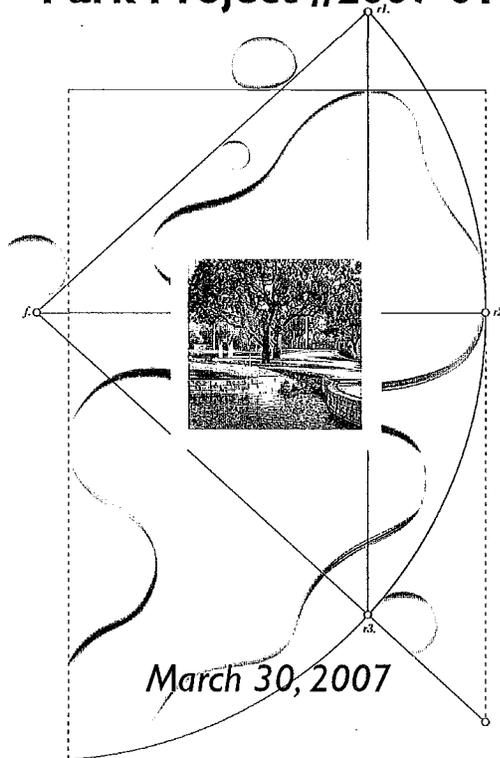


**Request for Qualifications
The Community Maritime
Park Project #2007-01**



March 30, 2007

submitted by



theHOK**Planning**Group



Planning Group

March 29, 2007

Edward E. Spears
Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc.
Neighborhood & Economic Development Division
City of Pensacola
PO Box 12910
Pensacola, FL 32521-0062

RE: COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS

Dear Edward:

We are pleased to submit our qualifications for Design Services for the Vince Whibbs, Sr. Community Maritime Park Project. This is an important opportunity for the city of Pensacola and we look forward to the prospect of being a partner on the project

Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) is a multi-disciplinary architecture and planning firm that was established 50 years ago. The HOK Planning Group is a specialized business unit within HOK, we operate like a small, entrepreneurial company. This structure allows us to focus on the specific needs of our clients with the backing of the world's premier architecture firm. As providers of planning, landscape architecture and urban design services, we shape places that people care about...places that endure. As a diverse group of committed professionals, we transcend geographical boundaries and collaborate across disciplines, working together to create the best solutions for you. HOK Advance Strategies is another specialized business unit within HOK that specializes in helping clients align their business strategies with real estate, facilities, and workplaces to effectively master change.

Here at the HOK Planning Group it is this essential combination of strengths and interests that we bring to your project and every urban project that we undertake. Our Group is involved in a number of different Design projects in major cities throughout the United States and the world, including: The Chouteau Lake District Project in St. Louis, Missouri – The H Street Strategic Development Plan in Washington DC, and the Park Place South, Mixed Use redevelopment project in Atlanta, Georgia. These projects, and numerous others, offer lessons learned that are applicable to the Community Maritime Park Project.

The HOK Team offers you a strong balance between seasoned master planning leadership, design creativity, programming and management skills. In our experience, this balance ensures a world-class product and a smooth collaborative process. We are pleased to be partnered with STOA Architects, who have over 25 years experience in Pensacola and an acute knowledge of the community and what makes it a special place.

We believe you will find our qualifications, experience and capabilities focused to respond to the specific needs of the Community Maritime Park plan. As Project manager, I will be your single point of contact and will make one third of my time available to ensure a successful plan. If there is any additional information or clarification that we may provide, please feel free to call me at 404-439-9150 or via e-mail at herman.howard@hok.com. We look forward to this great opportunity and are grateful for your consideration.

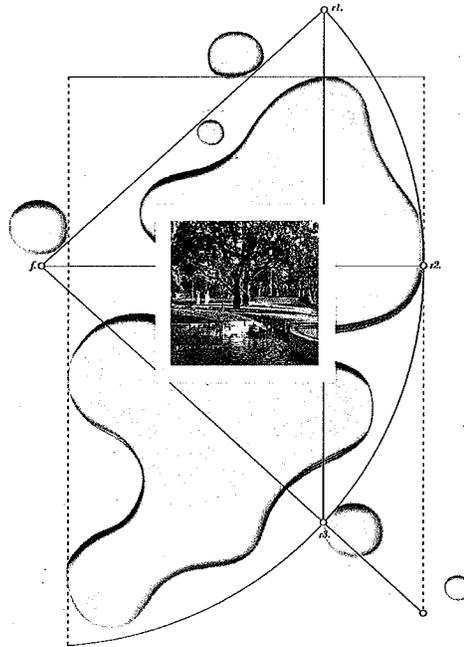
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herman Howard', written in a cursive style.

Herman Howard
Senior Associate
TheHOKPlanningGroup



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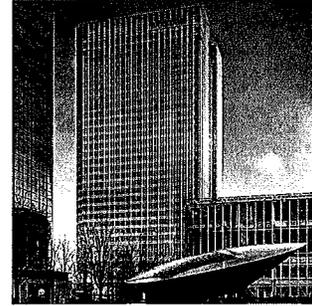
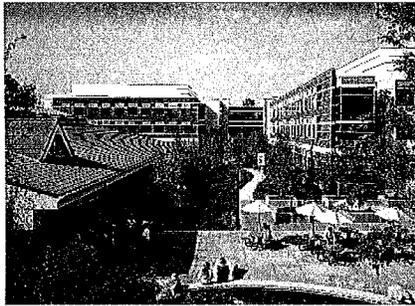
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HOK Firm Overview



Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc. is a global provider of design services for the built environment.

Since our founding in 1955, HOK has grown into a firm of over 2,100 employees linked across a global network of office locations. We manage the planning, design, and construction process for all types of projects in every part of the world. Industry surveys consistently rank HOK among the world's leading design firms.

Comprehensive Planning And Design Services

HOK helps clients with all their facility needs through the entire building life cycle, from strategic planning through design, delivery, and ongoing management. Our professionals provide a range of integrated or stand-alone services including: **Advance Strategies Consulting, Architecture, Construction Services, Engineering, Interiors, Lighting Design, Planning, Project Management, Visual Communications and Onsite Workplace Services.**

HOK's flexible work processes and advanced technology enable us to scale our services to work with small or large organizations. We're just as comfortable helping an ad agency across the street renovate its conference room as we are working with a multinational company to build a new European headquarters. We'll tailor our services to your needs.

Clients

HOK's market-based specialists serve specific client types. Within HOK are groups of professionals who know everything about a client's industry, business challenges, and facility needs. Clients can access this expertise from any HOK office.

HOK Around the World

Many of our corporate clients are expanding around the world. These companies need global solutions and local delivery.

Many years ago we recognized that serving these clients requires having people on the ground in locations where companies need work environments. We are constantly expanding our capabilities in Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America. Today, about 600 HOK people – nearly one-third of our staff -- reside in offices outside the U.S.

We shape our international offices into local practices, led and staffed by professionals who speak the native language and who know the culture and customs. We also seek out the best local design firms for strategic alliances or mergers. This local expertise and broad geographic reach is, of course, backed by our experience with best practices in corporate design.

The result? Solutions that help companies establish consistent and effective workplaces in locations around the world.

Sustainable Design

As one of the world's most influential design firms, HOK recognizes our tremendous opportunity and responsibility to contribute to sustainable design awareness, proficiency, and innovation. Since establishing it as a core value in the early



1990s, HOK has worked toward integrating sustainability into our entire practice. We want to be a world leader in driving sustainable design for every building type, geographic region, and budget level.

Our commitment to sustainable design comes from every level of the organization, beginning with President Bill Hellmuth and Chairman Bill Valentine and extending through all levels of the organization.

Evidence of HOK's long-term commitment to sustainable design includes:

- Well before the U.S. Green Building Council developed the LEED® green building rating system, we developed sustainable checklists by phase and topic. These resources served as the foundation for one of the design profession's pivotal textbooks: The HOK Guidebook for Sustainable Design was published in 2000 by John Wiley & Sons. HOK also authored a major update for the book's second version, which was published in November 2005.
- HOK has more than 430 LEED-accredited professionals.
- HOK has eleven LEED-certified projects and more than 30 additional projects pursuing certification.
- For six consecutive years, the AIA Committee on the Environment honored HOK projects on its "Top 10 Green Projects" list.

Firm Leadership - HOK Executive Committee

Patrick MacLeamy, Chief Executive Officer, HOK Group Inc.

Bill Valentine, Chairman, HOK Group Inc.

Bill Hellmuth, President, HOK Inc., and Director of Design, HOK
Washington, D.C.

Clark Davis, Vice Chairman, HOK Group Inc., and Managing Principal,
HOK North Central

Bob Pratzel, Chief Financial Officer, HOK Group Inc.

John Mahon, Director of Human Resources, HOK Group Inc.

Tom Robson, Managing Principal, HOK Houston Responding to the growing need to fully understand the environmental, design, and economic implications of growth, expansion, redevelopment and construction, HOK has assembled a staff capable of undertaking the most demanding planning, urban design, and landscape architectural assignments.

The HOK Planning Group

The HOK Planning Group has more than 50 years of diversified experience with more than 120 professionals in 12 of HOK's 26 locations worldwide.

Our clients include developers, institutions, corporations, and government agencies. Projects have been successfully completed throughout the United States, Central America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Far East. These projects have been directed toward the improvement of urban areas and the revitalization of our cities and towns, the development and growth of areas located on the urban fringes and beyond, and the conservation and rehabilitation of the world's landscape.

The HOK Planning Group is committed to delivering the highest quality work, to recruiting and retaining the best and brightest people, to exceeding our clients' expectations, "raising the bar" in our profession and to furthering the success of HOK.



To The HOK Planning Group, the essence of planning is to provide a connection. Good planning creates an environment that enhances and relates to the world around it: to a region or community's people, culture, social consciousness, image, aesthetics, economy and natural environment.

The HOK Planning Group takes our mission seriously. Whether providing the site design for a single building or corporate campus, planning a park or an entire city, The HOK Planning Group is committed to creating quality environments with enduring value.

Planning

Master Planning is a process of ongoing discovery, where each step forms the basis for the next. It is a process of translating the client's vision into a development strategy, providing a framework in which alternatives are evaluated, feasibility is tested, capacity is determined, and a course is set. In many cases, we find the process to be as valuable as the product. We strive to balance the goals and visions of our clients with the opportunities and constraints of their project sites. And, we're committed to completing projects that we would feel proud to share with future generations. That's why our planning approach is based on a few basic principles:

- Clearly defining the problem before trying to solve it
- Including all necessary stakeholders in the process
- Applying sustainable and environmentally sound principals

However, while we thrive on producing artful pictures and visionary concept plans, we reap our greatest rewards from actually seeing projects built. To us, the critical part of developing a master plan is defining an implementation strategy that provides a true means for transforming the vision, the ideas, and the beautiful sketches into tangible reality . . . and working with you to get there.

Landscape Architecture

The ultimate form of project realization, at least for us, lies in the art and science of landscape architecture. This discipline, which is at the core of our practice, is about combining wonderfully creative gestures with complex biological systems to establish a sense of "place."

At the same time, our intellectual ideals are firmly rooted in professional reality. For our clients, we must be able to deliver and construct as well as to conceive and create. As part of HOK, we've participated in some of the most complex projects of the modern world. And, thanks to our proven ability to coordinate global design talent with local design knowledge, we've developed extraordinary places that transcend the boundaries of countries, cultures, and climates.

Urban Design

Good urban design connects people to their "world" - their environment, their homes, their friends and family, and their places of work. Without it, these vital connections simply cannot be made.

That's why we're proud of our extensive work in urban areas. We know that successful urban communities are more than a response to the basic requirements of food, shelter, and security. They answer to our wants as social beings, integrating architecture, infrastructure, and open space to create what we call "place."



HOK Advance Strategies

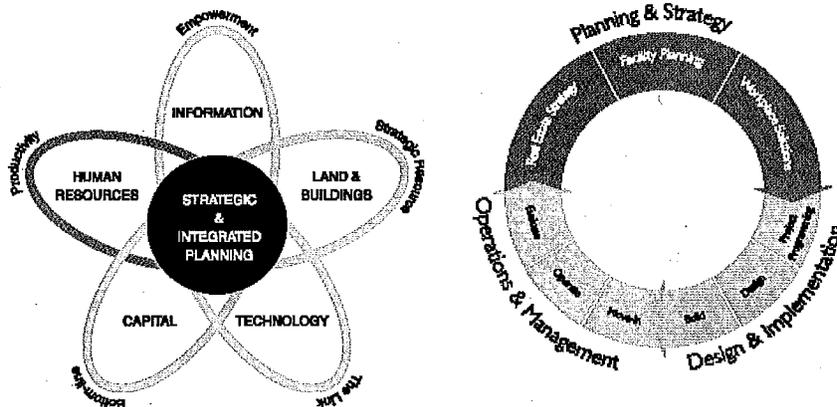
HOK Advance Strategies specialists work with clients to help align their business strategies with their real estate, facilities, and workplaces to effectively master change.

Mastering change — ever increasing and never ending — has become the critical factor for succeeding in today's business world. Effective response to change often determines which organizations will succeed and which will fail. Real estate, facilities and workplaces require substantial investments in time and money to change, and have a significant impact on the ongoing operating costs and agility of an organization. The ability to plan for and agree on the need for change within the context of an organization's broader business objectives is essential. *This is what we do.*

As a specialized, multidisciplinary group within HOK, the world's leading design and services firm, the specialists of HOK Advance Strategies are leaders, analysts, strategists, listeners, communicators, and change agents who use their knowledge and experience to help organizations navigate through complex business challenges.

We're distinguished by our deep expertise and our intense, impassioned commitment to solving complex organizational challenges. Our heritage combines innovation and creativity with intellectual rigor and proven analytical methodologies—all within the context of our clients' business objectives.

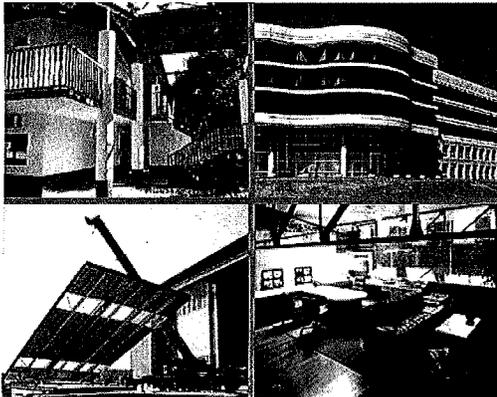
We believe, first and foremost, in establishing long-term beneficial relationships, aimed at achieving shared success based on trust and a keen understanding of our clients' needs. Accessible in more than 21 offices around the world, HOK Advance Strategies' specialists are experienced in every aspect of planning for and advising on the deployment of business and organizational strategy, change management, facilities planning, workplace solutions, real estate, financial analysis, automated tools, and systems development.



Core Services:

- Real Estate Strategy
- Facility Planning
- Workplace Solutions
- Onsite Workplace Services

Introduction to the Firm



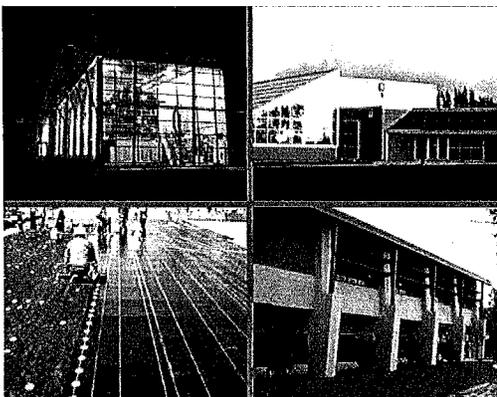
STOA Architects, is a 23-person design firm established in 1981, serving local, regional and national clients from our downtown Pensacola, Florida office. We have completed projects for industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, medical, and residential clients. Projects range in size and scope from 500 square foot renovation projects to new facilities encompassing over \$60 million in construction value.

Our professionals include registered architects, registered interior designers, registered roof consultants, LEED accredited professionals, contract administrators, cost estimators and a talented technical support staff. Led by our principals, C. C. Lee, AIA, and Mark Gilliland, RA, LEED AP, the design teams at **STOA Architects** become strategic partners of our clients to achieve their goals.

Range of Services

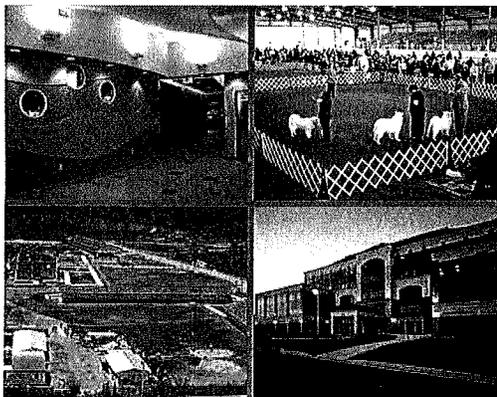
STOA Architects offers complete building design services, from initial planning and programming through final design and construction services. Our service set includes:

- Master Planning
- Programming
- Feasibility Studies
- Space Planning
- Architectural Design
- Interior Design
- Sustainable Design
- Design/Build
- Construction Management
- Construction Inspections
- Construction Administration
- Roof Consultation/Design
- Coastal/Marine Design
- Historic Preservation
- Cost Estimating and Analysis
- Project Scheduling
- Life-Safety Inspections
- 3-Dimensional Renderings



Design Philosophy

STOA Architects believes that the success of any project is determined by establishing open communication between the client and design team at the outset of the project. Before design commences, a number of basic functional needs, aspirations, and project restraints must be distilled into clear definitions of key expectations. We begin every project by simply listening. We then apply our experience and knowledge and work with the project team to develop a design. Our overall mission is to provide quality service, sound advice, and complete construction documents for timely, cost-effective, buildable designs that meet or exceed expectations.





Project Team

Herman Howard - Project Manager
Urban Designer

Education

Columbia University
Master of Science in Building Design

University of Southern California
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, 1981

Memberships

National Organization of Minority Architects

Urban Land Institute

Post-Secondary Education

Reynolds Cottage at Spelman College

State University of West Georgia
Renovation of Aycock Hall, Carrolton, Georgia

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

Anderson Graduate School of Management

Herman Howard has 16 years of varied design experience that includes government, collegiate, and residential projects and brings to The HOK Planning Group significant design experience from his past association with Pei Cobb Freed & Partners formerly known as I.M. Pei & Partners and Kohn Pedersen Fox of New York. He is a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects and is active in civic affairs. In addition to his duties as an Architectural Designer for the firm he is also involved in Urban Design / Urban Planning for the firm as well. Howard has experience performing many roles on a variety of project types including religious facilities, healthcare, libraries, corporate, industrial and residential facilities. He also is on the faculty in Design Studio at Georgia Institute of Technology School of Architecture.

Project Experience:

Coca-Cola Company Olympic City
Atlanta, Georgia

The Greater Atlanta University Area
Master Plan
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlantic Center

Brooklyn, New York

United Way Children Art Gallery
Atlanta, Georgia

Peachtree Bottoms Master Plan
Atlanta, Georgia

Mark J. Vogl, RLA, AICP - Planner
Vice President

Education

Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, 1993

Registration

Landscape Architect: Missouri No. 20001711771 (2000)

American Institute of Certified Planners (2003) #018982

Memberships

American Planning Association (APA)
Citizens for Modern Transit
Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Mr. Vogl is a registered landscape architect, involved in all aspects of planning and design. He is experienced in large scale regional and community master planning projects, with a focus on urban revitalization and parks and recreation. Recently he has been responsible for the Gateway Parks & Trails 2004 and the award-winning Confluence Greenway master plans in metropolitan St. Louis, that set the framework for expanding parks, conservation areas and greenways throughout multiple counties in the region.

As an urban designer, Mr. Vogl is responsible for a variety of local and international planning and design projects. His urban design experience includes expansion of the Mount Carmel Stella Maris monastery in Haifa, Israel, the Chouteau Greenway Master Plan and the Sustainable Neighborhood Plan for Wellston, Missouri.

Project Experience:

Downtown St. Louis Riverfront
Master Plan
St. Louis, Missouri

Niagara River Greenway
Erie and Niagara Counties, New York

Chouteau Lake District
St. Louis, Missouri

Gateway Parks and Trails 2004
Metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri and Illinois

Fenton Olde Towne
Fenton, Missouri

Stella Maris Monastery Master Plan
Haifa, Israel



Sue A. Wiest, RLA - Designer
Senior Associate

Education

Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania
*Bachelor of Science in Landscape
Architecture, 1988*

Registration

Landscape Architect: Missouri
No. 2004007519

Ms. Wiest is involved with developing large scale master plans as well as the development of site plans. Her responsibilities include all phases of a project from site inventory and analysis, schematic design, design development, and construction documents to quality review, and construction administration. Her most recent experience has been focused on urban/downtown projects. She is also a highly experienced user of Computer-Aided Design.

Project Experience:

Grand Basin - Post Dispatch Lake
St. Louis, Missouri

Dubai Marina
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

John Deere Pavilion
Moline, Illinois

Branson Glades

Branson, Missouri

St. Louis County Police and Fireman's
Memorial Plaza

Clayton, Missouri

**Colin D. Greene, CNU, APA,
LEED® AP - Urban Designer**
Vice President

Education

University of Miami
Miami, Florida
Bachelor of Architecture, 1991

Registration

LEED® Accredited Professional

Memberships

American Planning Association (APA)
Congress for the New Urbanism
(CNU)

Trained as an Architect, Mr. Greene is a strong advocate of sustainable development, smart growth and traditional urbanism, and has lectured frequently on their benefits. Colin joined the HOK Planning Group in 2000, where he co-founded HOK's New Urban Studio. Throughout his professional career, Mr. Greene has co-authored numerous design guidelines - documents that ensure the built form of a project meets the vision of the original plan - for such highly successful and notable traditional neighborhood developments as Kentlands in Gaithersburg, Maryland and Rosemary Beach, in Fort Walton County, Florida.

At HOK, Mr. Greene is responsible for the design and implementation of new communities for private developers in Chesterfield, Missouri; Belleville, Illinois; Prince William County, Virginia and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the Public Sector, he has been the lead urban designer for projects that balance new development opportunities with architectural history and heritage. Projects of note include the H Street NE Revitalization Plan in Washington, DC, for the Washington, DC Office of Planning and both the Biscayne Boulevard and Brickell Village Public Realm and Urban Guidelines for the City of Miami, Florida. He is currently engaged in similar studies for Arlington County, Virginia, and the DC Office of Planning.

Project Experience:

H Street NE Strategic Redevelopment
Plan
Washington, DC

Broadway Arts District
Redevelopment Plan
Long Branch, New Jersey

West Palm Beach Ballpark Plan
West Palm Beach, Florida

Big Pine Key/US 1 Corridor Plan &
Design Guidelines
Monroe County, Florida

Biscayne Boulevard Urban &
Architectural Guidelines
Miami, Florida

Park Place South Design Code
Atlanta, Georgia

Rosemary Beach
Fort Walton County, Florida



Yann R. Weymouth, AIA, LEED® AP -
Director of Design, HOK
Senior Vice President

Education

Harvard University
BS Architecture, MIT, 1966
BA, History (cum laude), 1963

Memberships

HOK Board of Directors (2004-2005)
American Institute Architects
Florida Green Building Coalition
Downtown Partnership, St.
Petersburg, Florida
Alliance Francaise, Miami
Tampa Bay Business Committee for
the Arts

Registration

LEED accredited Designer
U.S. Green Building Council
Florida, #AR 0017117, 2000
Georgia, #010095, 2000
NY #010935-1, 1970
NCARB #52585

Mr. Weymouth is an international architect with over 35 years experience in design, project management, scheduling, planning, client relations, engineering coordination, and negotiations with government authorities. He has successfully worked in the United States, Europe and Asia on large, complex, high quality and high profile projects. Mr. Weymouth's work, with I.M. Pei and in his own firm, has given him a particular expertise in the design of museums and galleries. He was Chief Design Architect for the Louvre Museum in Paris and for the East Wing of the National Gallery in Washington D.C. under I.M. Pei. In 1994 President Mitterrand honored him for his role in the Louvre project with the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite. In 1989, he was recognized by Engineering News Record, with the "Men of the Year" award.

Mr. Weymouth is also a strong advocate for "green architecture" and sustainable design. Throughout his career, he has carefully considered the local environment, the site and the potential use of renewable and local resources, energy and water conservation. He is an accredited LEED designer.

Project Experience:

Florida State University, John and
Mable Ringling Museum of Art
Sarasota, Florida

Florida International University Frost
Art Museum
Miami, Florida

Grand Louvre Project; I.M. Pei &
Partners
Paris, France

Alliance Francaise de Miami
Miami, Florida

Sarasota Quay Master Plan
Sarasota, Florida

Philips Arena
Atlanta, Georgia

Florida International University
Molecular Biology Building
Miami, Florida

Michael L. Jones, LEED™ AP -
Chief Estimator
Vice President

Mr. Jones is Vice President and Chief Estimator of HOK Construction Services. Based in the St. Louis Regional Office, Mike manages all estimating and construction schedule work for HOK.

Education

Bradley University
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering,
1978

Project Experience:

University of Illinois, Incubator Lab
Facility
Champaign, Illinois

Diagnostic and Reception Center
Fulton, Missouri

Interco Corporate Tower
Clayton, Missouri

Miramar Sheraton Hotel
Santa Monica, California

Progressive Insurance Corporate
Campus
Mayfield Heights, Ohio



James E. Rice, LEED® AP - Senior Consultant
Vice President

Education

North Carolina State University
Master of Architecture, 1994
Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture, 1985

Registrations

LEED® AP – National, 2004
Memberships

Member, Environmental Design Research Association

Jim is a Vice President and Senior Consultant with HOK Advance Strategies. He advises corporate, institutional, and government clients on portfolio, facilities, and workplace strategy projects and has special expertise in the areas of innovative workplace solutions, strategic facility planning, master planning, and benchmarking, which are used to provide key decision support and to develop a business case for successful project implementation. In addition to Jim's project work over the past 10 years, he has managed and facilitated the Atlanta Corporate Headquarters Benchmarking Group for several Fortune 500 Companies located in the Atlanta area.

Project Experience:

Augusta State University Campus Master Plan
Augusta, GA

AT&T Global Benchmarking Study/ Occupancy Space Guidelines
Basking Ridge, NJ

Booz Allen Hamilton Regional Portfolio & Occupancy Strategy
Washington, DC

The Coca-Cola Company Corporate Office Space Projects
Atlanta, GA

Turner Properties Atlanta Hawks/ Multi-Purpose Arena Program
Atlanta, GA

Steve Foran - Consultant

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology
Master of City Planning, 2002
Bachelor of Science, 1997

Memberships

Associate Member, American Institute of Architects

Member, International Council on Monuments & Sites

Steve's graduate studies, combined with nine years of architectural experience, have afforded him a unique combination of architecture, historic preservation, and planning expertise. His studies in economics, demographics, real estate development and land use planning are invaluable to the master planning process, whether it is in new development or revitalization/redevelopment projects. Steve is currently preparing for the Architectural Record Exam and is working toward AICP certification and LEED certification.

Most recently, Steve worked on the preservation and stabilization of the National Park System's Fort Jefferson in Dry Tortugas National Park – located 70 miles west of Key West, Florida. The scope of this project involved a complete condition assessment of the structures of the Fort and an analysis of all established Park planning documents in an effort to develop a new facilities and housing master plan. As a part of this project, Steve utilized Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with condition assessments and maintenance plans.

Project Experience:

Georgia State University Helen M. Aderhold Learning Center
Atlanta, GA

University of North Carolina Asheville, North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness Promotion
Asheville, NC

Fort Jefferson Preservation/ Stabilization & Master Plan Guidelines
Key West, FL

HSBC Alternative Work Solutions
Mexico City, Mexico

HSBC Alternative Work Solutions
Charlotte, North Carolina

Mark D. Gilliland, RA, LEED AP
Vice President/Principal/Project Architect

EDUCATION

Clemson University
 Bachelor of Arts/Design, 1983

LICENSURE/REGISTRATION

Architecture / CO #203655
 LEED Accredited Professional

Mark Gilliland has been involved in the architectural and building industry for over 20 years and has experience in a variety of positions ranging from General Contractor to Project Architect. He has participated in a full range of services including Project Programming, Design, and Management, Design/Build services, Contract Administration, Sustainable Design, Value Engineering and Cost/Budget Analysis. These services have been performed on a variety of building types, including Residential, Religious, Military, Educational, Commercial, Government, Retail and Historical.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Pensacola Regional Airport Terminal
 Expansion
 Pensacola, Florida
 \$75,000,000

7th Special Forces Group,
 Group Support Battalion Complex
 Duke Field, Florida
 \$23,000,000

Pegleg Pete's Restaurant
 Dining Facility Addition Alterations
 Pensacola Beach, FL
 \$120,000

Downtown Milton Historical District
 Exterior Renovations to 14 Buildings
 Milton, FL
 \$200,000

528th SOSB Company Operations
 Complex
 Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
 \$12,000,000

Caribe Resort
 Multi-family High Rise Residential
 Orange Beach, AL
 \$40,000,000

Escambia County Facilities Management
 Hurricane Ivan Repairs
 Escambia County, Florida
 \$4,200,000

6th Special Operations Squadron
 Customer Concept Document
 Hurlburt Field, Florida
 \$4,900,000

Sunsations Sunglass Co.
 Retail stores in malls
 Over 100 stores nationwide
 \$20-65,000 each

Admiral's Quarters
 Multi-Family High Rise Residential
 Orange Beach, AL
 \$24,000,000

City of Pensacola
 Police Headquarters Re-Roof
 Pensacola, Florida
 \$212,000

University of West Florida
 Hurricane Ivan Repairs
 Pensacola, Florida
 \$4,600,000

Mark Essert, RA
Project Architect

EDUCATION

University of Texas Austin
 Bachelor of Architecture, 1975

LICENSURE

Architecture / FL #AR91887
 NCARB Certified

Mark Essert serves as a project architect at STOA Architects, with over 30 years of architectural experience, working in various offices in California, Oregon and Florida. As the former president of a design/build firm, Mark served as Principal Architect and General Contractor on several office building projects. Mark also has experience designing facilities for commercial, manufacturing, residential, health care, educational, research and governmental uses. He graduated with honors, and is a registered architect as well as a certified residential contractor in Florida.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Pensacola Regional Airport Terminal
 Expansion
 Pensacola, Florida
 \$75,000,000

Mill A Mixed Use/Adaptive Reuse
 Bend, Oregon
 \$1,500,000

General Dynamics Electronics Division
 Corporate Headquarters
 San Diego, California
 \$6,000,000

Naval Construction Battalion Center
 Katrina Recap Package 1: Various Bldgs
 Gulfport, Mississippi
 \$62,000,000

Green Chain Speculative Office Building
 Bend, Oregon
 \$1,700,000

The Everet Building—Mixed use
 office/residential
 Bend, Oregon
 \$350,000

Century Plaza Office and Retail
 Complex
 Bookings, Oregon
 \$2,000,000

Sebastian Shores
 39 unit, town home project
 Gold Beach, Oregon
 \$6,200,000

Hurly Lynch & Re Building
 Corporate offices
 Bend, Oregon
 \$1,000,000





Biscayne Boulevard

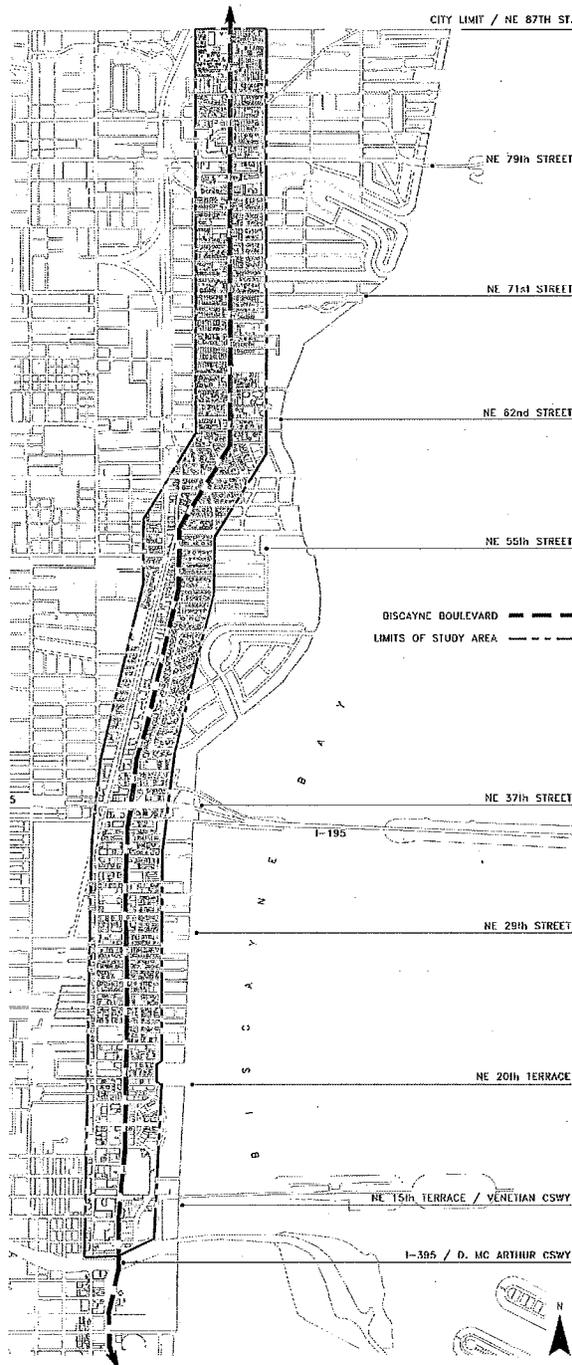
Miami, Florida

Size
2 Miles

Completed
2003

Biscayne Boulevard has always been recognized as one of the most important thoroughfares in Miami. This major corridor leads from downtown Miami to its northernmost neighborhoods of Morningside, Bayside and Shorecrest. Throughout its history, it has provided a special character to a major segment of the city with its collection of shops and workplaces built in the late teens and twenties, along with the 1940s-era motels that are some of Miami's most recognizable buildings. This mix of the eclectic and the useful has provided a special character to a major segment of the city.

The Guidelines developed by The HOK Planning Group comprise two categories - "Architectural Guidelines," which define the proper proportions for parts of the building that affect the public realm and pedestrians most; and "Urban Guidelines," which define the proper placement of building and parking, in order to ensure the highest quality public experience. In this manner, the guidelines help direct and encourage the form for new development, protecting the surrounding traditional Miami context and reinstating Biscayne Boulevard as one of Miami's great streets.





H Street NE Strategic Development Plan

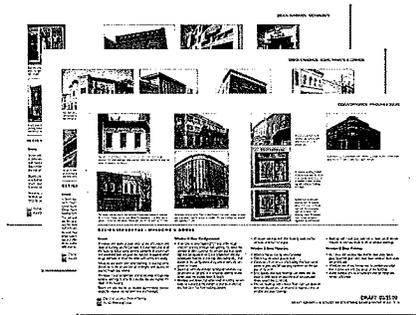
Washington, DC

Size

1.2 Mile

Completed

2004



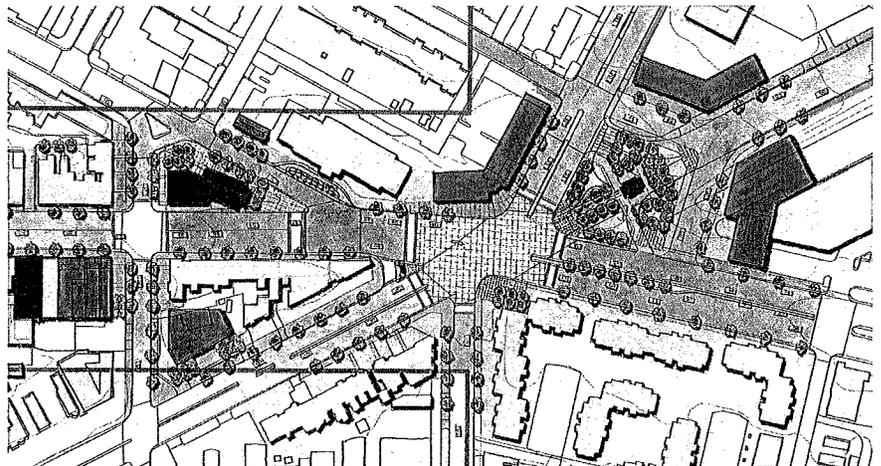
The HOK Planning Group completed a Strategic Development Plan for H Street NE, a 1.2 mile traditional neighborhood commercial corridor on the north edge of Capitol Hill in the District of Columbia. In collaboration with a community-based Advisory Committee, HOK and the District's Office of Planning prepared plans for street's reestablishment as one of the District's premier neighborhood shopping streets.

Preliminary strategies in the plan include:

- capitalizing on the corridor's proximity to the Union Station Metro by encouraging new mid-rise residential and mixed use development;
- developing a critical mass of neighborhood shopping destinations and commercial services at the 8th and H Street intersection, the corridor's historic 100% corner;

- strategically locating parking to support reinvestment and infill development;
- supporting the creation of a new arts and culture district centered on the historic Atlas Theater and H Street Playhouse;
- encouraging the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings and commercial block fronts;
- improving conditions for pedestrians by improving streetscapes, building crosswalks and reconfiguring a major intersection; and
- preparing guidelines to ensure that new development complements the scale and character of the corridor's historic buildings.

Through a series of community workshops, walking tours, merchant interviews and a week-long design charrette, hundreds of area residents and stakeholders have been engaged in the plan-making process.





Park Place South

Atlanta, Georgia

Size
40 acres

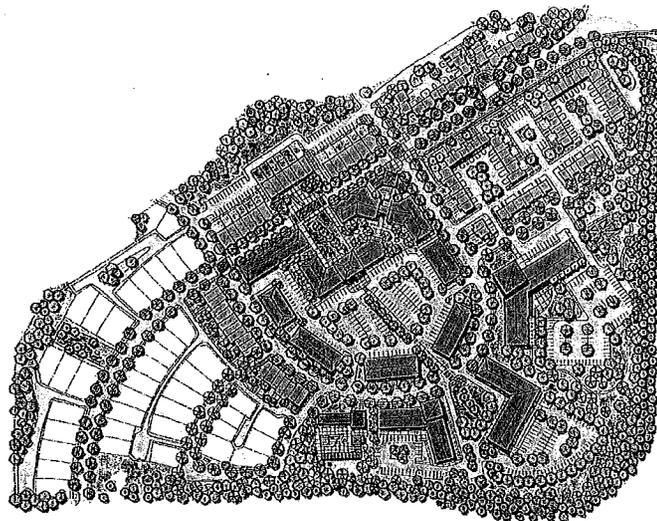
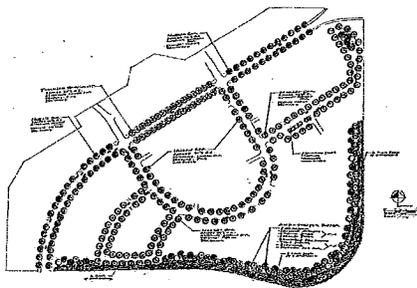
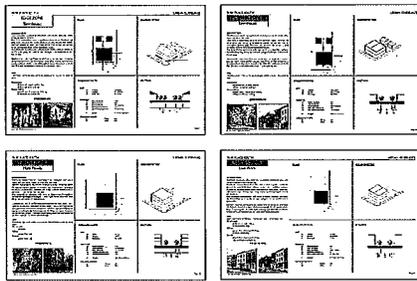
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A group of neighborhood agencies, housing authorities and private developers combined their efforts on a 40-acre site in Downtown Atlanta, to design and implement a traditional urban neighborhood. The HOK Planning Group was asked to provide the development team with easy-to-use development standards that would deliver community and ensure walkability and promote urban and architectural harmony, creativity and character.

In a four-day charrette, HOK produced a Regulating Plan and Urban, Architectural and Landscape and Hardscape Guidelines for Park Place South. The Development Manual for Park Place South includes text and graphic descriptive standards for the development of a mixed-use and community oriented plan that offers a wide variety of building types and public spaces.

Through the course of the Development Manual advancement, The HOK Planning Group was also able to provide a series of recommendations to the physical plan. The interdisciplinary approach of The HOK Planning Team permitted the development team to understand planning opportunities from the perspective of planners, landscape architects, urban designers and architects – to the point that the guidelines now include provisions for live/work buildings and architectural prototypes for small apartment buildings reminiscent of old Atlanta.

The Development Guidelines for Park Place South are viewed as a user-friendly document equally by planners and builders. This common understanding is the key factor in the implementation of the plan as a successful, viable new urban neighborhood.





Grand Basin / Post Dispatch Lake

Forest Park

St. Louis, Missouri

Size

76 acres

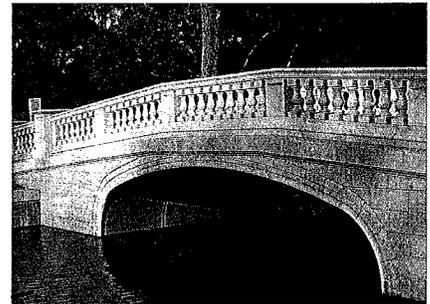
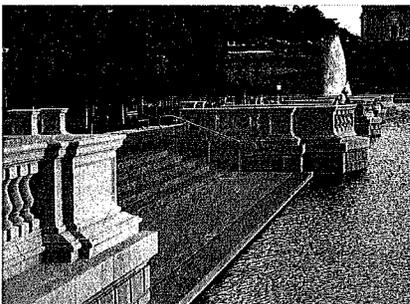
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The HOK Planning Group was engaged by Forest Park Forever to provide landscape architecture design services for the Grand Basin and Post-Dispatch Lake site and landscape improvements.

The 1995 Forest Park Master Plan outlines a series of improvements for the area called "The Heart of the Park" that includes Art Hill, the Grand Basin and Post-Dispatch Lake, the Boathouse, and Government Hill. This area was the historical center of the 1293-acre park during the 1904 World's Fair and the site of many major community gatherings. Today, the area is the symbolic center of the park and is being restored to its former prominence as a major center of activity and central gathering place for people and major public events.

As the pre-eminent grand formal space, the Grand Basin design has two streams of reference: the World's Fair Basin and the Cass Gilbert design. The schematic design interprets these ideas to render a contemporary transformation of Grand Basin.



As it existed, the Grand Basin was completely surrounded by golf course, and therefore, inaccessible for other public uses other than a minimal amount of boating. The Basin was in very poor condition with deteriorated and crumbling walls. Most of the overlooks had been removed and stagnant water and sedimentation occur in the Basin. The surrounding landscape was in poor condition and not well maintained.

The 1995 Forest Park Master Plan recommends relocation of the golf holes from Grand Basin and creation of pedestrian promenades. The improvements also include reconstruction of the Grand Basin walls with boat landings and overlooks.



Space Utilization Study Pepperdine University

Malibu, California

HOK Services

Architectural Design, Interior Design,
Landscape Architecture, Site Master
Planning, Building Design Requirements,
Structural Engineering

Completed

2002

HOK Advanced Strategies/Comprehensive Facilities Planning, Inc. was retained by Pepperdine University to conduct a space utilization analysis of Seaver College and selective administrative facilities. This project involved the collection and analysis of data on a departmental level for all of the division within Seaver College as well as administrative units primarily housed in the Thornton Administrative Center.

Tasks

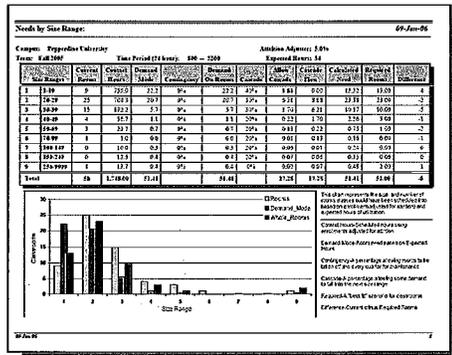
1. Provide base data to inform short and long term decision making for the construction of new space and the appropriate utilization of existing space. This information is expected to be used as a primary input into the development facilities plan.
2. Provide the tools necessary to develop a comprehensive planning approach to assist the University in setting capital project priorities.
3. Prepare space needs calculations based on current demands and future expectations and compare with available facilities using criteria generally applied at colleges and universities nationally, with adjustments to reflect the operating conditions at Pepperdine.

Process

The process used in this study involved several steps:

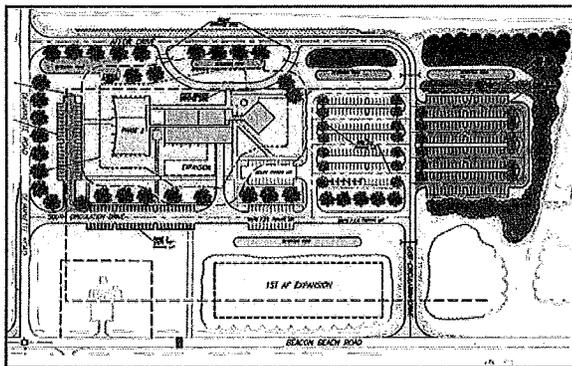
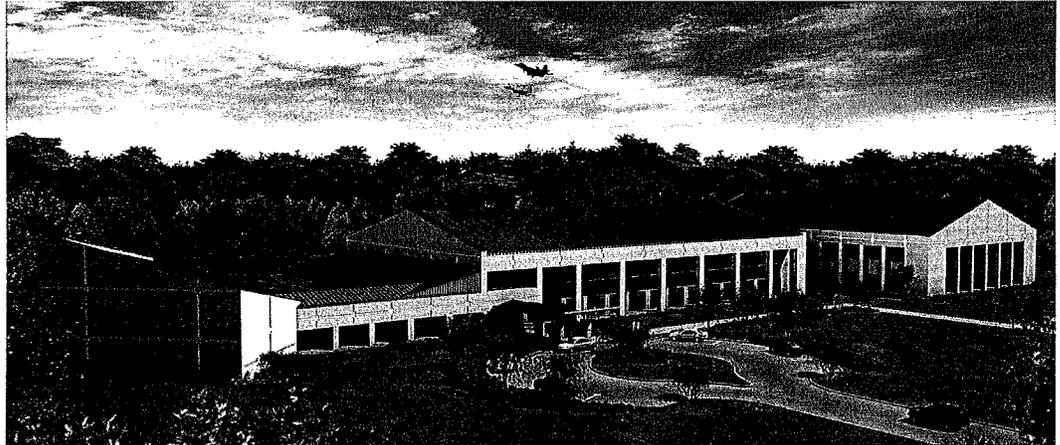
- Review and confirm existing space utilization.
- Develop appropriate space guidelines for each academic unit
- Evaluate existing facilities to determine space deficiencies and surpluses.
- Provide the process tools and methodology for the ongoing prioritization of major capital and renovation investment projects.

This study was a critical step in developing a space management process that clearly identified the current and future space requirements (departmental space deficiencies or surpluses) and establishing capital planning priorities.



Project Experience

1st Air Force Command Headquarters Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida



Completion Date:
2007

Square Footage:
78,000

Construction Cost:
\$ 18,400,000

Relevance to the Project:

- Large-scale programming/design
- LEED Certification
- U.S. Air Force HQ/AETC 2005 Concept Design Award

STOA Architects provided programming and design services to complete the design/build RFP for Phase I of this two phase project to provide sufficient, consolidated administration facilities for the 1st AF Headquarters Air Force Forces (AFFOR). Phase I work involves the construction of a new Headquarters building and support facilities. The Headquarters building includes office spaces, a general assembly room, conference rooms, break areas, personal support facilities, and integrated building support system spaces. Building construction includes concrete slab-on-grade, structural steel framing, exterior masonry walls/fascias, standing seam metal roof, glazing systems complying with Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) requirements, raised floor systems, fire detection and suppression systems, Intrusion Detection/Security Systems, and the mechanical and electrical systems necessary to provide a complete, functional facility.

Supporting facilities include new and reworked site utilities, new access drives and POV/GOV parking complying with AT/FP setback requirements, communications support systems, and site improvements including landscaping, traffic management systems, and stormwater drainage systems. Phase II work involves expanding the Headquarters building and support facilities to accept the full AFFOR staff not housed in Phase I, and constructing a new overpass over U.S. Hwy. 98, connecting the two physically separated sides of Tyndall AFB. The Headquarters facility sitework will include a 4-lane boulevard connecting the 1st AF Continental NORAD Region (CONR) Command with the 1st AF CONR Air Operations Center (AOC) on the flight line side of the base.

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