

# ---The GLF Connection

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# GLF USA is 20 years old

# Special points of interest:

- GLF USA's 20th anniversary
- New projects from the FDOT/ Florida Turnpike Enterprise
- SR-30 Bridge over the mid-mark
- GLF new Airport/Paving Division making its mark
- New project in Haiti
- Years of Service with GLF



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GLF Construction Corporation began its operations in Miami, Florida on March 12, 1993. GLF is the US subsidiary of Grandi Lavori Fincosit SpA of Rome Italy.

In the past twenty years GLF Construction has grown to be a leader in the Heavy Civil and Marine Construction Industry in the Southeastern United States and Caribbean. The past twenty years has also brought many challenges as well as changes to GLF.

After beginning as a General Contractor primarily in southeast Florida, GLF has now gained a large market share in the heavy civil, marine and highway construction business in the Southeast US. GLF has also ex-

panded into the Caribbean and Central American markets in both, highway and marine construction.

Clients include the United States government, State and Local governments, and numerous Port Authorities. Private

clients include



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the manufacturing and oil industries.

GLF currently is in an expansion mode. We are approaching \$100 million dollars per year in sales with plans for continued growth in the next decade.

However, GLF's continued growth will not be as much about its clients or the volume of work but about the people. GLF recognizes that as the company continues to be successful, we will need to rely on the strong foundation built 20 years ago.

GLF is the sum of all those team members who have given all their efforts and hands-on work toward a common goal with professionalism, enthusiasm, passion and purpose.





USCG Fuel Farm & Related Facilities

Opa-Locka Airport, FL

GLF's first project in 1993

## <u>Current Project News</u> SR-589 Veterans Expressway Widening E8M60—Tampa, FL

On February 12, 2013 GLF received the Award from the FDOT/Florida Turnpike Enterprise in the amount of \$56,648,756.62 for this project. The scope of work consists of widening of Veterans Expressway from four (4) lanes divided to eight (8) lanes divided, including conversion of mainline to all electric tolling system between Milepost 7.160 to Milepost 9.000 in Hillsborough County, FL.

This project will be led by Mike Hill, Project Manager, who has a vast experience in road work and possesses a well established relationship with all governmental agencies. We welcome Mike on board and we are confident that he will bring this project to a successful completion with his experienced staff, composed of Project Engineer, Andrew Kinnear; Cost Engineer, Jack Burch; Roadway Superintendent, Wayne Harris; Bridge Superintendent, Paul Bedard and Office Manager, Erika Gennarelli.

# SR-589 All Electronic tolling at Veterans Expressway E8M77—Tampa, FL

On April 16, 2013 GLF also received an Award from the FDOT/Florida Turnpike Enterprise in the amount of \$11,249,740.28 for another section of the Veterans Expressway. This project consists of conversion of the existing conventional Sunpass/Cash Toll collection system on the Veterans Expressway to an All Electronic Toll (AET) collection system for mainline (one location) and ramps (4 locations) between north of Gunn Highway and



Mike Hill, Project Manager

Dale Mabry Highway in Hillsborough County, FL

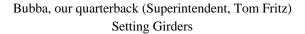
This project will also be led by Mike Hill, Project Manager and his staff.

# SR-30 (US98) Over Aucilla River Bridge Replacement in Taylor County

The construction of the Aucilla River Bridge Replacement is 73% complete. We are currently in Phase IV of the project. A lot of progress has been made since the beginning of the year. Early in January GLF and Case Atlantic were working to finish the Drilled Shafts from bent seven through bent twelve. The Drilled Shafts were completed on February 13<sup>th</sup> allowing us to move forward on the superstructure with two available cranes for the first time in a long time. GLF also began forming the columns on top of the Drilled Shafts early in January. In February we formed bents six through eight, and plan to have all of the columns formed and placed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. We also have almost half of the bent caps in-

stalled; constructing end bent one early in January and completing intermediate bents two, three, and eight in February. In March, intermediate bents four and five have been completed, and we will have bents six and seven done by the end of the month. Within the next two weeks Anderson Columbia will begin installing the MSE/Gravity walls at the west end of the project. March 11<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for all of us in Taylor County because we set the first span of beams on span one!! By the end of March we plan to have beams set through span four. Soon we will begin forming the diaphragms and getting ready to set SIP's to get the bridge decks going.







Adam Conrad, Engineer

GLF has hired Adam Conrad as our full time Field Engineer. Adam was in our Worker Training Program through North Florida Workforce as a Field Engineer Intern. Adam has just completed his course work for a

Masters in Civil Engineering at The Florida State University. Congratulations Adam!



Aerial view of the project looking east

#### CSI TEAM # 2

We would like to announce that GLF's "CSI Team #2 (I-595 is Team #1)" was dispatched to the FDOT Oviedo, FL Yard by Lead Inspector Ernest Howard (Our very own version of Horatio Cain) to investigate paint marks on cracked members of the Acrow Decking. Our CSI Team Members, Lorenzo Ellis and Adam Conrad, successfully found the evidence needed to prove our case. We congratulate our CSI paint experts for their efforts. That makes two cases closed for Lead Inspector Howard. That makes 2 for 2, a sterling record!

#### **I-595 Corridor Improvements**

The I-595 project is being supported by an innovative financing package including a \$603 million TIFIA (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) loan, other federal funds, and a public-private partnership. The project has been attracting a lot of attention from all over the country.

On February 21, 2013, Federal Highway Deputy Administrator Greg Nadeau joined state and local officials in Ft. Lauderdale to review progress on the <u>I-595 Express Lanes</u> project in Broward County. Once the work is complete, these lanes will bring congestion relief to residents, businesses, and visitors to South Florida.

GLF is under contract to construct 15 various types of bridges and demolish 1 bridge. The work is made up of 13 new bridges and 2 widening. To date, GLF has completed nine bridges and are cur-



Aerial of Bridge 33

rently working on five bridges with an anticipated completion date of September 2013. We have on our schedule to demolish the one bridge by April 2013. Only one more bridge to construct which should be completed by November 2013.

This project has been very challenging in many ways, one of which has been the tight restrictions of the MOT and the multiple subcontractors working in the same areas. At the peak of construction, there have been as many as 179 companies and 2470 employees employed on this project.

Many thanks to the crews, foremen and superintendents working both day and night shifts in order to meet the goals of the project. A special recognition to our general superintendent, Keith Sheaks, who has continually displayed his dedication and effort, not only working day, nights and weekends but truly has put in great effort for the successful completion of the project.

# Ocean Avenue (Lantana) Bridge

The overall percentage of the contract work completed as of the end of the month of April 2013 is 73% with 72.76% of the contract time utilized. The list of completed activities and/or items includes, pile driving, demolition, structural steel and machinery fabrication, fishing pier concrete work, MSE and Gravity walls.

The following list of work activities such as; west bascule pier Control House concrete, bascule leaf structural steel, exodermic deck and machinery installation are continuing on an accelerated manner. The east side bascule pier, approach span decks and embankment are also progressing, in an accelerated manner, toward a timely completion scheduled for late November 2013.

We, at Ocean Avenue, take this opportunity to thank the I-595, Taylor County projects and the Ft. Meade crew for their continue support and assistance at times of need.



Construction of the main piers

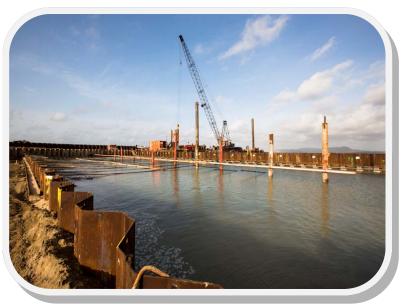
#### New Port at Galeota, Trinidad

We have made it through the holidays, survived Carnival, equipment breakdowns and a recent uprising by the local villagers but continue to press on.

Our pile driving barge crew, headed by Brian Haven and Lester Hyndman have done a great job in fighting all the adversities to keep our project headed in the right direction. The addition of two carpenter barges has made the pile, tie rod and waler placement much more manageable as well as safer.

Additionally, we have brought on Dave "The Dirt Man" Cipollone and "Smoker" Bill Mathis to handle all of our grading and backfill related issues regarding general fill and select fill placement as well as our Coast Guard Road maintenance and re-alignment. As you can see by the photos they have done an excellent job in the short time they have been here.

Providing anymore unforeseen delays we should meet but moreover beat our projected schedule with our continuing all in team effort.



Piling Operations





Back row: Sedley Agostini-Site Mgr., Jose Gonzalez-Lead Proj. Eng., Ray Dhanoo-Cost Eng., Tara Boochoon-Off. Mgr. Seated: Alvin Hoosanie-Runner, Matthew Carr,-Project Engineer and Gaitri Boochoon- Administrative Assistant



Galeota's Three Stoogeneers Jose Gonzalez, Mathew Carr and Richard Ludwig solving the latest engineering problem

### **Airport/Paving Division**

# SR-269 Quincy Bypass

The first quarter of 2013 has proved to be a busy one, with our crews actively working at 6 different airports within the state of Florida! The majority of our forces have been concentrated on a \$1.7M concrete aircraft apron at Palm Beach International Airport. The contracted work with The Weitz Company is part of a new FBO Terminal for the Signature Flight Support Corporation and consists of the construction of



Signature Flight Support FBO Terminal West Palm Beach Airport, FL

29,414 SY of 12" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement. GLF is utilizing company owned slip form pavers and various hand forming techniques to complete the work.

Spring and early summer are considered to be "airport season," a time when many airfield projects are advertised for bid. This season was kicked off with a \$100M runway project at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport. GLF bid the project as a joint venture partner with Odebrecht Inc. While we were not low bidder, the process of bidding a project of this magnitude as a JV proved to be a valuable experience, as well as great advertisement for GLF's new commitment to airfield construction and concrete paving. Upcoming opportunities include runway and taxiway rehabilitation projects at NAS Jacksonville, Orlando Intl., Tampa Intl., and Sanford Intl. Airport. GLF is also teamed with engineering firms Parsons Brinkerhoff and AVCON for the upcoming TW J bridge replacement design build project. Stay tuned!

The Quincy Bypass project is up and running and the construction is approximately 19% complete. Our subcontractor Allen's Excavation has finished all of the clearing and grubbing and has started the import operation from along the installation of the deep runs of 48" and 42" RCP. The excavation of unsuitable material is underway as we prepare for starting our open cut in lieu of a jack and bore operation.

It has been a wet winter and since January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have already received 20 weather days from FDOT. Material has arrived for the construction of our temporary work platform, and we will be starting that work shortly.

In the previous newsletter we had just submitted our Cost Saving Initiative Proposal (CSIP) for approval and are happy to say that is has been approved and everything is moving forward. PSI has a drill rig on site and is starting the soil boring at the piers.



# **Upcoming Work**

Our estimating team has been hard at work and GLF was the successful low bidder on the **Orlando-Sanford International Airport "Southwest Apron Rehabilitation, Bid Package 1"** project, in the amount of \$10,789.163.13. Award will be forthcoming.

#### Haiti project

We are happy to report that the contract for the "Reconstruction of the Quay North" in Haiti was signed on May 14, 2013 by our President & CEO, the Autorite Portu-

aire Nationale (APN)'s Port Director and the Minister of Finance, in the amount of \$69,950.000.

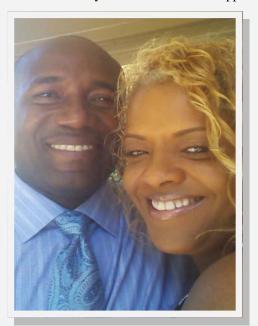
Once we receive the fully executed contract, which still requires two other government representative signatures, we will proceed with the geotechnical and design stages.

The scope of work will consist of reconstruction of the Quay North at Port-au-Prince, comprised of: demolition of existing buildings, substructures and 100m of the superstructures of the existing submerged pier; dredging of the canal between old submerged pier and new pier; revetment; roadworks.

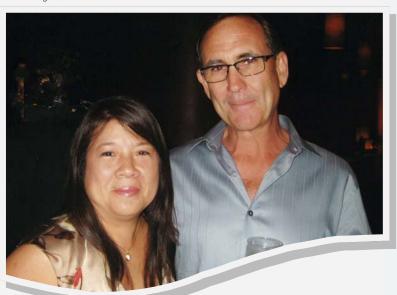
## **Personal Events**

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Our "Taylor County Bridge " Project Engineer, Lorenzo Ellis got engaged to Dr. Kreslyn Kelley on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The wedding date is planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness.



Also engaged to be married is our "I-595 Corridor Improvements" Business Manager, Lisa Halvosa, to Conrad Merry. Congratulations to both of you!



### The next "Bachelor" in training

This soon-to-be future star of The Bachelor, is none other than Jayden Garcia, grandson of our beloved and esteemed Comptroller, Eduardo "Enrique" Alamo.

Watch out girls!!



# Years of Service with GLF

We want to congratulate the following Team Members for years of continuous employment with GLF. They are:

#### <u>20 years</u>:

May—Francesco Senis, President & Chief Executive Officer June—Thelma E. Garcia, Assistant Vice-President

#### 15 Years:

July—Martha Feldman, A/P Supervisor

#### 5 Years+:

May—Andres N. Sosa, "Ocean Avenue Bridge" Project Manager (6 years)

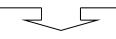
August—Lisa Halvosa, "I-595 Corridor Improvements" Business Manager (6 years)

August—Vincent Persiani, Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer (5 years)



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Thoughts of the day



You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else. - Albert Einstein

Remember: 'i' before 'e', except in Budweiser. - Unknown

TO:

# Team Events / Personal Where to send News

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following Team Members:

Andrew Kinnear, Thomas Fritz, Gerhard "Jan" Wentink, Fabio Silvestri, Jose Lopez, Richard Goodale, Richard Ludwig, Keelan Schuler, Adam Conrad, Asterio Monteagudo, Walter Boatwright, Timothy Cook, Baron Johnson, Jose Chavez, Albert McFarlane, Leslie James. Chad Lenox, M.T. Rust.

#### JUNE:

Francesco Senis, John Watson, Sr., Yvone Warren, Vincent Persiani, Alejandro Vasquez, Hernan Lopez, Curtis Johnson, Pamela Fedelini, Jeffery Mitchell, Chad Johnson, Seymour Morgan, Lowell Burge, Monica Cannone, Mark Power, William Mathis, Jose Chavez

#### JULY:

Dennis Westermeyer, Lisa Halvosa, John Bryant, John Brad Wilson, Nolan "Sonny" Page, Alberto Delfino, Nancy Morin, John Watson, Jr., Jefferson Mairs, Patrick Samuels, Kevin Bethell, Paul Thompson, Edwin Castillo, Manuel Lima, Turnell Jones, Roger Pittman, Julio Benitez, Okeke Lawrence, Jonas Thelismond, John Burch, Isaac Johnson, Turnel Jones, Isaac Beal, Jr., Jose Mejia,

#### **AUGUST:**

Enrique Alamo, Ramonasari, Derek Sheaks, Roger Reid, Diomedes Trujillo, Osvaldo Ferran, Jorge Pena, Sandra Howard, Tyler Williams, Lawrence Burton, Ryan Goss, Raffaello Monachetti, Miguel Fundora,

Luis Da Costa, Roger Reid, Lawrence Hill, Diomedes Trujillo.

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