year. The new peak follows a steady increase in post-accident marijuana positivity every year from 2012 to 2022. In that 10-year time frame, post-accident marijuana positivity increased 204.2 percent. From 2002 to 2009, post-accident marijuana workforce positivity declined.

These increases in post-accident marijuana positivity correspond with legalization of marijuana in certain states. In 2012, Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Since then, 19 additional states and the District of Columbia have legalized the recreational use of marijuana and 38 states (plus the District of Columbia) have legalized medical use, although any kind of use remains illegal under federal law.

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"Intoxicating cannabis products, including marijuana, can have a major impact on safety at work and has been proven to slow reaction time, impact memory and impair skills essential to driving. State legalization of the drug creates new challenges for employers," said Katie Mueller, a Senior Program Manager at the National Safety Council focusing on cannabis safety. "The Quest data provides compelling evidence that increased use of cannabis products by employees can contribute to greater risk for injuries in the workplace. It is imperative employers take the proper steps to create and maintain a policy that addresses cannabis use, build a safety-focused culture and educate the workforce to keep all workers safe on and off the job."

In 2022, the combined U.S. workforce urine drug positivity for all drugs persisted at 4.6 percent — the highest level in two decades. The 2021 and 2022 positivity rates were the highest since 2001, up more than 30 percent from an all-time low in 2010-2012.

While marijuana was the main driver of workforce positivity increases in the workforce, amphetamines positivity also contributed to the increase. Positivity for marijuana increased 10.3 percent and amphetamines positivity increased 15.4 percent. While the company's amphetamines data do not differentiate between prescribed medications and illicit drug use, the increase correlates with other data suggesting that the use of amphetamines, prescribed or illicit, has grown in recent years in the U.S.

The rising overall drug positivity rate for general workforce urine testing was observed widely across U.S. industries. "Our 2022 Quest Diagnostics analysis shows that the overall U.S. workforce positivity rate continued to be at a historically elevated level in 2022. even as much of the nation's workforce returned to the office post-pandemic," said Keith Ward, General Manager and Vice President for Employer Solutions at Quest Diagnostics. "This historic rise seems to correspond with sharp increases in positivity for marijuana in both pre-employment and post-accident drug tests, suggesting that changing societal attitudes about marijuana may be impacting workplace behaviors and putting colleagues at risk. The increase in amphetamines positivity is also notable, given the addictive potential and health risks associated with this class of drugs."

"Year-over-year and five-year data point to continuously higher workforce drug positivity overall, by industry and across multiple drug categories," said Suhash Harwani, PhD, Senior Director of Science for Employer Solutions at Quest Diagnostics. "As employers express concern for employee health, wellness and safety, they may want to consider this data as a warning sign, particularly as a growing body of science demonstrates the risks of marijuana to mental and physical health."

"States that have legalized recreational and medical marijuana use exhibit higher positivity rates than the national average. States that have not legalized marijuana appear to have positivity rates below the national averages," said Dr. Harwani. "Overall, post-accident and pre-employment positivity test rates among the federally mandated, safety-sensitive population have always been lower, suggesting the expectation of testing may be a deterrent."

Urine positivity rates for post-accident testing increased over five years. The rise in marijuana post-accident positivity among private employers mirrored an increase in overall drug positivity in individuals tested post-accident. Rates of post-accident drug positivity increased both year over year and over the past five years in nearly all specimen types tested.

Post-accident testing is conducted to evaluate whether drug use may have played a role in a workplace incident prompting the drug test. Both post-accident and pre-employment drug testing aim to protect non-drug using workers from others who may use drugs in the workplace and pose a danger. U.S. workforce positivity plateaued at a 20-year high. The overall positivity rate based on more than nine million urine drug tests was 4.6 percent in 2022 and 2021, an increase of 31.4 percent from the all-time low just 11 years ago.

Over five years, workforce positivity increased in every industry category. Accommodation and Food Services led the way with a 42.9 percent increase in positivity and Construction increased 14.6 percent. Marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines showed widespread increases across industry sectors.

Florida employers need to understand that workers' compensation may not cover those who have been injured on the job and test positive for a controlled substance.

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# **Tips for Construction Safety**

Omar Kaywan, Co-Founder and Chief Growth Officer, Goose Insurance

Being a construction worker is one of the most dangerous and potentially fatal jobs. There are roughly 150,000 construction jobsite injuries each year with one in five deaths among U.S. workers. Despite bulky safety gear and protocols that are meant to keep construction workers safe, they are still prone to accidents that could cause serious injuries and may even be fatal. Here are a few tips to stay safe on the job:

### **Utilize Safety Gear and Equipment**

Suiting up is one of the most important steps before beginning a job. Safety gloves, hard hats, safety goggles, ear plugs and other necessities should always be worn. Take a few extra minutes to ensure you have on injury preventing gear to keep yourself safe and be sure to utilize safety technology as well.

The clothes you wear can also be part of your gear. Wear durable clothing that can protect your body from potential hazards. Reflective vests can ensure you're visible if you're working at night, long sleeved shirts and long pants that cover every inch of your body can protect you from cuts and scrapes, etc. Don't just protect the obvious areas of your body (eyes, head, hands), keep your entire body safe from danger.

### **Update Your Gear**

Most tools are used daily and after constant use, they're likely to need replacing. Be sure to recognize which tools are worn and which aren't working as they should be and replace them. Not only can this make the job go more smoothly, it can also decrease your risk of potential injury. Take the time at the beginning or end of the day to assess the condition of your tools and update them when necessary.

### Take Your Time, Don't Take Shortcuts

While your end goal might be to move on to the next job, rushing may mean a botched job and having to come back later; it can also put you at risk. Taking shortcuts can lead to accidents that can put you in a dangerous situation, expose you to hazards and cause injury. Take a few extra minutes to be sure the job is done right and safely – you'll end up thanking yourself later.

With experience and wisdom often comes ways to save time and still achieve quality work, however sometimes when it comes to safety, shortcuts are dangerous. Stick to the fundamentals. Climbing a ladder as you were taught early on or using a harness when working at heights can make a major difference in safety. Following the basics is tried and true.

### **Recognize Fatigue**

When working in places with no controlled temperature for hours, it's important to recognize when you need to take a break from the job. Take a minute or two away from the job to cool yourself down (or warm yourself up). Staying hydrated and fueled throughout the day can ensure you're in the best physical condition to handle a job. You know



yourself best and if you begin to feel light-headed, over-heated or tired, remove yourself from a potentially dangerous situation until you feel better.

### **Assess Before Beginning**

Not all jobs are the same, so evaluating the situation before beginning can save you trouble in the long run. Take a few minutes to assess the work area for potential hazards such as slippery surfaces, exposure to dangerous chemicals or wires, temperature changes, etc. Rushing to get into a job to get it done will not only put you at risk but can cause you more work in the end. Inspect the entire area for cords, equipment, etc. and notice any defects that may be a hazard. By taking a look at what the job requires, you can avoid dangers and will be able to determine what gear you'll need.

### Get AD+D Insurance Coverage

AD+D coverage, otherwise known as Accidental Death + Dismemberment insurance is important to protect your family financially if something happens to you. If you're the sole or only person working in your household, this is especially important for your family to be able to pay bills, cover medical costs and other expenses. Whether your accident is fatal or you're stuck in bed recovering for months, the right AD+D insurance can give you and your family peace of mind. Tip: When you do go shopping for AD+D coverage, make sure you look at the types of accidents covered because not all policies cover all types of accidents.

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# Unveiling the Cornerstone of Project Management: Efficient Project Planning

Project planning, a cardinal aspect of project management, is an essential component in every phase of a roofing project. Take, for instance, when owners decide to build a new facility. They create a comprehensive plan to obtain what they need. Although the blueprint may seem straightforward, its implementation can be quite intricate.

### **The Planning Process**

The process involves identifying the need explicitly, setting a budget and determining a completion date. Subsequently, a proficient team capable of designing and building the facility is assembled. The project is monitored consistently throughout its lifecycle. Key players in the process include designers, contractors, specialty contractors and material suppliers, all of whom execute their part in the project with profound detail.

This article will guide you through the primary elements of project management planning used in the roofing industry. Remember, planning is pivotal to any task, whether it is management-focused or leans towards field execution.

### **The Three-Phase Procedure**

As a project manager, you grapple with a multifaceted and perpetually changing time frame. You need a simple and communicable process to manage and adjust many job activities and sequential project relationships.

This can be achieved using a three-phase procedure comprised of planning, scheduling and time monitoring. During the planning phase, you will outline the work to be done, determine how it will be executed and set the order of completion. The scheduling phase will outline the project components' start and end dates, while time monitoring involves comparing the actual job progress with the planned schedule.

### The Importance of Planning

The planning phase is both the most challenging and significant facet of job management. It demands an intimate understanding of roofing construction methods and an ability to visualize and establish the interdependencies between separate work components. Gathering information from key personnel, such as estimators, superintendents, forepersons and subcontractors, is crucial. This participatory approach to the planning phase development helps detect potential issues early and ensures the steps toward resolution commence ahead of time.

### Breaking Down the Planning Phase

Roofing project planning can be divided into five key steps:

- Determine the project's general approach
- Segment the project into executable "workflows"



- Identify the subsequent relationships among these activities
- Create a graphical presentation of this planning information
- Secure the project team's buy-in.

### **Understanding Job Activities and Logic**

Job activities represent individual work steps with a clear beginning and end and a definable time frame for completion. These activities might illustrate large portions of a project or be restricted to smaller steps.

Job logic denotes the order of completion for these activities. Some activities are dependent on others, while many can coincide. Job logic often follows the established standard roofing trade work sequences. However, there can be multiple viable approaches for any project, making it essential for project managers to distinguish the most suitable alternatives.

### **Addressing Limitations**

A realistic job plan must consider practical restrictions that may apply to job activities. These limitations range from physical and resource constraints to time-consuming activities. Acknowledging and considering these constraints is a crucial part of job planning. Overlooking these limitations can jeopardize an otherwise qualified job plan.

### **Types of Planning Methods**

Two planning methods often employed are Beginningto-End Planning and Top-Down Planning with a work breakdown structure (WBS). Beginning-to-End Planning involves envisioning a project sequentially, from start to finish. This method can sometimes overlook crucial operations, leading to underestimation of project duration. Top-Down Planning on the other hand mitigates this by examining the project holistically before breaking it down into principal components.

### **Software for Planning**

Computers and software have emerged as irreplaceable tools for planning, scheduling and controlling projects. In an era where planning is the most challenging yet essential phase of project management, digital solutions have revolutionized the process. The complex web of tasks can be devised, revised and visualized right on the computer screen, eliminating traditional manual drafting's inefficiencies.

With the advent of software, team planning exercises initially carried out on a whiteboard quickly transitioned into the digital realm. The software-aided development of your schedule provides immense flexibility, promotes better comprehension and facilitates collaborative review by other team members. This pooling of skills aids in developing a dynamic plan in a fraction of the time traditionally required.

Moreover, the dawn of virtual environments allows for planning meetings where participants can collaborate from their individual offices or any other location within the company. This availability and convenience facilitate planning for large and complex projects, enabling you to draw expertise from anywhere within your organization.

In conclusion, effective project management pivots to efficient project planning. Despite the complexity and challenges associated with this process, contemporary project managers can leverage the sophistication of software tools and collaborative planning strategies. These advancements simplify the process and enhance project outcomes, making planning a transformative stage in the project management lifecycle.

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# CFS Roofing Services' "Cypress Cove" Receives Shining Star Award





Roofing contractor David Crowther's CFS Roofing Services, Fort Myers, replaced the 525,530 square foot tile roof on the Cypress Cove retirement community in Fort

Myers, with an Englert S2000 series 24-gauge, 1-3/4inch bone white coated roof panel system. Beneath the metal panels, CFS used Polyglass MTS Plus self-adhered underlayment. The roof was fastened with Triangle Fastener Corp ULP (ultra low profile) Pancake Screws. The panels were finished with Titebond Metal Roofing Sealant. Suncoast Roofers Supply was the supplier for the project.

### **Project Challenges**

Since this project was a fully-occupied retirement community, COVID restrictions remained in place. As a result, daily check in and check out was required throughout the project's duration. Masks were required inside construction trailers and during site meetings. Like many projects, supply chain problems proved challenging. Tammy Hall, CFS Roofing





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Services' Director of Marketing and Service Division, noted that Englert worked around the clock to ensure that they had enough clips for the panels.

Each day of the project's 12-month lifespan required coordination with Howard Wheeler from general contractor Chris-Tel, other trades and the owner's representatives. The safety plan required a full-time onsite safety monitor. As the project progressed, the copulas, turrets, overhands and other architectural features needed to be covered. These concerns were coordinated building by building with projects reps.

### The CFS Roofing Services Team

The stellar team from CFS included:

- Estimator: Julian Ferrer-Padron
- Project Manager: James Admire
- Superintendent: Edvin "Gabe" Lopez (Project MVP)
- Foremen: Jeremias Hernandez and Byron Gutierrez
- Englert Manufacturer Rep: Tony Delfino.

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a year. Those who shouldn't be on the list should be fired. The goal isn't to maximize revenue: rather, it's to maximize profits. And don't forget the old adage: you can't make up for losses by selling more products at a lower price.

Know who your ideal customer is and know how many you have. Do what you can to attract and retain them and your business will thrive.

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Together, they worked to complete this challenging and beautiful roof covering the Cypress Cove retirement community. Congratulations to the team from CFS Roofing Services!

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# S.T.A.R. Awards — Hurricane Response

### First Place, Quality Roofing Inc, Little Gasparilla Island, Hurricane Ian

Type of Roof Application: Standing Seam Metal

Roof height: Various Contractor: Richard C Jenkins Estimator: Richard C Jenkins Project Manager: Richard C Jenkins Superintendent: Richard C Jenkins Foreman: Julio "Junior" Romero Manufacturer: Sentrigard



Project MVP Julio "Junior" Romero There was nothing "little" about the Little Gasparilla Island project. Quality Roofing helped more than 30 residents after Hurricane Ian destroyed numerous roofs. The logistical complexities proved humbling: trees and debris left behind, no electricity for weeks and many companies lacked the capability to get on the island due to transportation restrictions. Quality Roofing succeeded in moving materials onto the island by barge. Loads of standing seam had to be ordered and tear-off and dry-in required a couple of trips to the island. When the standing seam ar-

rived, QRI crews had to fabricate the panels and deliver them to the island for installation. Overall, a very complicated project but Quality Roofing was up for the challenge.

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# S.T.A.R. Awards — Craftsmanship in Roofing

### First Place - West Coast Florida Enterprises

Type of Roof Application: Verea Flat Tile, Copper Flat Lock, Copper Gutters Roof size: 124 squares **Roof height:** Two stories **Contractor:** Melinda Ann Nicholas Estimator: Terrill Brake Project Manager: Terrill Brake Superintendent: Rich Lamb (Project MVP) Foreman: Rich Lamb Manufacturer: Verea Roof Tile **Supplier:** ABC Supply Co Inc



### Second Place - Quality Roofing Inc

Type of Roof Application: DaVinci 23 Composite Slate,

**Copper Standing Seam** Roof height: 15 feet **Contractor:** Richard C Jenkins Estimator: Brad Morgan **Project Manager:** Luis Angeles Superintendent: Luis Angeles Foreman: Mario Angeles Architect: Davis Bews **Design Group** Manufacturer: DaVinci, Polyglass Supplier: ABC Supply Co Inc **General Contractor:** Alvarez Homes







### Third Place – Old World Craftsmen

Type of Roof Application: Englert Kynar Standing Seam Metal, PAC-CLAD Soffit, Siplast Teranap Mod Bit, Wausau Roof Pavers **Roof size:** 90,000 sa ft Roof height: 80 feet Contractor: Jeff Ganskop Estimator: Matt Ganskop Project Manager: Matt Ganskop Superintendent: Pat Ganskop Foreman: Joel Smollack Architect: Lewis & Whitlock Manufacturers: Englert, Hunter Panels, PAC-CLAD, Siplast, Wausau Tile Suppliers: ABC Supply Co Inc. **Gulfeagle Supply** 



Project MVP Matt Ganskop



### **Rum Row, Naples**

This residence was constructed in early 2020 and there were deficiencies with the roof and the waterproofing on the decks of the building. The house and the landscaping were nearly brand new, so extreme caution to protect the client's property was necessary. West Coast Florida Enterprises decided that the best option would be to erect a scaffold platform around the entire residence. This allowed the team to access the roof and deck areas around the entire property while protecting the exterior finish and landscaping. The reroof was completed in a timely manner with no damage to the property and with a product with which the client was extremely pleased.





### **McInerney Residence, Belleair Bluffs**

Due to material delays, the McInerney Residence, which was already an extensive project, required two years to complete. Quality Roofing, Inc worked with long-time client Alvarez Homes on this ambitious design. The roof consisted of DaVinci multi-width slate, Polyglass MTS underlayment, custom copper standing seam tapered radius turret with copper finial, four rounded copper standing seam dormers, site rolled copper half round gutters, downspouts, chimney cap with standing seams and copper wind screen. It also included copper crickets, goose neck vents, lead flashing sleeve covers,

copper saddles and all roof-to-wall and eave flashings in copper. With six roofing slopes from low-slope to 12:12, the QRI team faced many structural challenges but were able to find solutions to complete the project.





### FSU Student Union, Tallahassee

This project has been the largest and most varied new construction project that Old World Craftsmen Inc has completed to date. There were numerous aspects of this project ranging from an Englert Kynar finish 22-gauge double-lock standing seam metal roof panel system of approximately 15,000 square feet on a 12:12 pitch, 50,000 square feet of Siplast 20/30 mod bit flat roof, an install of 8,000 square feet of PAC-CLAD aluminum soffit at a ceiling height of 40 feet, architectural gutters, insulating wall and panel system and - the most unique of all - the plaza deck area that boasts a complete green roof system with NVS lightweight concrete, and a multi-layer Siplast mod bit. It also included a Teranap roof system and 7,000 square foot of Wausau roof pavers ranging in size from 2'x2' to 2'x4'. This was a very large scale new construction project, which meant that many trades were working on the facility at the same time.



# S.T.A.R. Awards — Low Slope

### First Place – Roofman Inc

Type of Roof Application: Tapered Insulation and Hot Asphalt Roof size: 84,000 sq ft Roof height: 20 feet Contractor: Peter Dzenutis Estimator: Fred Southern Project Manager: Peter Dzenutis

Superintendent: Peter Dzenutis Foreman: Fred Southern Consultant: Alpine Roof Consulting, Pete San Juan Manufacturers: CertainTeed, Metal Alliance Distributor: Sunniland Corp General Contractor: Roofman Inc





### Second Place – Springer-Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal

Type of Roof Application: SOPREMA Modified Roof size: 419 squares low-slope, 40 squares shingles Roof height: 15 to 50 feet Contractor: Rob Springer, CPRC Estimator: Kyle Wise Project Manager: Cam Raby Superintendents: Rob King, Jack Donaghy Foreman: Salvador Pizano Architect: Zyscovich Architects Manufacturer: SOPREMA General Contractor: AD Morgan



Project MVP Salvador Pizano



### Third Place – Advanced Roofing Inc

Type of Roof Application: JM Dynabase PR, Dynaweld 180 S,

Dynaweld Cap 180 FR Roof size: 81,500 sq ft Roof height: 11 to 28 feet Contractor: Rob Kornahrens Estimator: Cody Stunkard Project Manager: Juan Goya Superintendent: Faustino Perez Foreman: Jose Jimenez Architect: Song + Associates Manufacturer: Johns Manville, Al Takacs





### Royal Harbour Re-Roof, North Palm Beach

To ensure employee safety, ease of movement and landscape protection, the Roofman Inc team installed custom-built scaffolding. Next, the team reframed and backstayed every existing roof member and added a new roof member in between all existing ones. New sheathing was installed and all plywood butt joints seam taped. High temperature metal roof underlayment was installed over the sheathing. The Roofman Inc team chose a CertainTeed three-ply SBS system and

fabricated custom radius to accept standing seam panels and flashings for two dozen each of roof plains, walls, windows, radius, sliding doors and balconies.





### Midtown Academy, St Petersburg

This project consisted of 419 squares of low-slope roof and 40 squares of shingles spread out over 15 different low-slope roof areas and six shingle roof areas. The low-slope roofing was a SOPREMA modified system and CertainTeed provided the shingles. This project started with weekly and monthly service visits to remove or install penetrations that were being upfitted. Springer-Peterson also ended up building two huge 20x30-foot curbs with covers in different areas so that the HVAC contractor could open them up daily to install new steel and HVAC equipment. These curbs were removed when reroofing started, to leave behind smaller individual AC curbs and stands. This reroof project was completely torn off to the existing decks, which consisted of wood, metal, gypsum and tectum. On one roof area, there had been a second deck and truss system installed. This was also removed to the original deck.



### Dillard Elementary School, Ft Lauderdale

The reroofing project at Dillard Elementary School in Hollywood involved the replacement of an 81,500 square foot built-up roof with a new modified bitumen roof system while the school remained fully operational. Ensuring safety throughout the project was the top priority, with temporary fences and hallways constructed to protect children from construction materials and machinery. Night work was performed with maximum safety measures in place, including debris removal, tight employee formation and tower lights. Despite safety concerns and supply chain issues, the project was completed to the highest quality standards and without injury. Collaborating with roofing consultants, school principal and assistants was essential to the project's success from start to finish. This project is a testament to Advanced Roofing's dedication to safety, quality and client satisfaction.



# S.T.A.R. Awards — Steep Slope

### First Place - CFS Roofing Services

Type of Roof Application: Metal Englert S2000

Roof size: 525,530 sq ft Roof height: 1 to 4 stories Contractor: David Crowther Estimator: Julian Ferrer-Padron Project Manager: James Admire Superintendent: Edvin "Gabe" Lopez

- **Foremen:** Jeremias Hernandez, Byron Gutierrez
- Manufacturers: Englert, Tony Delfino; Polyglass; Triangle Fasteners; Titebond
- Supplier: Suncoast Roofers
  Supply
- General Contractor: Chris-Tel, Howard Wheeler

### Second Place – Martin Roofing Services Inc

Type of Roof Application: Radius Tapered Convex/Concave Panels and TPO Roof size: 236,000 sq ft Roof height: 20 to 50 feet Contractor: Jeremiah Dice

Estimator: Brantley Dice Project Manager: Jeremiah Adams Foreman: Mitch Duncan Architect: Bentley Architects + Engineers

Manufacturers: Bemo, Tony Thompson; Berridge, Bob Wilinski; GAF, Sean Ramsey Supplier: Beacon, Jeff Patterson



Project MVP

Edvin "Gabe" Lopez

Jeremiah Adams





### Third Place – Huber & Associates

Type of Roof Application: Enviroslate Roof size: 55,600 sq ft Roof height: 121 feet Contractor: Barry Huber Estimator: Jamin Huber Project Manager: David Piper III Superintendent: Joseph Metzger Foreman: Efren Vazquez Architect: Cooper Carry Inc Manufacturers: Enviroshake, Mid-States Asphalt General Contractor: Hunt Construction Group Inc



Project MVP David Piper III



### Cypress Cove, Ft Myers

This was a massive reroof of over 525,000 square feet of tile replaced with Englert Metal. Because this project involved a retirement community at Lee Memorial Hospital, COVID protocols remained in place for the duration of the work. The CFS Roofing team overcame these onsite challenges as well as acute supply chain issues. After 12 months of persevering, the results speak for themselves.



### Suntrax Connected Vehicle Test Facility, Auburndale

The project consisted of several different roof systems, some of which were very complex. The Arrival Conference Center, which was the showpiece of the project, consisted of Bemo radius tapered convex and concave metal roof panels over the top of a Bemo Flex sub framing system. There were numerous hurdles Martin Roofing Services (MRS) had to maneuver throughout the design phase because the original design of this building could not be met by any roofing manufacturer. Bemo was not the original specified system and Martin had to work with Bemo and the architect to redesign

the shape of the building for the Bemo system. MRS had to incorporate the Flex system, which required surveyor geolocating and 3D scanning of the building skin.





### Grand Bohemian Hotel, Greeneville, SC

This luxurious lodge rises from the banks of the Reedy River in Greenville's beautiful Falls Park. Though beautiful, the location created a congested and logistically challenging jobsite. The roof itself was a massive scope and required special fabrication and fitting. The selection of Charcoal Gray, Sage Green and Plum Dark Purple Enviroslate was carefully blended and installed on about 55,600 square feet of roof, with average pitches of 10:12 and some very steep mansard portions. The Huber and Associates team steam-bent large sections to fit the roofs curved surface, adding to the difficulty of the project.





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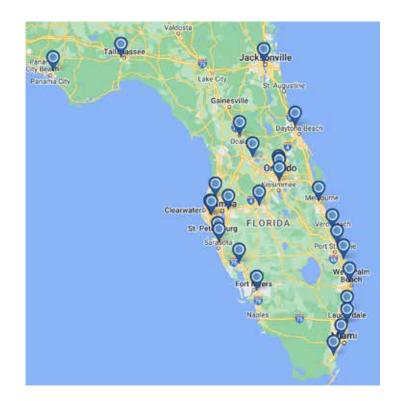
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