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March 2, 2017

Peter Boers, Purchasing Manager  
City of Venice  
Procurement - Finance Department  
401 West Venice Avenue, Purchasing, Room 204  
Venice, Florida 34285

Re: **Statement of Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the City of Venice Water Treatment Plant Building Improvements, RFQ # 3056-17**

Dear Selection Committee Members:

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. (A<sup>2</sup>) is pleased to submit our Statement of Qualifications to the City of Venice for the Water Treatment Plant Building Improvements projects. A<sup>2</sup> is licensed as an engineering, landscape architecture, general contractor and underground utility contractor firm. These licenses set our team apart and are especially important during pre-construction services. We have been able to identify several issues for other clients that prevented financial and time consequences. As such, we maintain a perspective that extends beyond construction management to develop an appreciation for the entire design and construction as well as system maintenance.

*At A<sup>2</sup>, we pride ourselves in having a strong track record of building quality projects within budget, ahead of schedule, no client disputes and having a satisfied client. The project quality, our performance and references have been the keys to our success.* A<sup>2</sup> employs a highly qualified construction management team following a structured process that has proven very successful on similar public projects throughout Florida. The most important resource that A<sup>2</sup> brings to this project is our people, professionals who are at the forefront in the industry for their competence and commitment. The project organization is simple, direct and effective with clear single source of accountability. The professionals proposed for this project were carefully selected based on their extensive experience. For this project, we have identified Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., R.L.A., LEED AP as the Project Director. A.J. Ribas will be the Project Manager. David Lane will be the Field Superintendent. They have successfully worked together on several projects listed in section 3 of this proposal including Legacy Park. Shelia Barringer will provide document controls and administrative assistance.

Responsible Office:  
A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc.  
18245 Paulson Drive, Ste 111  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33954  
Tel. (941) 206-2288 x1040

Contact:  
A.J. Ribas (Project Manager)  
Port Charlotte Office  
E-mail: [ribasaj@a2group.com](mailto:ribasaj@a2group.com)  
Tel. (941) 206-2288 x1040

A<sup>2</sup> has the qualifications, experience, and proactive attitude that ensures the successful management of projects. We strive to be customer focused, identifying and resolving clients' needs throughout the design and construction process. In closing, we are confident that our team will be able to maintain the highest industry standards at the most effective cost. On behalf of A<sup>2</sup>, we thank you for the opportunity to present our letter of interest and look forward to continuing our relationship with the City of Venice.

Sincerely,



Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., R.L.A.  
President



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# Key Personnel

## Staff Members

### Proposed Personnel from A<sup>2</sup>:

- Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA  
(Project Director)
- A.J. Ribas  
(Project Manager)
- David Lane  
(Field Superintendent)
- Shelia Barringer  
(Project Controls  
Specialist/Administrative  
Assistant)

### Additional A<sup>2</sup> Personnel in Central Florida that can Assist:

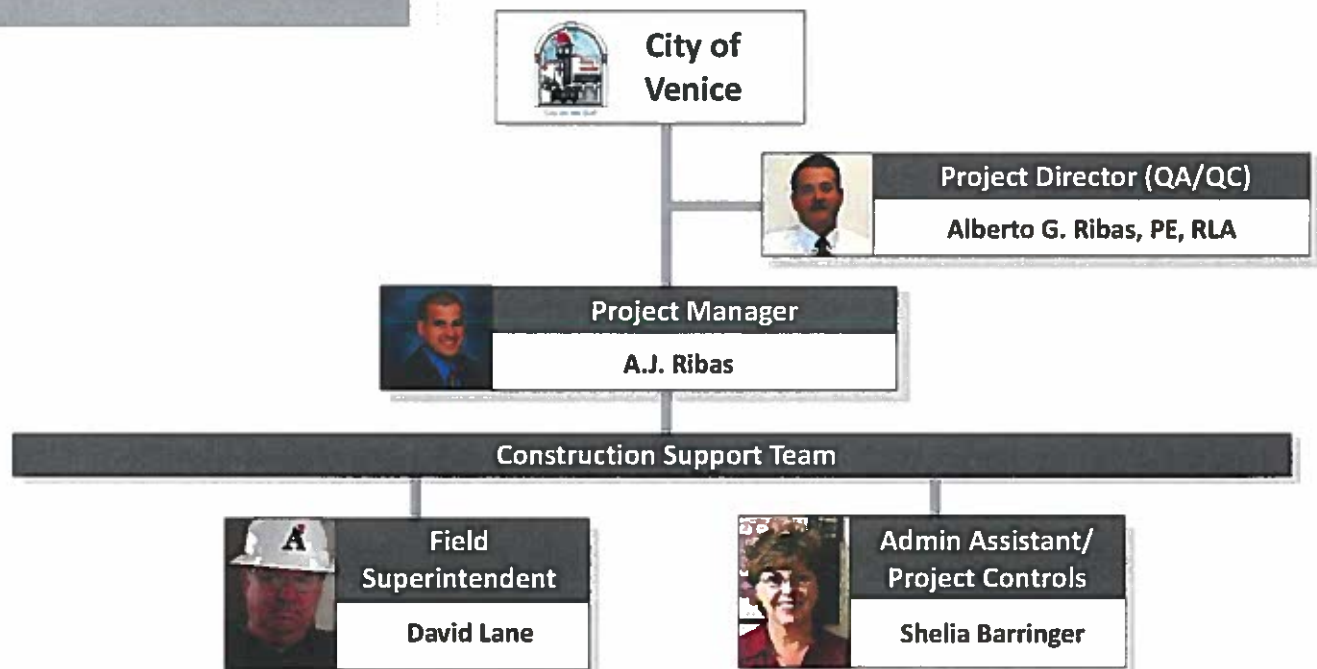
Project Managers	2
Project Engineers	2
Estimators	2
Schedulers/Project Controls	1
Superintendents	6
Administrative	2
TOTAL	15

A<sup>2</sup> strongly believes that the best way to staff a project is with a team that starts during pre-construction and works all the way through to project completion. They work together on the design, constructability review, value engineering, schedule, subcontractor bidding, submittals, RFIs, management of the project, weekly meetings, substantial completion, punch-list, close-out and warranties. This is the only way to ensure that everyone on the team completely understands every aspect of the plans, relationships, and project.

The management of our team from pre-construction services to completion will be handled by Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA, the Project Director, and AJ Ribas, the Project Manager. David Lane will be our Field Superintendent. Shelia Barringer will assist with administrative duties and project controls.

### Primary Contact:

AJ Ribas (Project Manager) - A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc.  
18245 Paulson Drive, Ste 111, Port Charlotte, Florida 33954  
Tel: (941) 206-2288 x1040, Email: ribasaj@a2group.com



# Team Member Resume

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA



Since 1982, Mr. Alberto G. Ribas has devoted his working career to the engineering and construction industry. As a Project Director, he directs his team to successfully plan, manage, and complete construction projects. He controls engineering and construction management for A<sup>2</sup> including estimating, document and cost control, manpower production analysis, claims analysis and avoidance, and project management. By utilizing various methods, he determines the most cost-effective plan and schedule. He regularly meets with owners, subcontractors, the architect, and other design professionals to monitor and coordinate all phases of the construction project.

## Relevant Project Experience:

- MM63 Rest Area off of I-75 for FDOT District 1. This was a design/build project with an emphasis on environmental sustainability, which ultimately achieved a LEED Gold Certification. Construction included spread an continuous footings, reinforced steel, cast-in-place concrete and masonry, waste water treatment and water treatment plant, and associated site work. Construction: \$3.6 million.
- Collier County Public Safety Facility at MM63 off of I-75 for FDOT District 1. The building consisted of firefighter bunk rooms, Florida Highway Patrol offices, common area kitchen and living space, high bay garage for fire trucks, showers/ restrooms, high security IT room, and an exercise room. Construction: \$3.1 million
- Site Development and Construction of Legacy Park. The scope included construction of a 9.75 acre site with site grading, restroom facilities, three 24'x24' square picnic pavilions, five 2-pole shelters, a kayak/canoe launch with washing station, parking areas, multi-use trail, walkways/ sidewalks, storm water facilities, wetland enhancement/restoration, landscaping, lighting and park recreational features. Construction: \$2 million.
- Palmetto Bay Library, Community Center, and Ludovici Park for the Village of Palmetto Bay. This was a Construction Management at Risk project that included construction of an 11,000 sq ft building and park. The two story building consists of a library, a built-in amphitheater, and a community center. Construction: \$3.2 million.
- Construction Management Services for the USDA Subtropical Horticultural Research Station. This Research Station is a three story reinforced concrete, laboratory/office building with an area of approximately 32,500 square feet, comprising 32 administrative offices, one large conference room, one library archive/reading room, 18 laboratory spaces, 1 cold room, 1 hydraulic elevator, electrical and

Experience	With A <sup>2</sup>
34 Years	23 Years

**Project Title:**  
Project Director (QA/QC)

## Education:

- Mechanical Engineering from FIU in Miami, Florida

## Licenses:

- Licensed Professional Civil Engineer, Florida, #PE-0051488
- Registered Landscape Architect, Florida, #La6666759
- Certified General Contractor, Florida, #CGC 045136
- Certified Underground Utility & Excavation Contractor, Florida, #CUC 056689
- Certified Commercial Pool & Spa, Florida, #CPC 1456966

## Training and Certifications:

- Construction Quality Management for Contractors Certification from the US Army Corps of Engineers
- RMS/QCS Training from the US Army Corps of Engineers

# Team Member Resume

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA

- Ten Hour OSHA Training Course Certification
- Leader in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Course by the USGBC
- LEED Professional Accreditation

## FDOT Certifications and Training:

- CTQP TIN R12000761
- CTQP Qualified Post-Tensioning Technician Level 1
- CTQP Final Estimates Level 1
- CTQP Final Estimates Level 2
- CTQP QC Manager
- FDOT Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)
- FDOT Advanced MOT
- FDOT Concrete Field Inspection Specification
- Nuclear Safety Certification



mechanical rooms, building access control, communications, fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems. Construction: \$8.5 million.

- Miami-Dade College CM at Risk Contracts. Work orders were issued including *LEAP*: The LEAP project consisted of renovations to the 40,000 SF existing library building to include the replacement of the HVAC System, new library adjunct labs for reading, writing, and math with related spaces on the second floor, and new faculty office on the first and second floor. The library was open during construction, so special measures had to be taken not to interrupt students, faculty, and staff.

*Restroom Renovations*: The objective of this project was to renovate a number of existing restrooms in buildings 5000 & 7000 on the North Campus. We also worked on bringing them up to the current ADA code.

*Burn Building Training Facility*: The facility is composed of a two (2) story Fire Science Burn Lab with a second floor and a usable attic deck and a restroom annex structure.

- Florida Marlin Founder's Suite/Marketing Center for the Marlins. The center was a marketing office where clients could view the construction and mock-up of the ballpark. There were also able to see how the stadium suites would look along with the state-of-the-art facility. It was a full sales and marketing center. The project was completed 10 days early. Construction: \$455,000.
- Development of the Fast Track Area at the South Florida National Cemetery in West Palm Beach, FL for the Department of Veteran Affairs. The project includes a committal shelter, entrance drive, administration and maintenance complex and trailers, burial areas with 5,535 traditional grave sites and 5,204 sites for the in-ground interment of cremated remains, flag-assembly area, site signage and furnishings, grading, drainage, well installation, irrigation system, exotic plant treatment, tree relocations, general utilities, as well as work on SR-7/US441 to modify roadway features and install traffic signalization. Construction: \$7 million.
- SR 417/Boggy Creek Interchange in for the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX). This project encompasses 2.98 miles of construction along SR 417 mainline. The SR 417 Interchange at Boggy Creek provides connection to the South Access Road of the Orlando International Airport (OIA). The project includes the widening and construction of seven bridges including four post-tensioned concrete box girders flyovers and the MSE wall panels. Construction: \$85,000,000.

# Team Member Resume

A.J. Ribas



Experience	With A <sup>2</sup>
14 Years	14 Years

**Project Title:**  
Project Manager

## **Education:**

- Masters of Science in Construction Management from Florida International University
- Bachelors of Science in Building Construction from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL
- Associates of Arts from Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, FL

## **Licenses & Certifications:**

- CTQP TIN #R12001084065
- CTQP Asphalt Paving Technician Level 1 & 2
- Final Estimates Level 1 & 2
- CTQP QC Manager
- FDOT Advanced MOT
- OSHA 30 Hour-Certified

Mr. A.J. Ribas has been working in this industry since 2002. He has a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction from UF and a Master of Science in Construction Management from FIU. He is fluent in both English and Spanish. He has experience with project management, planning, estimating, document and cost control, as well as aiding engineering consultants in a similar capacity on the procurement phase. He has extensive skills creating and maintaining detailed project schedules. He has also performed field inspections and reviewed construction inspection reports on various projects.

Mr. Ribas performs multiple task throughout the construction phase such as: reviews RFIs, change orders, shop drawing, schedules, construction contract packages, permits, materials, progress payments, punch lists, and assists in drafting responses to contractors and consultants. He has broad civil experience in geotechnical/material testing, heavy earthwork, drainage systems, roadway, and street beautification projects. His vast computer skills include Microsoft Office, AutoCAD, Primavera Expedition, Primavera P6, Primavera Suretrak, Microsoft Office, and Timberline-Basic.

## **Relevant Project Experience:**

- Legacy Park for the City of Venice. This project included site development and construction of a 9.75 acres in order to create Legacy Park. The scope of work has site grading, restroom facilities, picnic pavilions, shelters, a kayak/canoe launch, parking areas, a multi-use trail, walkways and sidewalks, storm water facilities, wetland enhancement/restoration, landscaping, lighting and park recreational features. Mr. Ribas was the Project Manager. Construction: \$2 million.
- FDOT Design/Build I-75 (Alley) MM 63 Rest Area South CEI Services for FDOT District 1. The scope of this project included placing a larger Rest Area facility at MM63 on I- 75 as well as a Public Safety Center, Two Recreational Access areas into the Big Cypress National Preserve and the upgrading of existing Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. This project also brought with it coordination between the FDOT, Collier County and the National Park Service who are all stakeholders. Mr. Ribas was serving as a Project Administrator. Construction: \$6.7 million.
- Turnpike NW 41st Street/Heft for the FDOT Turnpike District, FIN 190778-1-65-02, Task Order #7. This contract included CEI Services for landscaping the HEFT and NW 41st Street in Miami-Dade County. Plants were tagged at the nursery and reflected the Florida Fancy Plants. Once the plants arrived on the jobsite, they were checked to ensure they had been tagged. Mr. Ribas served as a Project Administrator. Construction: \$2 million.
- Central Florida Expressway Authority's CEI Services for the conversion of Boggy Creek Road and John Young Parkway Mainline Plazas on S.R. 417 to open tolling. Work also includes modification of the S.R. 417 approaches to both plazas to add express E-Pass lanes through existing grass median.

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A.J. Ribas



Construction Budget: \$21 million.

- CEI Services for SR-826/Palmetto Expressway from SW 32nd Street to SW 2nd Street and JPA Relocation of 30" DIP WM along Tamiami Trail. The project includes adding lanes and reconstructing the interchange at SR-826/Palmetto Expressway and Coral Way, adding lanes and reconstructing the interchange at SR-826/Palmetto Expressway and SW 8th Street, as well as the JPA relocation of 30" DIP WM along Tamiami Trail from Sta 1893 + 60 to 1901 + 01. Construction: \$80 million.
- Development of the South Florida National Cemetery in West Palm Beach, FL for the Department of Veteran Affairs. The project included a committal shelter, entrance drive, administration and maintenance complex and trailers, burial areas with 5,535 traditional grave sites and 5,204 sites for the in-ground interment of cremated remains, flag-assembly area, site signage and furnishings, grading, drainage, well installation, irrigation system, exotic plant treatment, tree relocations, general utilities, as well as work on SR-7/US441 to modify roadway features and install traffic signalization. Construction: \$11.4 million.
- CM Services for the USDA Subtropical Horticultural Research Station. This Research Station is a three story reinforced concrete, laboratory/office building with an area of approximately 32,500 square feet, comprising 32 administrative offices, one large conference room, one library archive/reading room, 18 laboratory spaces, 1 cold room, 1 hydraulic elevator, electrical and mechanical rooms, building access control, communications, fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems. Construction: \$7 million.
- Miami-Dade College, Project Number 242410, CM at Risk Contract for LEAP Library Renovation. The project consisted of renovations to the 40,000 SF existing library building to include new library adjunct labs for reading, writing, and math with related spaces on the second floor, and new faculty office on the first and second floor. The scope of work also included renovations for ADA compliance and the replacement of the Library building's H.V.A.C. System. The library was open during construction, so special measures had to be taken not to interrupt students, faculty, and staff. This project was completed two weeks early. Construction: \$1.4 million.



# Team Member Resume

David Lane



Mr. David Lane has over 35 years of progressively responsible experience in the construction industry including extensive experience in the construction of roads, railroads, ports and commercial buildings. His expertise in project management, estimating, cost control, quality control and supervision were gained through the years. He is a Field Superintendent for A<sup>2</sup> Group.

As a Field Superintendent, Mr. Lane works on-site as the project is being build in order to manage day-to-day progress. His role includes managing and directing subcontractors and our employees to complete the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. He coordinates material deliveries and budgets and is primarily responsible for maintaining the safety and security of the site. He will work closely with our team, the design professionals, and the City.

Experience	With A <sup>2</sup>
38 Years	10 Years

## Project Title:

Field Superintendent

## Licenses & Certifications:

- Florida Certified Building Contractor CBC035173
- Florida Certified Underground Contractor CUC040092
- Florida Fire Protection Contractor 57240300012005
- NASD Certified Diver
- USCG Captain OUPV (inactive)

## Training:

- Construction Practices Training Course from the Indiana Construction Training Council
- Building Construction Certificate from the University of North Florida
- Construction Quality Management for Contractors from USACE

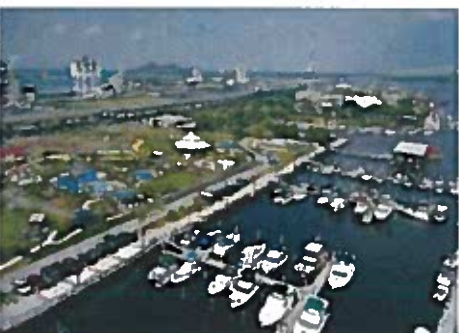
## Relevant Project Experience:

- Legacy Park for the City of Venice. The project included site development and construction of a 9.75 acre site that will be named Legacy Park. The scope of work included site grading, restroom facilities, three (3) 24' x 24' square picnic pavilions, five (5) 2-Pole shelters, a kayak/canoe launch with washing station, parking areas with driveway and access isles including portions with pervious pavement, multi-use trail, walkways/sidewalks, storm water facilities, wetland enhancement/restoration, landscaping, lighting and park recreational features. Mr. Lane was a Field Superintendent. Construction: \$2 million.
- Taxiway Alpha 3 at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. A<sup>2</sup> had a contract with NAVFAV Southeast to provide design-build services for the repairs to Taxiway Alphas A/3. The work entailed geotechnical exploration, design and construction to repair Taxiway A/3 pavement (3,000 SY) and drainage in accordance with Unified Facilities Criteria, Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design, and Pavement Design for Airfields and Surface Drainage Facilities for Airfields and Heliports. The design was based on new airfield loadings anticipated for the NAS JAX mission (737 MMA, C17, C5, C40, etc) over the next ten years. This project was conducted in an active secure airport facility, on airside, which required continual coordination with airfield operation to avoid disruption to their daily work schedule. Work was performed during both daytime and nighttime. This project was completed two weeks ahead of schedule. Mr. Lane served as the Field Superintendent. Construction: \$866,596.
- Development of the Fast Track Area at the South Florida National Cemetery in West Palm Beach, FL for the Department of Veteran Affairs: The project included a committal shelter, entrance drive, administration and maintenance complex and trailers, burial areas with 5,535

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# Team Member Resume

David Lane



traditional grave sites and 5,204 sites for the in-ground interment of cremated remains, flag-assembly area, site signage and furnishings, grading, drainage, well installation, irrigation system, exotic plant treatment, tree relocations, general utilities, as well as work on SR-7/US441 to modify roadway features and install traffic signalization. Construction: \$11 million.

- North Jetty Reconstruction Project at Cape Canaveral for the US Army Corps of Engineers: Contracts were awarded in October 2004 for lengthening and tightening of the north jetty to reduce shoaling in the inlet. The tightening was accomplished by the installation of steel sheet piling that formed a wall, keeping sand from seeping through the porous rocks. This project also included alterations to the beach and environmental issues.
- Peanut Island Environmental Restoration Containment Levee Construction and Lake Worth Wetland Restoration for the USACE in Palm Beach County. This was a multifaceted project designed to provide environmental habitat improvements, public access amenities and recreational facilities to create a premier water-oriented park. The island is approximately 100 acres within the north central lagoon area, bordered to the east by the Lake Worth Inlet and to the west by the Intracoastal Waterway and the Port of Palm Beach. The Lake Worth Wetland Restoration (fill) site is located approximately 10.5 miles south of Peanut Island in south Lake Worth Lagoon. Construction: \$25.8 million.
- Freeport Container Terminal, Wharf, and 45 acre container park with associated structures in Freeport, Bahamas. Construction: \$26 million.
- Lifting Basin for Bradford Marine in Freeport, Bahamas.
- Foundation for a generator for Southern Power in Freeport, Bahamas.
- Dredge Project for the USACE: Construction: \$11 million.
- Metropolitan Park in Jacksonville, Florida: Construction of a 23-acre Urban Waterfront Park (along St. Johns River in Downtown Jacksonville), which served as a focal point for the Parks & Recreation Department in order to host numerous events and festivals. Construction: \$3.5 million.

# Team Member Resume

Shelia Barringer



Experience	With A <sup>2</sup>
14 Years	<1 Years

## Education:

- Bachelor of Arts in General Studies from Indiana University/ Purdue University in Indianapolis, IN

Ms. Shelia Barringer has been gaining experience as an Administrative Assistant since 2003. She is proficient in numerous software programs including Microsoft Office Suite, View Point, Share Point as well as estimating software including HCSS, BidTabsProfessional, and HeavyBid. In addition, she has three years of experience working as an Estimating Support Specialist that involved private and DOT projects. She was responsible for managing, executing, and tracking bid documents for private and DOT projects. She ensured that DBE, WBE, MBE, and VBE goals were met or exceeded. She assisted the Construction Managers and General Superintendents. She attended and organized meetings with state and local agencies as well as subcontractors, supplies and local utility companies.

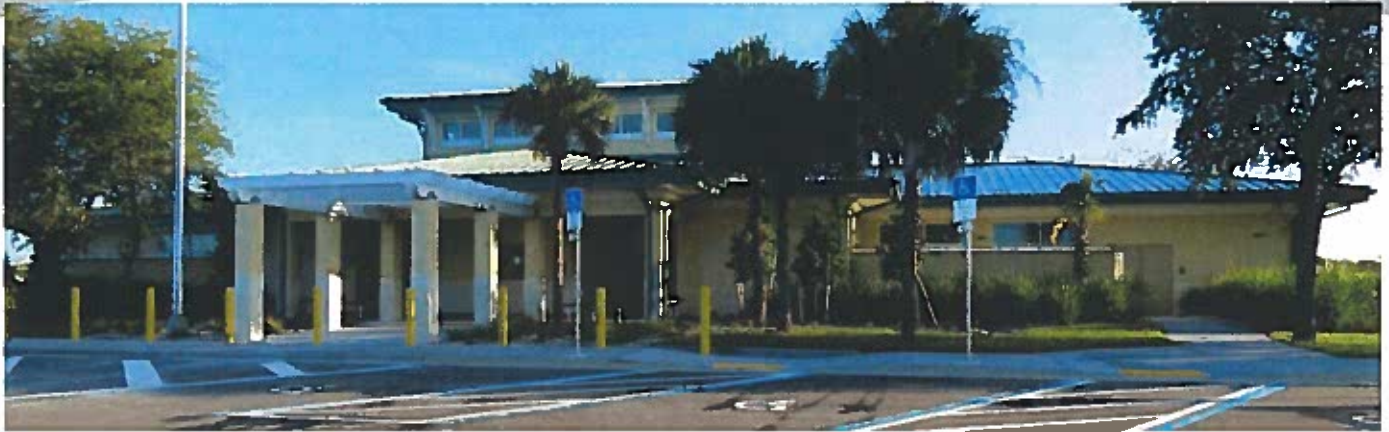
## Relevant Project Experience:

- Harborwalk Park for the City of Punta Gorda. The scope of services includes seawall construction, underground utilities, restroom, pavilions, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), paving and concrete, along with various other specialty items. Ms. Barringer is serving as an Administrative Assistant/Project Controls Specialist.
- INDOT US 31 Asphalt Milling of Base Road in Bartholomew County to US 50 in Jackson County, IN (Contract RS-34405-A). The scope included approximately 17 miles of asphalt milling and installation of 2" thick asphalt overlay, a new round-about at the intersection of US 31 and County Road 400 S, installation of two 3-sided concrete box culverts, and installation of a new 380 lft 3-span bridge over Sand Creek. Ms. Barringer served as an Estimating Support Specialist. Construction: \$8.5 million.
- Round-About Construction at the intersection of Hwy 421 and SR 62 in Jefferson County, IN (Contract R-33868-A). The project included construction of a new round-with pavement removal, new asphalt paving, new concrete curbs, storm sewers, and landscaping. Ms. Barringer served as an Estimating Support Specialist. Construction: \$2.5 million.
- INDOT Indiana Avenue from Marr Road to State Street in Bartholomew County, IN (Contract R-29424-A). Work included 1 mile of total road reconstruction, consisting of asphalt paving, concrete curbs, concrete sidewalks; storm pipe ranging from 12" diameter to 72" diameter; 75 manholes/inlets; and landscaping. Ms. Barringer served as an Estimating Support Specialist. Construction: \$5 million.



# Project Experience

## Rest Area at MM63

**Project Location:**

Collier County, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- Project Oversight

**Status:**

Completed

**Size of the Project:**

9270 sq ft

**Construction:**

\$3.6 million

**Project Start Date:**

August 2013

**Final Completion Date:**

July 2014

**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. provided construction oversight services for the FDOT Rest area at MM63 off of I-75. This project was a design-build project with an emphasis on environmental sustainability which ultimately achieved LEED Gold Certification. Construction included spread and continuous footings, reinforcing steel, cast-in-place concrete and masonry, waste water treatment and water treatment plant, and associated site work. Unique elements of the buildings consisted of increasing original toilet/water closet capacity from 30 to 44 units, 4 family restrooms, vending areas, security offices, LED fixtures. This project also brought with it continual coordination between the FDOT, Collier County, and the National Park Service who were all stakeholders.

**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager  
A.J. Ribas - Project Administrator  
Rafael Abela - Senior Building Inspector

**Owner Contact Information:**

Florida Department of Transportation District 1  
Eliode Joseph, P.E., Tel: (239) 656-7800  
eliode.joseph@dot.state.fl.us

**Project Architect/Engineer:**

Stantec

**Relevant Project Information:**

- Occupied Campus - critical maintenance of vehicular & pedestrian traffic
- Project achieved LEED Gold Certification
- On-time and with-in budget

# Project Experience

## Public Safety Center at MM63

**Project Location:**

Collier County, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- Project Oversight

**Status:**

Completed

**Size of the Project:**

5,776 sq ft

**Construction:**

\$3.1 million

**Project Start Date:**

August 2013

**Final Completion Date:**

July 2014

**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. provided construction oversight services for the Collier County Public Safety Facility at MM63 off of I-75. This project was a design-build project with an emphasis on environmental sustainability, which ultimately achieved LEED Gold Certification. Construction included spread and continuous footings, reinforcing steel, Cast-In-Place concrete and masonry, Waste Water Treatment and Water Treatment Plant, and associated site work. Unique elements of the building consisted of firefighter bunk rooms, Florida Highway Patrol offices, common area kitchen and living space, High Bay Garage for fire trucks, showers/restrooms, high security IT room and an exercise room. This project also brought with it continual coordination between the FDOT, Collier County, and the National Park Service who were all stakeholders.

**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Director

A.J. Ribas - Project Manager

Rafael Abela - Senior Building Inspector/Superintendent

**Owner Contact Information:**

Florida Department of Transportation District 1

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Tel: (239) 656-7800

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**Project Architect/Engineer:**

Stantec

**Relevant Project Information:**

- Project achieved LEED Gold Certification
- On-time and with-in budget
- Project coordination between various stakeholders

# Project Experience

## Site Development and Construction of Legacy Park



**Project Location:**  
Venice, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- General Contracting
- Value Engineering
- Design/Build Modifications

**Status:**  
Completed

**Size of the Project:**  
9.75 Acres

**Construction:**  
\$2 million

**Project Start Date:**  
June 1, 2015

**Final Completion Date:**  
January 2016



**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. provided site development and construction of a 9.75 acre site that is named Legacy Park. The scope of work included site grading, restroom facilities, three (3) 24' x 24' square picnic pavilions, five (5) 2-Pole shelters, a kayak/canoe launch with washing station, parking areas with driveway and access isles including portions with pervious pavement, multi-use trail, walkways/sidewalks, storm water facilities, wetland enhancement/restoration, landscaping, lighting and park recreational features.

**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Principal-in-Charge  
A.J. Ribas - Project Manager  
David Lane - Field Superintendent  
Rafael Abela - Building Inspector

**Owner Contact Information:**

City of Venice  
Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer  
Tel: (941) 486-2626 x25001  
kweeden@venicegov.com

**Project Architect/Engineer:**

Beebe Design, DMK & Associates



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# Project Experience

## Miami-Dade College North Campus CM at Risk Contracts

**Project Location:**

Miami, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- Construction Management at Risk

**Status:**

Completed

**Size of the Project:**

40,000 sq ft - Library

**Original Value:**

TBD by work orders

**Final Value:**

\$4,348,215

**Contract Start Date:**

April 27, 2002

**Contract Completion Date:**

August 2007

**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. was selected for two Miscellaneous Construction Management at Risk Services Contracts:

1. Contract No. D2453000 - \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 - April 27, 2001: Term One year with two additional one year periods (2001 - 2004)
2. Contract D297300 - \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 - August 6, 2004: Term One year with two additional one year periods (2004 - 2007)

During that time, we completed the following work orders:

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**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager  
AJ Ribas - Scheduler/Project Controls Specialist

**Owner Contact Information:**

Miami Dade College  
Chris Moran, PE, formerly the Vice Provost of MDC  
Tel: (305) 523-3656, Cmoran@lynxcompanies.com

# Project Experience

Palmetto Bay Library, Community Center, and Ludovici Park

**Project Location:**

Palmetto Bay, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- Construction Management at Risk

**Status:**

Completed

**Size of the Project:**

11,000 sq ft

**Original Value:**

\$3,179,035

**Final Value:**

\$3,179,035

**Project Start Date:**

June 2006 (pre-construction)  
January 2008 (construction)

**Final Completion Date:**

June 2009

**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. provided Construction Management at Risk Services to the Village of Palmetto Bay for a new 11,000 sq ft building, which consisted of a library, community center, and Ludovici Park. The construction consisted of a new two story building with the library, a built-in amphitheater on the first level and a community center on the second level. The scope of work included new underground water, fire, sewer and drainage utilities, cast in place concrete, pre-cast concrete joists, masonry, wood trusses, standing seam metal roofing, storefront windows, elevator, HVAC system, fire alarm system, new asphalt parking lot, striping, signage, landscaping and irrigation system.

**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager

**Location:**

Palmetto Bay, Florida

**Project Architect:**

Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners  
Rafael Labrada  
Tel: 305-666-5474  
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**Relevant Project Information:**

- Construction Management at Risk
- Fast Track Project



**A<sup>2</sup> GROUP, INC.**

# Project Experience

## USDA Subtropical Horticultural Center



**Project Location:**  
Miami, Florida

**Services Provided:**  
• General Contracting

**Status:**  
Completed

**Size of the Project:**  
32,500 sq ft

**Original Value:**  
\$6,836,181

**Final Value:**  
\$7,033,585 \*increase in scope

**Project Start Date:**  
December 2005

**Final Completion Date:**  
July 2007



### Project Description:

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. was the General Contractor for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the construction of the Subtropical Horticultural Research Station in Miami, Florida. This Research Station is a three story reinforced concrete, laboratory/office building with an area of approximately 32,500 square feet, comprising 32 administrative offices, one large conference room, one library archive/ reading room, 18 laboratory spaces, 1 cold room, 1 hydraulic elevator, electrical and mechanical rooms, building access control, communications, fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems.

### Staff Assigned to this Project:

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager  
A.J. Ribas - Assistant Project Manager

### Owner Contact Information:

William E. Craft, Jr.  
Tel: (813) 229-3000, Fax: (813) 229-0102  
Bill.Craft@SuretyConsultants.com

### Project Architect/Engineer:

Jacobs Facilities, Inc.

### Relevant Project Information:

- Occupied Campus
- Civil Work

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# Reference Letter

## USDA Subtropical Horticultural Research Center

### Surety & Construction Consultants, Inc.

Atlanta • Dallas • Tampa  
1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 510  
Tampa, FL 33602  
813-229-3000 • 813-229-0102 Fax

December 3, 2010

Subject: A<sup>2</sup> Group

To whom it may concern:

Surety & Construction Consultants, Inc. (SCC) was a direct consultant for Carolina Casualty Insurance Company (Surety Company) on a project located in Miami, Florida known as USDA Subtropical Horticultural Research Station. The original contractor was defaulted by USDA ARS (Owner) and USDA ARS made demand on Carolina Casualty to complete the project.

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. was hired by Carolina Casualty Insurance Company as its on-site Construction Manager for the completion of the project. SCC's immediate role was to manage A<sup>2</sup> Group's contract and act as Carolina Casualty's representative for all negotiations regarding the base contract and all change modifications with the USDA ARS (Owner) for the project.

A<sup>2</sup> Group's Construction Management contract and duties was to oversee the day-to-day construction operations on-site, perform preliminary negotiations with subcontractors for changes or scopes of work, and ensure the project was completed with the resources made available or approved by Carolina Casualty.

A<sup>2</sup> Group satisfied the contractual obligations with Carolina Casualty in a professional and courteous manner.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



William E. Craft, Jr.  
Consultant

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## A<sup>2</sup> GROUP, INC.

# Project Experience

## Florida Marlins Founder's Suite/Marketing Center

**Project Location:**

Miami, Florida

**Services Provided:**

- Construction Management
- Pre-Construction

**Status:**

Completed

**Size of the Project:**

3,000 sq ft

**Original Value:**

\$455,000

**Final Value:**

\$455,000

**Project Start Date:**

December 2009

**Final Completion Date:**

June 1, 2010 (Early)

**Project Description:**

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. provided construction management services to the Marlins for the Founder's Suite/Marketing Center that is part of the Marlins Stadium in Miami, Florida. The Marketing Center is a special office where clients are able to view the construction and mock-up of the ballpark. They are also able to see how the stadium suites will look, as well as all parts of the state-of-the-art facility. It is a full sales and marketing center that opened in the spring of 2010. This project was completed ten days early.

**Staff Assigned to this Project:**

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager

**Owner Contact Information:**

Marlins Ball Park Developer  
Claude Delorme (Sr. VP)  
Tel: (305) 626-7401  
CDelorme@marlins.com

**Project Architect/Engineer:**

HOK/Populous

**Relevance/Similarity to FIU Stadium Expansion Project:**

- Sporting Facility
- Fast Track Project
- Pre-construction Services

# Reference Letter

## Florida Marlins Founder's Suite/Marketing Center



January 27, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2010, the Marlins hired A<sup>2</sup> Construction to work on the New Marlins Ballpark's Sales Headquarters, located at 1390 NW 7<sup>th</sup> St, second floor.

Aside from working with the team, A<sup>2</sup> also worked very closely with Populous, the Architectural firm that designed the New Marlins Ballpark. They were not afraid to challenge the team and the architects on our initial layout and selection of materials. Based on this feedback, the team was able to incur savings and accelerate our schedule.

From our first meeting to discuss the project, they were very professional, attentive to details and extremely proactive. This was an aggressive project that needed to be completed in 3 months. It included the buildout of an entire model suite which included the exact finishes and furniture that will be featured in the new ballpark.

During the construction phase of the project, A<sup>2</sup> was able to communicate and coordinate the work with the sub-contractors on the project as well as those chosen by the team. Every trade was sequenced in a very coordinated manner.

The project was completed on-time and on budget. Their ability to adapt to constraints we experienced as well as their focus on the end result was impressive to witness.

I would highly recommend A<sup>2</sup> Construction for your project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 305-527-7311.

Sincerely,

Claude Delorme  
Executive Vice President, Ballpark Development  
Florida Marlins L.P.

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# Project Experience

## South Florida National Cemetery



### Project Description:

A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. had two contracts with the Department of Veteran Affairs for the development of the South Florida National Cemetery in West Palm Beach, Florida. The first contract was for the Fast Track Area. The work included the development of 57 acres on a 313-acre unimproved site, a committal shelter, entrance drive, administration and maintenance complex and trailers, burial areas containing 5,535 traditional grave sites and 5,204 sites for the in-ground interment of cremated remains, flag-assembly area, site signage and furnishings, grading, drainage, well installation, irrigation system, exotic plant treatment, tree relocations, general utilities, landscape and hardscape features, enhancement and preservation of existing wetland and uplands habitat. As part of the USACE and SFWMD permit requirements, we restored an existing wetland to its preexisting conditions. This entailed removing of exotic plant and providing proper mitigation procedures to restore the wetland area. Permit conditions required the protection of certain fish and wildlife resources such as gopher tortoise, eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), and a nesting bald eagle. The first contract was completed three months early (April 2007). The second was completed two months early (April 2008).

### Project Location:

West Palm Beach, Florida

### Services Provided:

- General Construction
- Best Value

### Status:

Completed

### Size of the Project:

57 Acres

### Original Value:

\$10,682,310

### Final Value:

\$11,391,722 \*increased scope

### Project Start Date:

August 2006

### Final Completion Date:

April 2008 (Early)

### Staff Assigned to this Project:

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - Project Manager

David Lane - Field Superintendent

A.J. Ribas - Assistant Project Manager

### Owner Contact Information:

Department of Veteran Affairs

Richard "Dick" Kollar, Resident Engineer SFNC

Tel: (240) 476-2939

rkollar413@verizon.net

### Project Architect/Engineer:

Miller Legg



**A<sup>2</sup> GROUP, INC.**



# Location and Services

## Office Location

### *Port Charlotte Office:*

18245 Paulson Drive, Ste 111  
Port Charlotte, FL 33954  
Tel: (941) 206-2288 x1040

### *Distance from our office in Port Charlotte to Venice Utilities Dept:*

20 miles

### *Orlando Office:*

4303 Vineland Road, Ste F3  
Orlando, Florida 32811  
Tel: (407) 447-5610  
Fax: (407) 447-5659

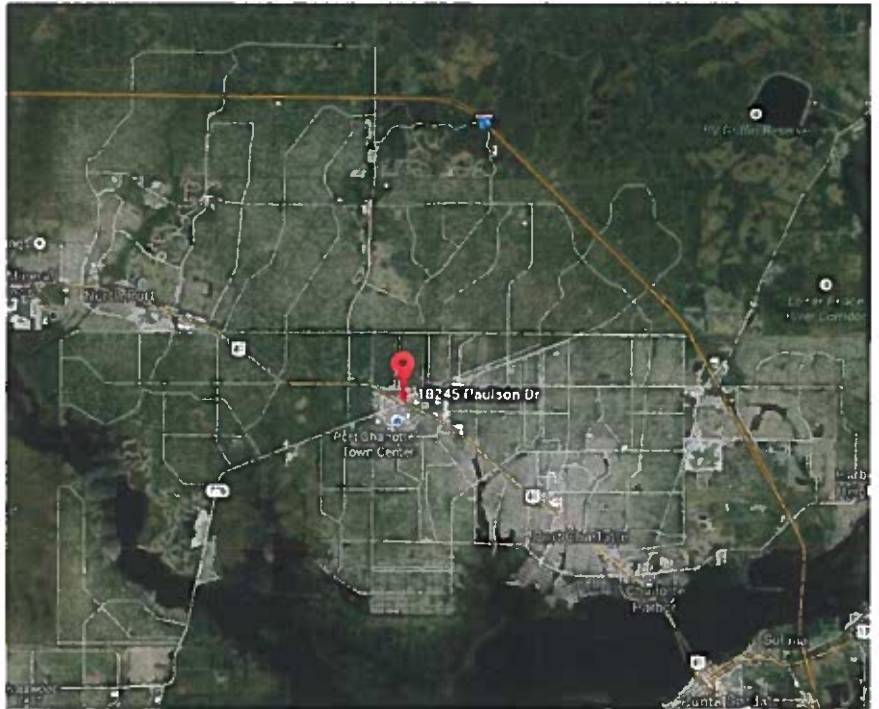
### *Years In Business:*

23 years

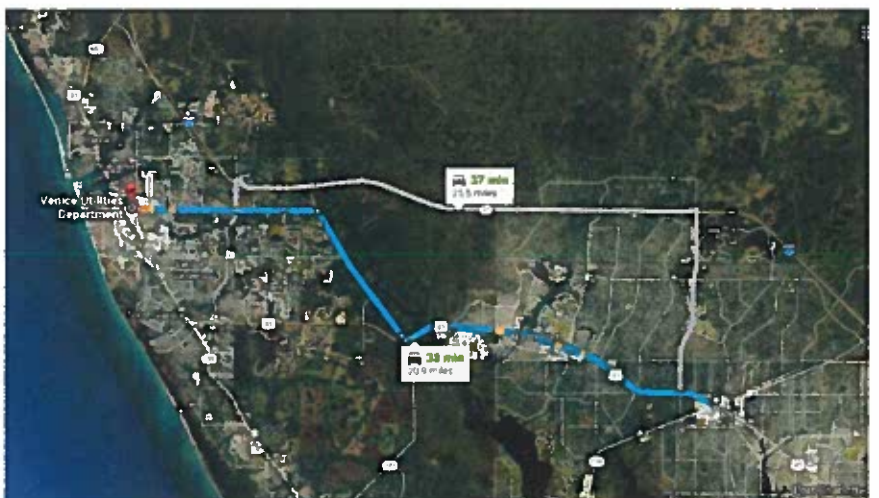
### *Years with Central Florida Presence:*

22 years

### A<sup>2</sup>'s Port Charlotte Office Map



### Directions from our Port Charlotte office to Venice Utilities Department



Our proposed staff members are based in the Port Charlotte Office and will be able to provide a quick response to the City of Venice.

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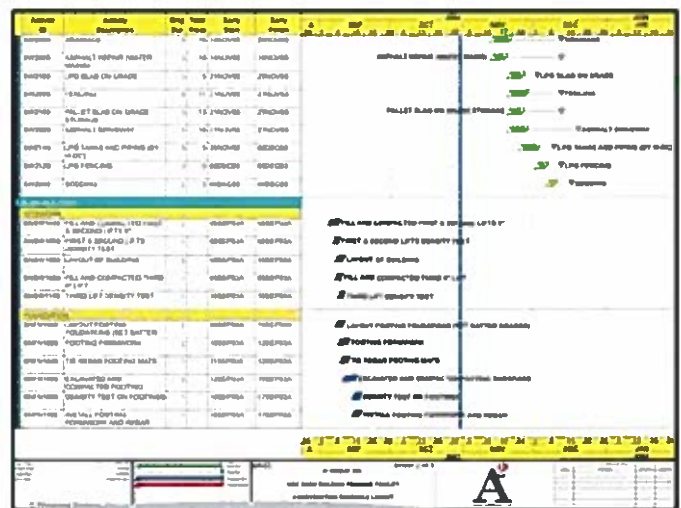
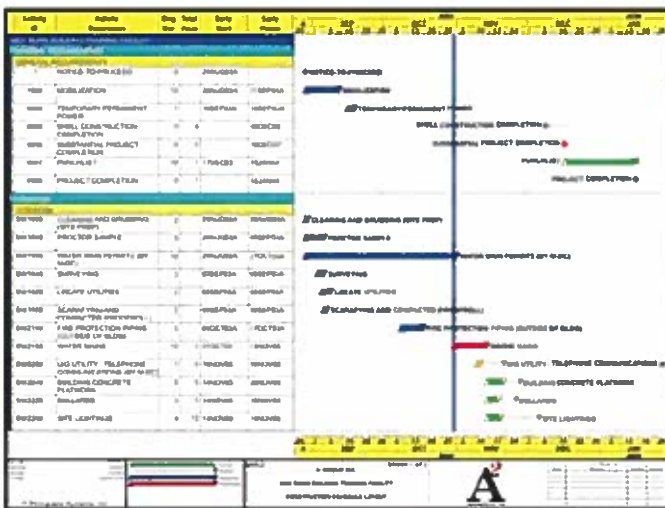
## Scheduling Methods

Contract duration or contract time is the maximum time allowed for the completion of all work described in the contract documents. The determination of contract time affects not only the duration of the construction project, but also such aspects of the construction process as costs, equipment allocation, selection of contractors, and traffic problems. The duration of any particular project is ultimately determined by a wide range of factors, such as the type, complexity and size of the project, project urgency, budget, bid time, permits, material delivery, utilities, environmental concerns, maintenance of traffic (MOT) requirements, political sensitivity, and decisions and policies. A<sup>2</sup> has the knowledge and experience in all of the areas of construction. We understand the inherent uncertainties in a project, have insight into the construction market, and understand our client's objectives and constraints.

The preferred scheduling technique that we use to determine contract time is the critical path method (CPM). CPM scheduling not only helps determine, but also maintain the scheduled contract time. It has been our experience and our belief that the process of the development of a bar chart and CPM are similar. The advantage of a CPM is that it can be incorporated into a scheduling program such as *Primavera Project Planner*™ and "what if" analysis can be performed. Thus with greater ease and effectiveness various scenarios to the project sequencing can be analyzed. The best approach in the determination of contract time is a procedural or step by step approach. They begin with the analysis of the maintenance of traffic, and phasing and a determination of

the variety of project task or activities along with their respective assignment of material quantity. The quantities for each activity are converted into work days using established production rates and charts. Utility relocation durations are assigned and all of the activities are logically related to each other by assignment predecessors and successors. The schedule is calculated with the use of a CPM scheduling program (*Primavera Project Planner*) and a 7 day per week calendar is assigned to a global activity (hammock activity) that simulates and is equivalent to the total project duration. The incorporation of the submittal requirements into the schedule including approval, fabrication and delivery activities are vital. These activities may affect the critical path or the controlling items of work and thus affect the project duration. Also A<sup>2</sup> uses the addition of a "what-if" analysis after all of the project activities and their respective durations are determined and assigned to the proper phase. Sometimes it becomes apparent from the schedule that a change in the MOT or phasing will significantly reduce the overall project duration.

The successful contractor on a project is responsible for preparing and submitting a realistic construction schedule. This initial submittal is extremely important for the purposes of administering the contract and for the defense of schedule related claims. The initial submittal is often termed the "AS-PLANNED" schedule and is a representation of the contractor's bid. This schedule is reviewed for conformance to the contract specifications and scope of work. It must follow the MOT plan or phasing plan (if any) in addition to



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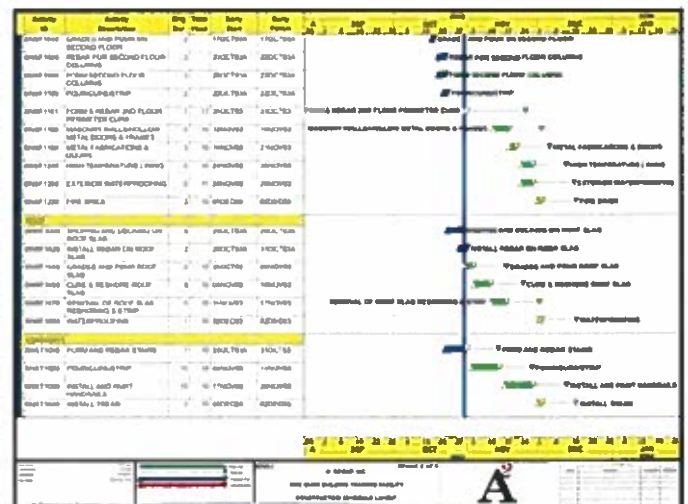
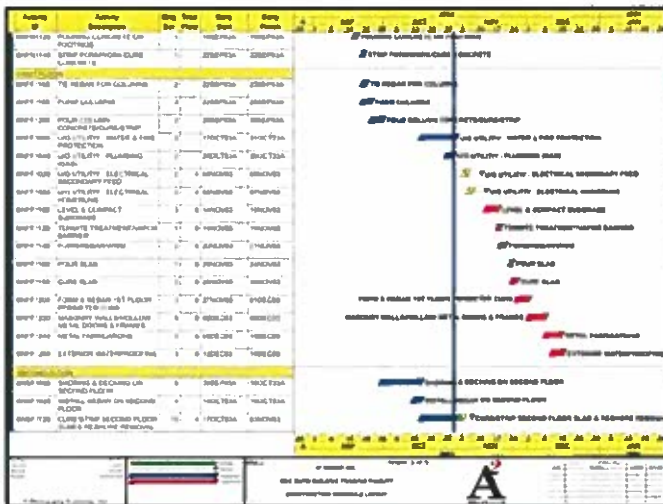
## Scheduling Methods

project milestones as presented in the contract documents. The schedule activities must describe in sufficient detail discrete work operations and the aggregate of all activities define the complete project scope including "not-in-contract" (NIC) work by other contractors and all contract submittal requirements. Further, the schedule must be logical to the sequence of operations and it must be cost loaded and correlated to the bid items on the bid sheet.

Once the subcontractor's as-planned or baseline schedule is approved, the subcontractor will be required to maintain it as the best possible representation of the work performed and work planned. Basically, on a monthly basis, the subcontractor will be required to submit an updated schedule that best represents the current status of the project. This updated schedule must include the actual start dates as well as the remaining durations of all the activities that have been started. The schedule will also include the actual start and finish dates of all of the activities completed. The schedule updates must be submitted as an electronic file containing the CPM schedule data. This is extremely useful in review of the schedule submittals. We have established procedures and computer programs that enable the scheduler the ability to quickly identify the slightest schedule modification or variance from the previous update or any other individual schedule or schedule groups. This allows the user the ability to identify and quantify any schedule logic revisions, activity additions or deletions, changes in descriptions, out-of-sequence work, duration changes, constraint modifications, calendar modifications, critical

path changes, new critical activities, previously critical activities, cost changes, and quantity changes. The wealth of information obtained is invaluable in the process of schedule reviews and in the analysis of schedule related claims.

Our goal is to avoid schedule related claims through a process of planning and development, which results in effective contract documents and procedures. In most cases, claims initiated by the subcontractor are due to inadequate investigation of work sites and working conditions, bidding below cost, poor planning, failure to follow required procedures, unforeseen conditions, errors in the plans and specifications, inadequate bidding information, interference by others, inadequate or late response to questions, excessive approval durations, excessive contract changes, excessively rigid specifications, and narrow interpretation of the plans and specifications. The risk of occurrence of many of the aforementioned can be reduced through proactive programs and procedures. Over the years, A<sup>2</sup> has established and refined such programs and procedures that contribute to the reduction of schedule related claims. These include constructability reviews, value engineering reviews, partnering programs, strong utility coordination and geotechnical investigation programs and procedures to ensure timely responses to contractor submittals and questions. Further, the day to day project management by A<sup>2</sup>, especially being in constant contact with the subcontractor can both identify and resolve possible claim generating issues. A<sup>2</sup> fully understands and believes in the existing proactive approaches and procedures to schedule related claims.



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## Cost Control Methods

### ***Fiduciary Responsibility***

A<sup>2</sup> specializes in Public projects. In fact, approximately 95% of our work is for government agencies. We strongly believe that this requires a moral obligation to the taxpayers, residents, owners, and end users. It is our responsibility to use our professional knowledge and experience to maximize the budget.

Our fiduciary responsibility starts with the pre-construction phase. We believe that planning is the best way to avoid future issues. This includes composing estimates that are true to market conditions so the designs can be altered to meet the budget. The owner and the designer need a clear understanding of the costs associated with the project.

During the bidding phase, our firm goes out of our way to convey accurate conditions for the subcontractors. We hold a meeting to bring up potential issues and possibilities that they should all be aware of. To us, bid opening should always be a transparent process. We invite all of the subcontractors, the owner, and the designer to the meeting. Everyone can witness how the bids are calculated and understand why specific subcontractors are selected.

While in the construction phase, our responsibility includes quality control, monitoring expenditures, and ensuring the appropriate use of contingency funds. Quite often, our clients have opted to use the contingency funds for upgrading various aspects of the projects. Careful monitoring allows these funds to be used for improvement.

The close-out phase is also an important part of our fiduciary responsibility. It is a time when we focus on reconciling costs.

For A<sup>2</sup>, being selected as the Construction Manager at Risk for a project means we are the caretakers of the public. It is our obligation to use our knowledge and experience to provide a high quality project within budget.

### ***Cost Estimating Methods***

A<sup>2</sup> has performed estimates during the conceptual, design development and construction development phases of several projects. The scope of work of the projects have

included new construction of multi-story buildings, building renovations consisting of architectural features, structural repair and reinforcement, interior finishes, mechanical and electrical retro-fits. The civil portion of these projects have included roadways, parking facilities, tunnels, drainage culverts, trenches and reservoirs, water, sanitary and other vital utilities, landscaping, irrigation systems. Our team can provide a range of options for estimates, from a spreadsheet to integrated software systems. We have several different types of cost estimation software.

### ***Estimating Procedures:***

1. Establish Pre-Estimate Meeting
2. Quantity Survey
3. Measure Everything
4. Price Estimate
5. Architectural Features
6. Mechanical & Electrical Systems
7. Identify Long Lead Items
8. Confirm Pricing with Suppliers/ Subcontractors
9. Produce Detailed Estimate Report

There are several different types of estimates.

### ***Types of Estimates:***

- Lump Sum Estimate
- Unit Price Estimate
- Quantity Survey
- Parameter Cost Estimate
- Capital Cost Estimate

### ***Lump Sum Estimate***

In a lump sum estimate, a fixed price is compiled based on a specific scope of work detailed in the plans and specifications. With the lump sum estimate, the contractor agrees to perform the work although the cost may exceed the fixed price. As a result, the Owner can make project financial arrangements.

The estimate is evaluated by a quantity survey or quantity takeoff of the materials and items of work specified. The quantities are organized by the work divisions established by the Construction Specification Institute (CSI). Costs are

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calculated based on the quantities of labor, materials, equipment, permits, taxes, bonds and overhead. As a result, the total value of each CSI division becomes the project cost. Additionally, a markup is added to the total cost and ultimately yields the lump sum estimate or bid for the scope of work.

### *Unit Price Estimate*

In a unit price estimate, a fixed price is compiled based on total quantity of work detailed in the plans and specifications. Typically, these quantity estimates or bids are provided by the project Architect or Engineer for work that can be easily quantified such as engineering construction projects. These quantities are not guaranteed minimum or maximums. Unlike lump sum bids, unit price bids do provide an easier means of bid comparison and evaluation.

### *Quantity Survey*

As in the lump sum estimate, a quantity survey is composed for each specific bid item. The quantity survey serves as a means to validate the architect-engineer estimated bid quantities. The estimator must analyze all costs of labor, material, equipment, permits, taxes, bonds, overhead and markup based on each bid item. The value is known as the unit price per bid item. The sum total of all quantities multiplied by their respective unit price is the anticipated project cost or bid for the scope of work. The actual project cost could vary based on the quantities of bid items installed on the project.

### *Parameter Cost Estimate*

Unlike lump sum and unit price estimates which are performed subsequent to the completion of the construction documents, parameter estimates are performed during the design development process. A parameter cost estimate is based on unit costs for building components or systems. The unit costs are established on square footage of building, size, dimension or quantity of the components and prior cost experience or national price indexes. Examples of parameter estimates are:

- Conceptual Cost Estimate

- Square-foot Cost Estimate
- Cubic-foot Cost Estimate
- Modular Takeoff Estimate
- Cost-per-Function Estimate
- Partial Take-off Estimate
- Panel Unit Cost Estimate

### *Capital Cost Estimate*

Capital Cost Estimates for construction consist of the expenses associated with the initial establishment of the project. These include land acquisition (assembly, holding and improvement), planning and feasibility studies, architectural and engineering design, construction (materials, equipment and labor), field supervision of construction, construction financing, insurance and taxes during construction, owner's general office overhead, equipment and furnishings not included in construction, as well as inspections and testing.

### *Cost Analysis*

Our team can also provide cost analysis. There are several different types our clients can choose from:

- Initial Cost Analysis
- Detailed Cost Analysis
- Cost Analysis Updates
- Life-Cycle Cost Analysis
- Change Order Costing

### *Coordination*

Subsequent to all reviews and coordination meeting with the owner, we will organize a pre-estimate conference. The specific issues to be addressed include but are not limited to:

- Describe scope of work
- Establish lines of communication
- Review MOT phasing
- Safety
- Emergency contacts
- Permits
- Inspections

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- Quality
- Review Existing Utilities
- Project Schedule
- Project Meeting

### *Project Management*

During the project management stage, A<sup>2</sup> can monitor the progress of all scheduled project activities and provide recommendations reports on a monthly basis. Our firm can provide independent cost estimates regarding all additional or change order work. We can also issue all necessary responses to questions and communications regarding the project budget and cost of completion.

### *Cost Control Methods*

The keys to cost control include identifying potential issues and frequently updating the record keeping, which in is Primavera Expedition for us. We cannot stress the importance of planning during pre-construction enough. The plans will be reviewed by our employees who are certified as professional engineers, construction managers, architects, landscape architects, general contractors, and underground utility contractors. They have extensive experience with designs and construction, which makes their input and planning invaluable. They understand the scope, the designs, and construction methods, which is invaluable for the constructability review.

With our team's expertise, we are able to identify many aspects that other firms often overlook. Identifying and preparing always makes a project run more smoothly in terms of cost controls, quality and scheduling. Our knowledge and findings are clearly communicated with the owner, designers, and potential subcontractors. We want everyone on the same page.

During construction, accurate record keeping is an essential tool. Our Project Controls Specialist and Project Accountant input all financial transactions in order to provide precise reports for the Project Manager and Principal-in-Charge. These reports give them a clear indication of the progress and possible problems on the project. Measures can quickly be taken to correct any deviations as well as detect possible areas for cost savings.

### *Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)*

Establishing the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is an essential part of Construction Management At Risk Projects. A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. (A<sup>2</sup>) has gained vast experience with the process for both new construction and renovations.

There are many considerations that affect the GMP including the time line, location, market trends, etc. The constructability review allows our engineers and construction managers to become very familiar with the design. While conducting the constructability review, we will come up with ideas and points that will assist us in establishing the GMP.

We begin the GMP process with a strong estimate. Next, all construction costs are tallied along with our fees to complete the project. Once that has been determined, we come up with the CM allowance which is typically between two to five percent depending on the conditions of the project. We also add 10% for the owner's contingency if the client is interested. When the money for the contingency is not used for changes, many clients decide to add upgrades to the project. The final factor is the one percent fee to cover the cost of the bonds. That is basically the process of how we compute the Guaranteed Maximum Price, which we then submit to the client.

A GMP is based on specific assumptions. This type of delivery method will not guarantee additional costs or change orders over and above the GMP. However, an experienced team will be able to pro-actively foresee the impact of issues and mitigate the associated delays and costs.

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## QA/QC Controls



Our Management Approach is deeply intertwined with our Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan and Procedures. Our plan provides the organization of QA/QC for our projects and explains the various associated responsibilities throughout the process. The objective of our policy is to ensure that projects are completed according to the statement of work, technical specifications, design goals, cost-effective budget, proposed schedule, and that the projects can be operated and maintained to the entire satisfaction of the end users as well as our client.

The intent of our QA/QC Plan is to ensure that all of the services provided by A<sup>2</sup> meet our high standards, zero defects, in addition to contract compliance. Our firm strongly believes that QA/QC not only benefits the client, but helps everyone involved on a project. The use of an excellent QA/QC plan leads to fewer mistakes and ensures that work is performed correctly the first time. These measures reduce waste of project resources, which lowers costs, raises productivity and increases worker moral. A<sup>2</sup>'s Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan is divided into the following categories:

### 1. A<sup>2</sup>'s Project Team

- a. Responsibility*
- b. Training*
- d. Communication*

### 2. Phases of the Project

- a. Designs*
- b. Permits*
- c. Project Controls*
- d. Document Controls*
- e. Construction*
- f. Tests*
- g. Close-out*

### 3. Implementation

- a. Reports and Logs*
- b. Files*
- c. Audits*
- d. Meetings*
- e. Non-conformance Issues*

### 4. Continual Improvement

A description of these categories follows.

#### 1. A<sup>2</sup>'s Project Team

##### *a. Responsibility*

Responsibility for quality starts from the top with the Principal-in-Charge and

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permeates through the entire firm. Every team member is responsible for quality of work. Implementation of our plan is the daily responsibility of all personnel. It is part of our professional duties to ensure that safety, designs, pre-construction, materials and equipment, construction, craftsmanship, close-out, as-built drawings, warranty and management efforts are compliant with all applicable requirements and that the procedures are followed. A<sup>2</sup> believes that teamwork beats individualism every time. We work as team to provide quality projects in a timely and cost effective manner.

### *b. Training*

The most important resource that A<sup>2</sup> brings to our projects is our people, professionals who are at the forefront in the industry for their competence and commitment. Because we want the best, we are committed to the continual training of our staff. New methods of construction, safety, and software programs are essential for improving procedures. Many of our employees have CQM certification from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Several have been certified by the USACE for RMS training. In addition, several of the engineers have completed LEED training.



### *d. Communication*

Construction projects require effective communication between all parties, with all types of available and current technologies. The establishment of uniform communication protocols along with the clear obligations of all parties can significantly reduce communication issues that can often plague a project. Our project team will have many options for communication including Federal Express, Internet, individual e-mail accounts, a fax machine, as well as cell phones. All of the team members will have the resources to easily contact other team members.



Establishing open communication with the designers and the owner is also a high priority for A<sup>2</sup>. Our team will ensure that continual updates and significant issues are all relayed to the appropriate project team members. Quarterly brainstorm meetings will be held with the Project Team in order to determine better ways to serve the client. Discussions will include all aspects of the QA/QC, Safety, Management Procedures, Project Controls, Document Controls, etc.

## 2. Phases of the Projects

### *a. Designs*

A<sup>2</sup> is a licensed Professional Engineering, Landscape Architectural, and General Contracting firm, which means we have design and construction capabilities. We understand design criteria and the importance of keeping all of the designers, owners, and contractors in sync. We also have an advantage when it comes to performing reviews of design packages, because we



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understand both engineering and constructability issues.

### *b. Permits*

Our Project Manager will be responsible for overseeing the process of obtaining all of the permits required by the Local, Regional, State, and Federal agencies. We will also prepare any required reevaluations or amendments to the documents.

### *c. Project Controls*

Our Project Manager will be responsible for creating and maintaining project cost sheets, estimates, budgets, master schedules, contract package schedules, change order tracking, RFI tracking, and reports. They will also prepare monthly and quarterly reports on the project status outlining the progress, cost, schedule, status of QA/QC process, issue resolution, etc. Our Project Manager will also work with the owner to select and implement software tools for project controls. We currently own Primavera Expedition and P6 for scheduling, along with ComputerEase. Our team members are also proficient in other industry related software including 4D, Prolog and EdgeBuilder.



### *d. Document Controls*

Our Administrative Assistant will provide administrative support. This position will be responsible for the documentation of meetings, report writing, preparation of presentations, and preparation of correspondence. The Administrative Assistant will also establish and maintain coordination and filing systems to ensure that all project team members have current and accurate information available. When needed, this person will provide data, graphics, web design and other materials for internal, external, and public presentations.



### *e. Construction*

Our team understands the importance of the layout of work and verification of correct placement, orientation, and elevation. Work that is not placed correctly will be documented and will result in corrective actions. Installation and maintenance operations must be treated with similar QC procedures as the fabrication was, specifically all procedures, checklists, and tests to be performed must be defined in advance and properly documented with the corresponding item. This also includes dismantling or removal of materials or equipment.



The daily inspections of work-in-progress will be performed by our Superintendent who will be verifying that design requirements were met, previous work phases are complete, work was performed by qualified personnel, that only approved materials were used, the proper amount of materials was used, the scope of work requirements have been met, installation specification and procedures have been met, the work phase is

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complete, and any quality problems have been corrected.

The Project Director, Project Manager and Superintendent will also perform inspections together periodically. These periodic inspections will include a review of the contract requirements and submittal information, confirmation that all equipment and material has been submitted and approved, confirmation that all required testing procedures are in place, comparison of actual field progress with scheduled field progress, an examination of workmanship, a check for damaged materials or equipment, verification of dimensional requirements, and verification that As-Built information is properly documented. Our Superintendents will be responsible for maintaining a site that is in order and safe on a daily basis.



### *g. Tests*

In addition to on-site inspections, some equipment and materials require specialized testing by a qualified independent agency. We will review the testing agency's name and credentials prior to the scheduled test. Our team will also forward all of the original certifications as well as the test reports to the owner. None of the certifications will be pre-printed. Copies of these documents as well as a log of the tests will be filed by our Project Manager.

### *h. Close-out*

Every portion of the project will be inspected upon completion by our Project Manager and Superintendent. Any deficient work will be placed on a punch-list, which will be provided to the contractor, team members and the owner. Final inspections will ensure that all of the punch-list items have been taken care of.



## 3. Implementation

### *a. Reports and Logs*

Our team will be inspecting work using QA/QC checklists. Every deficiency discovered on the job site will be documented in a report for each project. A notice of deficiency, corrective action needed, and time to complete will be issued to the subcontractor to ensure that proper action is taken to correct the inadequacy.



The deficiencies listed on the QA/QC Reports will be incorporated into a Deficient Work Tracking Log that will be used to track the defective work or materials until the problem is corrected. Our logs list a description of the deficiency, date discovered, the responsible party, corrective action required, and date corrected. The log is initialed twice, once by the team member that reports the deficiency and once by the team member that accepts the corrective measure. The log will help ensure that deficiencies are not forgotten or ignored. We will confirm that corrections have been made. The Project Director will personally inspect large issues.

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### *b. Files*

Extensive QA/QC Plans require a vast amount of documentation. Maintaining organization is an essential element of a successful process. The Project Manager will ensure that filing cabinets are orderly and easy to access. If required, we will establish a filing system that is compatible with the client's standards. Team members will be able to review our QA/QC documents at any time.

### *c. Audits*

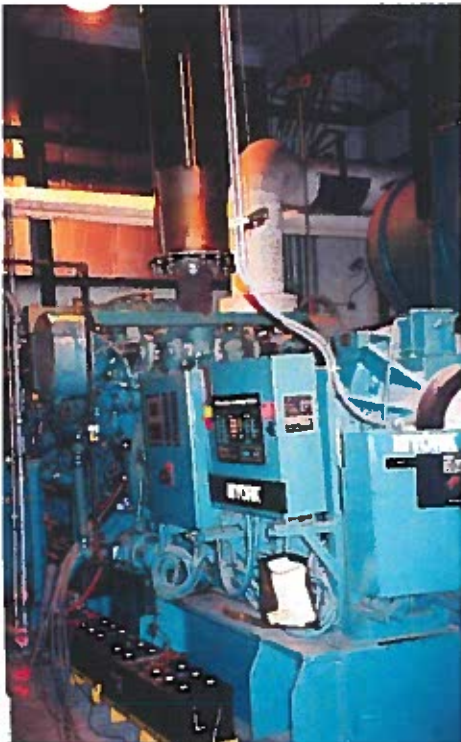
QA/QC logs will be submitted to the Project Manager on a weekly basis. The manager will perform random audits on part of a project, an entire project, or the entire contract at any time.



### *d. Meetings*

All of the project team will attend mandatory in-house QA/QC meetings on a scheduled basis. The meetings will focus on reviewing our procedures, discussing the status of the various projects, discussing concerns, and brainstorming about solutions.

A portion of the regularly scheduled meetings with contractors, designers, and owner will also focus on QA/QC issues. Issues are delineated by reminding everyone of high standards and keeping them informed of new issues. Meeting minutes will be documented and stored in the files.



### *e. Non-conformance*

The A<sup>2</sup> team will keep a special log of nonconforming items. The log will include information on the date discovered, description of the problem, suggested solutions, and date corrected. All non-conformities must be properly documented and traceable.

## 4. Continual Improvements

A<sup>2</sup> believes that continuous evaluation and improvements to any QA/QC Plan is necessary. Always striving for the zero defects goal ensures that the number of shortcomings is continually reduced. We welcome any suggestions that the designers or owner may have. Our team is responsible for maintaining and improving our procedures. Our Principal will seek and reward employee participation and introduction of new ideas. A<sup>2</sup> promotes quality control within the firm and we seek out others who maintain such standards.



# *Additional Considerations*

## Water Treatment Plant Building Improvements Approach



A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. (A<sup>2</sup>) is a construction management, landscape architecture, and engineering organization. Our staff has experience and knowledge providing drafting, designing, estimating, quality control management, cost control analysis, network analysis schedule, and project management on construction projects throughout the State of Florida. We have managed various successful building projects for multiple governmental agencies including City of Venice in association with Sarasota County (Legacy Park Project), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), City of Punta Gorda, City of Palmetto Bay, and Miami-Dade County.



We have demonstrated a consistent track record of completing projects early and at a cost savings to the Owners with final project cost being 3-5% below the established Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). We have accomplished this without sacrificing quality or aesthetic characteristics.

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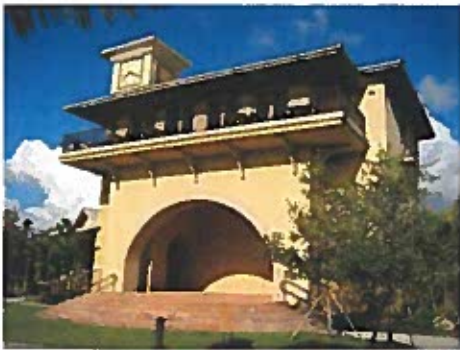
The emphasis of City of Venice Water Treatment Plant Building Improvements Project is to provide architectural and building upgrades to meet the Venetian Theme District architectural requirements. The Water Treatment Plant is located on 200 Warfield Ave adjacent to the East Venice Avenue Bridge entering into downtown Venice. The A<sup>2</sup> team recently worked on the Legacy Park project adjacent to this campus for the City of Venice and is fully aware that the North Italian Renaissance Theme is imperative based on the campus location. The architectural theme will create architectural unity between the WTP plant campus, Legacy Park, and the Train Depot. We understand that a critical component of this project is to complete work with minimal impacts to the daily activities of the city staff as this will be an occupied campus construction project. The following will provide our approach to managing the WTP plant building improvements project.



As the Construction Manager on the WTP building improvements project, A<sup>2</sup>'s initial plan of action will be to meet with the designers of record, Fawley Bryant Architects, Inc.; representatives from the City of Venice; and all stakeholders to establish project goals, proposed phasing, schedule, and major milestones. Additionally, we understand the City's desire to complete the work in a 1 year timeframe from the Notice of Proceed (NTP). A<sup>2</sup> has over twenty years of experience on public projects that have a fast track schedule and has a track record of completing these projects ahead of schedule.

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Next, in the pre-construction phase we will provide the City a constructability and maintainability review of the most recent contract documents. Upon reviewing and providing comments, we will provide a detailed cost estimate of the project, for the City to establish an Owner's budget. Value Engineering is one of our team's strengths as we are composed of engineer's, contractors, and architects. The ability to use our diverse team composition in creating value engineering alternatives will provide the city an added value in both cost and time savings. Upon completion of all approved VE and final plans, our team will provide the City with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), for all construction work to complete the WTP building improvements project.

At NTP, A<sup>2</sup> will implement work zones to hide all construction related work throughout the construction of the various components of the project. We understand that the facility will be occupied during this period thus dust and noise control for the employees of the facility is critical to maintain a conducive working environment. The A<sup>2</sup> team will also provide the City of Venice and all stakeholders a two week look ahead schedule on construction activities. The project was reviewed and the extent of the improvements, but not limited to be the following:

1. Building's A, B, C, & HSP
  - a. Selective Demolition
  - b. New
    - i. Structural Improvements (Concrete & Steel)
    - ii. Roofing
    - iii. Drywall
    - iv. Architectural Woodwork
    - v. Finishes
    - vi. Decorative Metals
    - vii. Gutters
    - viii. Updated Lighting and Electrical Service
    - ix. Plumbing
    - x. Impact Rated Doors
    - xi. Finishes
    - xii. Tube Lighting
    - xiii. Roof Access Hatches
    - xiv. Site Improvements - Striping

Long lead items are a major facet to any construction project. A<sup>2</sup> will work diligently to provide all stakeholders and permitting agencies with

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product submittals in a timely and efficient manner. Our team has worked directly with the City of Venice Building Department and Utilities on past projects. We are also cognizant of the standard review times for the different agencies thus a submittal schedule will be tracked throughout the project. Long lead items that will need to be taken into account in the preconstruction phase and construction phase are the following:

- Structural Metal Work
- Impact Rated Doors
- Custom Architectural Millwork
- Roofing Systems
- Decorative Metals



Our team believes that with constant submittal monitoring and a proactive approach that all products can and will be procured in a timely manner. A<sup>2</sup> will provide various options to the City in an effort to provide as many improvements within the project budget and fast track schedule.



The A<sup>2</sup> team believes safety is of the utmost importance on a construction project. Safety for the workers inside the projects limits and the city employees will be a top priority for our company. Weekly toolbox talks will be implemented throughout the duration of the projects along with weekly progress schedules so everyone understands their weekly roles and goals. Lastly, weekly meetings will be conducted with the City of Venice and all stakeholders.

A<sup>2</sup> believes that using these innovative approaches, along with incorporating an aggressive schedule will offer a significant cost and time savings benefit to City of Venice, employees, and citizens.





**SEALED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**

**QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT**

The undersigned certifies under oath the truth and correctness of all statements and all answers to questions made hereinafter:

**SUBMITTED TO:**

CITY OF VENICE  
Procurement- Finance Department  
401 W. Venice Avenue Room # 204  
Venice, Florida 34285

**CHECK ONE:**

- ☒ Corporation  
☐ Partnership  
☐ Individual  
☐ Joint Venture  
☐ Other

**SUBMITTED BY:**

NAME: A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc.  
ADDRESS: 18245 Paulson Dr, Ste 111, Port Charlotte, FL 33954  
PRINCIPLE OFFICE: 12915 SW 132nd St, Ste 5, Miami, FL 33186

1. State the true, exact, correct and complete legal name of the partnership, corporation, trade or fictitious name under which you do business and the address of the place of business.

The correct name of the Proposer is:

A2 Group, Inc.

The address of the principal place of business is:

12915 SW 132nd St, Ste 5, Miami, FL 33186

2. If the Proposer is a corporation, answer the following:

- a. Date of Incorporation: February 8, 1994
- b. State of Incorporation: Florida
- c. President's Name: Alberto G. Ribas, P.E.
- d. Vice President's Name: German Rey, Jr. and A.J. Ribas
- e. Secretary's Name: Alberto G. Ribas, P.E.
- f. Treasurer's Name: German Rey, Jr.
- g. Name and address of Resident Agent: AJ Ribas      18245 Paulson Dr, Ste 111, Port Charlotte, FL 33954

3. If Proposer is an individual or partnership, answer the following:

a. Date of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name, address and ownership units of all partners:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. State whether general or limited partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

4. If Proposer is other than an individual, corporation, partnership, describe the organization and give the name and address of principals:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. If Proposer is operating under fictitious name, submit evidence of compliance with the Florida Fictitious Name Statute.

6. How many years has your organization been in business under its present business name?

20 years - since 1997

a. Under what other former names has your organization operated?

Brizuela & Ribas Consultants  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Florida

County of Orange

} SS.

On this the 1st day of March, 2017, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. and (Names of individual(s) who appeared before Notary) whose name(s) in/are Subscribed to within instrument, and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
SEAL OF OFFICE:



(Name of Notary Public. Print Name of Notary Public Commissioned)

☒ Personally known to me, or ☐ Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ DID take an oath, or ☐ DID NOT take an oath

## **HOW DO I DETERMINE "LOCAL PREFERENCE"**

The following questions will help you determine local preference for your company. Please answer questions 1 through 4 **FIRST**. If you answer **NO** to any questions 1 through 4, local preference does **NOT** apply.

**ONLY** if you answer **YES** to questions 1 through 4, may you proceed to question 5.

If you answer **YES** to any questions 5 through 7, local preference applies.

If you are unsure of how to answer any questions, please contact the City of Venice's Purchasing Department at 941-486-2626.

### **Questions 1 – 4**

1. Have you paid a local business tax either to Sarasota, DeSoto or Charlotte County (Manatee County does not have a local business tax) authorizing your company to provide goods or services described in this solicitation ?

YES ☒ If "yes", proceed to question 2.

NO ☐ If "no", **STOP, local preference does not apply.**

\* If the name on the local business tax receipt is not the same as the name on the bid/solicitation submittal, local preference does not apply.

2. Does your company maintain a permanent physical business address located within the limits of Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto or Charlotte County ?

YES ☒ If "yes", proceed to question 3.

NO ☐ If "no", **STOP, local preference does not apply.**

3. Does your local business office (identified in question 2) have a least one full time employee ?

YES ☒ If "yes", proceed to question 4.

NO ☐ If "no", **STOP, local preference does not apply.**

4. Do at least fifty percent (50%) of your company employees who are based in the local business location (identified in question 2) reside within Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto or Charlotte County ?

YES ☒ If "yes", proceed to question 5.

NO ☐ If no, **STOP, local preference does not apply.**

### **Questions 5 – 7**

5. Is your local business office (identified in question 2) the primary location (headquarters) of your company ?

YES ☐ If "yes", **STOP, local preference applies.**

NO ☒ If "no", proceed to question 6.

6. If the local business office (identified in question 2) is not the primary location of your company, are at least ten percent (10%) of your company's entire full-time employees based at the local office location ?

YES ☐ If "yes", STOP, local preference applies

NO ☒ If "no", proceed to question 7

7. If your local business office is not the primary location of your company, does at least one corporate officer, managing partner or principal owner of the company reside in Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto or Charlotte County ?

YES ☒ If "yes", STOP, local preference applies

NO ☐ If "no", local preference does not apply.

## PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit an RFQ proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a response on a contract with a public entity for services in the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, Sub-Contractor, or Contractor under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in **Section 2876.017, for CATEGORY TWO** for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

I, Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA, being an authorized representative of the firm of  
A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc., located at City: Port Charlotte

State: Florida Zip: 33954, have read and understand the contents of the  
Public Entity Crime Information and of this formal RFQ package, hereby submit our proposal  
accordingly.

Signature: 

Date: March 1, 2017

Phone: 941-206-2288 x1040

Fax: 407-447-5956

Federal ID#: 650469324

## **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Preference shall be given to business with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more RFQs, which are equal with qualifications and service, are received by the City for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, an RFQ received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, your firm shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the action that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under an RFQ, a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under RFQ, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by an employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Concur ✓

March 1, 2017

Date

Variance



Alberto G. Ribas, P.E.

Contractor's Signature

## INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS

The elected firm shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the elected firm and other persons employed or utilized by the elected firm in the performance of the contract.

I, Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., being an authorized representative of the firm of  
A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. located at City Port Charlotte, State  
Florida, Zip Code 33954 Phone: 941-206-2288 x1040 Fax:  
407-447-5659. Having read and understood the contents above, hereby submit  
accordingly as of this Date, March 1, 2017.

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E.  
Please Print Name

  
Signature

This signed document shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of signature or for the contract period, whichever is longer.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENTS, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND  
VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER FEDERALLY FUNDED TRANSACTIONS  
STATE OF FLORIDA GRANT ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AWARDS**

1. The undersigned hereby certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. The undersigned also certifies that it and its principals:
  - a. Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
  - b. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 2.(a) of this Certification; and (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.
3. Where the undersigned is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, an explanation shall be attached to this certification.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2017.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E. - President

Typed Name of Title

A² Group, Inc.

Recipient's Firm Name

18245 Paulson Drive, Ste 111

Street Address

Port Charlotte, Florida 33954

City/State/Zip Code

## **CONFLICT/NON CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LITIGATION STATEMENT**

### **CHECK ONE**



To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned firm has no potential conflicts of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interest for this project.

**OR**



The undersigned firm, by attachment to this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest due to other clients, contracts, or property interest for this project.

### **LITIGATION STATEMENT**

IN FLORIDA ONLY, JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE FIRM, AND SUITS AGAINST CITY OF VENICE. INCLUDE ACTIONS AGAINST THE FIRM BY OR AGAINST ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCY.

### **CHECK ONE**




The undersigned firm has had no litigation adjudicated against the firm on any projects in the last five (5) years and has filed no litigation against City of Venice in the last five (5) years.

**OR**



The undersigned firm, BY ATTACHMENT TO THIS FORM, submits a summary and disposition of individual cases of litigation in Florida adjudicated against the firm during the past five (5) years; all legal actions against City of Venice during the past five (5) years; and actions by or against any Federal, State and local agency during the past five (5) years.

Company Name: A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc.

Authorized Signature: 

Name (print or type): Alberto G. Ribas, P.E.

Title: President

Failure to check the appropriate blocks above may result in disqualification of your proposal. Failure to provide documentation of a possible conflict of interest, or a summary of past litigation, may result in disqualification of your proposal. Should additional information regarding the above items come to the attention of City of Venice after award, the awarded contract shall be subject to immediate termination.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

State of Florida  
County of Orange

SS.

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/she is the President, (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of A<sup>2</sup> Group, Inc. the Proposer that has submitted the attached Proposal;
2. He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;
3. Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal;
4. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Work for which the attached Proposal has been submitted; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any Proposer, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or of any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the Proposal price or the Proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the proposal Work.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

By: 

Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA  
(Printed Name)

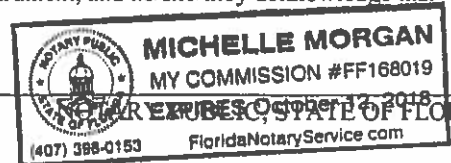
President  
(Title)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of Florida  
County of Orange

On this the 1st day of March, 2017, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Alberto G. Ribas, P.E., RLA and (Names of individual(s) who appeared before Notary) whose name(s) in/are subscribed to within instrument, and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
SEAL OF OFFICE:



(Name of Notary Public: Print, stamp, or type as commissioned)

☒ Personally known to me, or ☐ Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ DID take an oath, or ☐ DID NOT take an oath

# Insurance Coverage

2017 Certificates



## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

A2GROUP-01 LGLEASON

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
9/2/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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ADDRESS: lgleason@callic.com

INSURED  
  
A2 Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 432310  
Miami, FL 33243-2310

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: Amerisure Mutual Ins Co	23396
INSURER B: Amerisure Partners Insurance Company	11050
INSURER C: Commerce & Industry Insurance Company	
INSURER D: Federal Insurance Company	20281
INSURER E:	
INSURER F:	

### COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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D	Rented/Leased Equip.		06837644ECE	09/01/2016	09/01/2017	Limit 100,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
 Certificate holder is named as additional insured including products and completed operations for general liability per CG7048, auto liability, and umbrella liability when required by written contract. These coverages are Primary except Workers' Compensation. Waiver of subrogation applies to general liability, auto liability, and workers' compensation for the additional insureds when required by written contract. Umbrella extends over general liability, auto liability and employer's liability. Cancellation applies as per policy terms and conditions.

### CERTIFICATE HOLDER

### CANCELLATION

A2 Group Inc.  
12315 SW 132nd Street  
Miami, FL 33156

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

*Dil A. Beck*

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# Insurance Coverage

2017 Certificates



## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY)  
3/22/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b> Hansen Insurance, LLC 4590 N. Meridian Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140 A307619		<b>CONTACT NAME</b> Rick Hansen <b>PHONE (A/C No. Ext.)</b> (305) 674-9998 <b>FAX (A/C No.)</b> (305) 674-9998 <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b> Rick@hanseninsurancefl.com	
<b>INSURED</b> A2 Group, Inc. P. O. Box 432310 South Miami, FL 33243 305 668-8939		<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b> INSURER A Atlantic Specialty Insurance C INSURER B INSURER C INSURER D INSURER E INSURER F	<b>NAIC#</b> 27154

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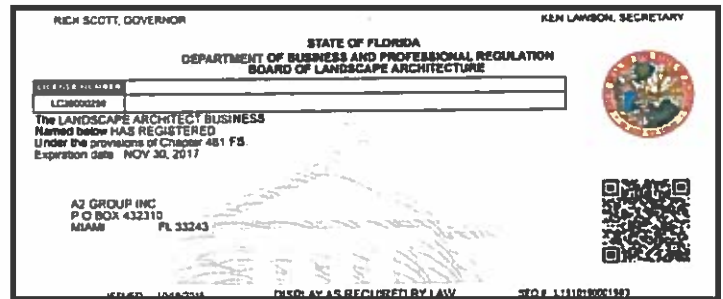
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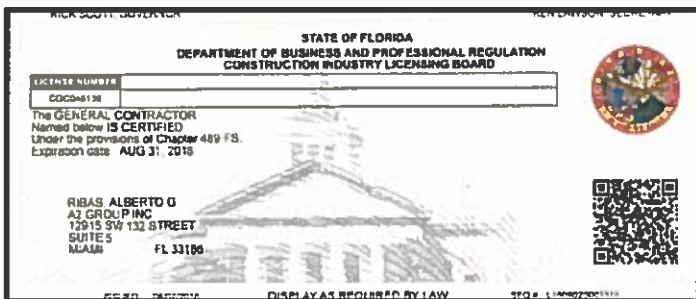
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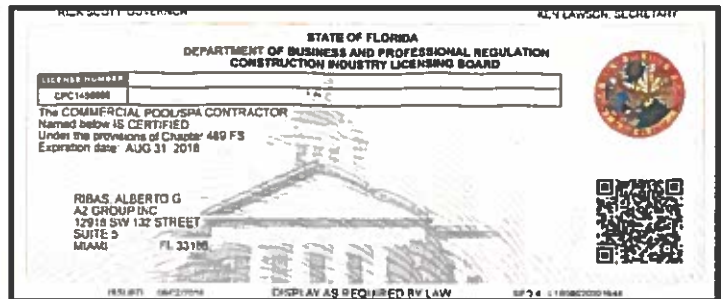
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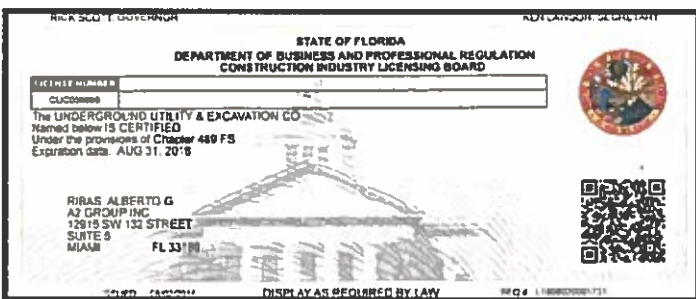
Landscape Architecture



General Contractor



Commercial Pool/Spa



Underground Utility/ Excavation

# Corporate Registration

State of Florida

## State of Florida Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that A2 GROUP, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on February 8, 1994.

The document number of this corporation is P94000010140.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2017, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on January 9, 2017, and that its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

*Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida  
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Ninth day of January, 2017*



*Ken Dietzner*  
Secretary of State

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# Occupational License

Charlotte County

## 2016 / 2017 CHARLOTTE COUNTY LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT

MUST BE DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

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BUSINESS 18245 PAULSON DR #111  
ADDRESS PT CHARLOTTE, FL 33954

BUSINESS A2 GROUP INC  
NAME

OWNER ALBERTO G RIBAS

MAILING 18245 PAULSON DR #111  
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EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

RENEWAL

AMOUNT 35.00  
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TOTAL 42.00  
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# *MBE Certification*

State of Florida

## *State of Florida*

### Minority, Women & Florida Veteran Business Certification

**A2 Group Inc**

Is certified under the provisions of  
287 and 295.187, Florida Statutes, for a period from:

09/25/2015 to 09/25/2017



  
Chad Poppell, Secretary  
Florida Department of Management Services



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