

Ricardo G. Estripeaut, P.E.

Senior Project Engineer

EDUCATION Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Tech, 1987

LICENSES Professional Engineer No. 53154, Civil, State of Florida

CERTIFICATIONS CTQP QC Manager
CTQP Asphalt Level I & II
MOT Advance

More than 17 years of diverse engineering, construction management, quality control/assurance, marketing, and supervisory experience for major transportation projects including roadway and bridges projects. Experienced in simultaneously managing large staffs and multi-million dollar projects. Knowledgeable in civil and engineering design and construction techniques utilizing principles and construction processes of the Department; skilled in assessing and solving construction problems in the field, negotiating and resolving claims, and able to discern relative importance of varying projects/elements within a major construction program by establishing appropriate priorities. Thoroughly knowledgeable in State and Federal policies, procedures, legislation and rules relating to engineering issues.

Mar/2006 – Present, Senior Project Engineer, D-1, Hurricane Repairs and Miscellaneous Construction

County Line/Ollie Roberts/Kelley Roberts Road and Bridge replacement in Hardee County. Replacing several bridges damaged through hurricanes in Hardee County. Additional projects include Lighting repairs, and signalized intersection repairs.

2005 – Mar/2006, Florida Turnpike Enterprise, Turnpike Construction Engineer. Responsible for the construction program managing almost \$1 Billion in construction contracts by effective use of the General Consultant, CEI firms and in-house staff, giving final interpretation of plans and specifications. Introduced new techniques for increasing trainees in CEI staffs and CEI accountability for control/time/cost overruns, introduced new procedures for including and reducing all impacts caused by Utility Relocations on construction contracts; empowered CEI staff to make informed decisions to deliver quality projects within Department expectations, and reduced the existing eight year backlog of open contracts by more than half. Developed program for monitoring and reassessing traffic through construction zones by utilization of temporary/permanent ITS cameras in combination with Traffic Operations and acquired suitable and effective staff composed of 39 engineers and support personnel. Contact: Mr. Bruce Seiler, PE, Director of Operations, Florida's Turnpike, 954-975-4855.

2003 - 2005, West Palm Beach Operations, Operations Engineer. Responsible for the construction and maintenance program of all FDOT projects in Palm Beach County managing over \$500 Million of on-going construction projects by effective use of 130 consultants and in-house staff.

Developed processes to ensure timely delivery of construction contracts; instituted a "system-in-place" to mitigate claims for on-going projects; fostered constructability reviews to minimize claims on new projects; and instituted new management techniques to empower in-house and CEI staff to control and monitor time and cost overruns. Effectively negotiated with utility companies to share and quantify unknown risks; extensively coordinated with local agencies to expedite construction projects in downtown West Palm Beach; coordinated with Department's Production staff to plan construction lettings; empowered consultant and in-house staff to make informed decisions to deliver quality projects within Department guidelines and expectations; and proactively managed extensive relief and recovery operations for Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne.

Promoted an effective MOT/Safety awareness program with extensive use of a Public information campaign and customer focus thus reducing inconvenience to the traveling public and increasing

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contractor productivity; developed a foster program of in-house project engineers by blending young, upwardly motivated engineers with experienced consultant/in-house operations, and directed consultant CEI teams not meeting required performance standards. Contact: Mr. Bruce Seiler, PE, Director of Operations, Florida's Turnpike, 954-975-4855.

2000 – 2003 - Keith and Schnars, P.A., Area / Sr. Project Engineer/Area Engineer. Area Manager and Senior Project Engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation in Monroe County responsible for the administration of five projects in Monroe County entailing over 11 million dollars in construction. Work under these contracts included MSE walls, two new bridges on US1, widening and resurfacing, drainage, permanent and temporary sheet pile walls, Geo-wall construction, signalized intersections, and landscaping under extreme environmental conditions. The Key Deer project won the National AASHTO award for environmental excellence and the FTBA award for regular bridges. Area Manager/Engineer covering FDOT-Districts IV, VI, I, and the Florida Turnpike, including all county, city, and private work within these regions responsible for the production of 38 employees in the consultant engineer and inspection field. Contact: Ananth Prasaad, PE, State of Florida Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, 850-414-4150

1995 - 2000, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Project Manager / Construction Contracts Administrator. Responsible for all phases of construction starting at award to the final acceptance of construction contracts averaging \$150 Million per year.

Prepared supplemental agreements, change orders, estimates, and processed payment to contractors; responsible for contract sublets authorization; acted as Department liaison for consultants regarding any construction issues and construction management of several projects. Supervise administration and contractual compliance of contracts by consultants, consultant engineering and inspection operations; scheduled reviews, negotiated supplemental agreements and ensured construction compliance with plans. Responsible for automating the construction department of the Florida's Turnpike and held the position of Vice-Chairman of the State of Florida Construction Technical Advisory Committee. Contact: Mr. Bruce Seiler, PE, Director of Operations, Florida's Turnpike, 954-975-4855.

1990 – 1995, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Assistant Construction/Consultant Contracts Administrator. Responsible for assisting all facets of consultant and construction contracts administration, negotiation and preparation of consultant CEI contracts; processed all construction and consultant contract changes and managed the Department's Construction Reporting System and Supplemental Agreement tracking systems. Contact: Mr. Bruce Seiler, PE, Director of Operations, Florida's Turnpike, 954-975-4855.

1988 – 1990: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise/D VI, Permits and Contracts Manager. Responsible for managing of all Permits and Maintenance contracts. Contact: Mr. Bruce Seiler, PE, Director of Operations, Florida's Turnpike, 954-975-4855.