

# PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS



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**DESIGN - ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS**

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**RE: RFP# 20250391, DESIGN ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS**

Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. (**GWE**) is pleased to submit our proposal for professional engineering services, including design, permitting, and construction oversight for the demolition and complete replacement of the Englewood Beach boardwalk, walkovers, and related amenities at Chadwick Park.

GWE is uniquely qualified for this project, having delivered successful coastal infrastructure designs across Charlotte County, including pier, boardwalk, and shoreline rehabilitation projects. Our office is located just a few miles from the park, allowing us to be highly responsive during all phases. Combined with our experience in federally funded public works and deep familiarity with local permitting, we're positioned to efficiently deliver a high-quality, resilient solution that meets all applicable Federal, State, and Local requirements.

Our team brings expertise in timber structures, ADA-accessible pathways, boardwalks, and regulatory coordination. We are committed to ensuring this beachfront amenity is rebuilt safely, durably, and with minimal environmental impact—while enhancing usability and aesthetics for Charlotte County residents and visitors.

We understand the importance of **Englewood Beach** as a recreational and cultural landmark. Our approach will focus on minimizing disruptions and delivering a design that reflects both functionality and long-term value.

As called for in the RFP, I certify that this proposal has been prepared without collusion with any other person or entity submitting a proposal pursuant to this RFP. I further confirm that I, **Dennis Croyle, P.E.**, as Vice President and authorized officer of Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc., am empowered to make representations on behalf of the firm.

In accordance with the RFP requirements, our proposal has been submitted electronically via the designated portal.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Charlotte County on this important project. It would be a privilege to apply our knowledge and experience to support the long-term success of Englewood Beach.

Sincerely,  
Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.



Dennis Croyle, P.E., Vice President

**SECTION I:**  
**TEAM PROPOSED FOR THIS PROJECT**

DESIGN - ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

## SECTION I: PROPOSED TEAM

### A. Background of the personnel

The proposed team includes **GWE** for all design, permitting, and construction-phase services, supported by subconsultants for surveying and environmental tasks as needed. We understand project constraints, public concerns, and are familiar with County personnel. Pursuant to **RP-25C**, **Mr. Dennis Croyle** (Project Manager and Lead Designer) will not be substituted without County approval.

#### 1. Project Management

##### **Jonathan H. Cole, P.E., Principal-in-Charge**

Mr. Cole has over 40 years of municipal engineering experience, including service as Charlotte County Engineer, and will serve as Principal-in-Charge for this project. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in five states and holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut.

- 25+ years as Principal-in-Charge of large-scale infrastructure projects
- Extensive experience in master planning, design, and contract administration
- Serve as an expert witness for civil and utility projects

His longstanding leadership and local knowledge make him uniquely qualified to oversee this project.

##### **Dennis J. Croyle, P.E., Principal, Project Manager, Engineer-of-Record (Lead Designer)**

Mr. Croyle is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 10 years of experience in civil design and construction oversight. As Vice President of GWE, he will serve as the Project Manager and Engineer of Record (Lead Designer) for this project.

He has led the design of boardwalks, coastal walkovers, seawalls, docks, and similar structures across Florida, including key Charlotte County projects such as the El Jobean Pier, Port Charlotte Beach T-Dock, and the Lister Park Seawall Replacement. His experience also includes design for public agencies across Hillsborough, Martin, and Sarasota Counties.

Mr. Croyle's strong command of permitting and constructability ensures designs are both compliant and buildable. His leadership consistently delivers on-time, on-budget results with minimal environmental impact. He is known for clear communication, attention to detail, and a commitment to quality—qualities that make him a trusted partner on high-visibility community infrastructure projects.

Mr. Croyle's leadership and dedication to his projects have earned him a reputation as a trusted professional in the field. He can effectively communicate with clients and stakeholders, which has been a key factor in the success of his projects. We are confident that Mr. Croyle's expertise and leadership will be invaluable to the successful completion of the project.

Pursuant to RP-25D, a reference list for Mr. Croyle, the lead designer, follows:

Eco Marine Solutions (Marine Contractor)	Mitch Smith	941-661-1028	Miscellaneous Seawall Projects
Creative Marine Construction (Marine Contractor)	Brice Flower	941-468-7115	Miscellaneous Seawall & Dock Projects

Char. Co. Community Services	Lacey Solomon: Note Jennifer Henderson was the Former PM	941-613-3238	Lister Park Seawall Replacement
Char. Co. Community Services	Lonne Moore	941-613-3237	Port Charlotte Beach T-Dock Replacement

## 2. Other Key Personnel

Mr. Cole and Mr. Croyle will be supported by the following staff with all design work at our Englewood office:

### **Kendra Kotlarski, PE, Designer**

Mrs. Kendra Kotlarski has a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Florida Gulf Coast University and recently earned her Professional Engineer (P.E.) license. Kendra has developed strong expertise in regulatory permitting, particularly with agencies such as SWFWMD, FDEP, and USACE. Her experience includes navigating the environmental permitting processes, ensuring compliance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

### **Kevin E. Furniss, Senior Designer**

Mr. Furniss has been with Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. (GWE) for 34 years. Kevin is responsible for plan production, complex design, conflict detailing, and drafting, and has decades of experience in design projects. Kevin's attention to detail, coupled with his vast experience with design, is a real asset to both GWE and our clients.

### **Thomas L. Shaw, Structural Designer**

Mr. Shaw has over 35 years of experience in designing and building residential and light commercial projects in Southwest Florida. As a licensed contractor, he is experienced in all phases of building design and construction. Mr. Shaw will assist with the development of structural plans and provide QA/QC to ensure that the design meets all applicable requirements and building codes.

### **Field Inspection Team**

Jeff Cornish, Charlie Whippo, and Al Kuni will oversee construction compliance and coordinate closely with County staff and contractors to ensure timely, within-specification delivery. Their diligence is essential to construction-phase success.

## 3. Consultants (If needed)

### **SURVEY – Meridian Group of South Florida, Inc.**

*Joseph E. Trott, P.S.M., Project Manager/Principal*

Mr. Trott is a Florida licensed surveyor with over 45 years of experience. His firm offers boundary, topographic, right-of-way, mean high water, and hydrographic surveys, as well as construction stakeout and as-builts.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL – Suncoast Eco Services**

*Jennifer Krajcir, Project Manager/Principal*

Ms. Krajcir is an environmental specialist focused on upland and coastal habitats in Southwest Florida. She provides protected species assessments, permit support, and mitigation planning for state and federal approvals.

## **B. Resumes**

Resumes of all key personnel follow this section.

## RESUMES

**Jonathan H. Cole, P.E.**



**POSITION:**

President/Principal-In-Charge

**EDUCATION:**

University of Connecticut  
Storrs, CT

B.S., Civil Engineering (1979)

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 40**

**LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:**

- ♦ P.E. #36384, Florida
- ♦ P.E. #0013198, Connecticut
- ♦ P.E. #06872, New Hampshire
- ♦ P.E. #E-17024, Nebraska
- ♦ P.E. #27320, Kansas
- ♦ FL Advanced Traffic Control
- ♦ FDEP Stormwater Erosion and Sediment Inspector

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Mr. Cole is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 36 years of experience in civil engineering, including site development, coastal infrastructure, and public parks projects. He is President of Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc., and formerly served as County Engineer for Charlotte County, Florida.

His extensive background includes work on public access facilities, marine structures, storm-damaged infrastructure, and federally-funded recovery projects. Mr. Cole provides strategic oversight and technical leadership across all phases of design and construction, with emphasis on:

- Boardwalks, piers, and shoreline improvements
- Public park and access amenity design
- Construction oversight and contract administration
- Coastal permitting and agency coordination (FDEP, USACE)
- FEMA disaster recovery documentation and compliance
- Environmental impact mitigation and resilient design Integration

Mr. Cole has managed projects involving causeways, waterfront structures, and ADA-compliant pathways. He excels at guiding teams through regulatory approvals, public agency collaboration, and successful delivery of durable, community-facing infrastructure.

**Representative Project Experience:**

Mr. Cole has served as Engineer-of-Record or Principal-in-Charge on numerous public infrastructure projects involving coastal access, marine structures, and recreational park improvements, including:

- Ponce de Leon Fishing Pier and Boardwalk – City of Punta Gorda
- Charlotte Harbor Fishing Pier – Engineer of Record while with another firm
- Coral Creek Bridge Emergency Sidewalk Repair – Charlotte County
- Hathaway Park Dock and Boat Launch – Charlotte County
- Laishley Park Marina Finger Piers – City of Punta Gorda
- Ainger Creek Boat Ramp and Parking Expansion – Charlotte County
- El Jobean Boat Ramp and Parking Improvements – Charlotte County
- South Gulf Cove Boat Ramp Park Expansion – Charlotte County

These projects reflect Mr. Cole's deep experience with waterfront construction, resilient public access features, and compliance with local, state, and federal permitting requirements.



## Dennis J. Croyle, P.E.



### POSITION:

Project Engineer

### EDUCATION:

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

B.S., Civil Engineering (2011)

### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 13

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:

- ♦ P.E. #82287, Florida
- ♦ FL Advanced Traffic Control
- ♦ FDEP Stormwater Erosion and Sediment Inspector

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Mr. Croyle is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 10 years of experience in civil engineering and construction management. With a background in both design and field construction, he provides practical, buildable solutions for coastal infrastructure, public parks, and storm-resilient access facilities.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida in 2011 and has served as Project Manager and Engineer-of-Record on a wide range of public sector projects throughout Florida. Mr. Croyle leads the design, permitting, and construction coordination for projects involving:

- Boardwalks, docks, and boat ramps
- Seawalls, revetments, and shoreline stabilization
- Pedestrian and ADA-access improvements in parks and rights-of-way
- Storm-damaged infrastructure repair

He works closely with local governments and regulatory agencies to deliver code-compliant, community-oriented solutions that balance resilience, cost-efficiency, and aesthetics.

### Representative Project Experience:

- Port Charlotte Beach Park Boarding Dock Replacement – Charlotte County
- Lister Park Seawall Replacement – Charlotte County
- Spring Lake Boardwalks and Drainage Improvements – Charlotte County
- Sidewalk and Pedestrian Projects – Charlotte County Public Works
- Various Sewer Expansion Projects – Charlotte County Utilities

Mr. Croyle will serve as Engineer of Record for design, permitting, and construction support—bringing a history of on-time, on-budget delivery of coastal and public access improvements for Charlotte County.

## Kendra Kotlarski, P.E.



### POSITION:

Designer

### EDUCATION:

Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers, FL  
B.S., Civil and Environmental  
Engineering (2020)

### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 4

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:

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Ms. Kendra Kotlarski holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Florida Gulf Coast University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.

She has developed strong expertise in regulatory permitting, particularly with agencies such as SWFWMD, FDEP, and USACE. Her experience includes coordinating environmental and utility permitting processes, preparing supporting documentation, and ensuring full compliance with Federal, State, and Local regulations throughout the design and construction phases of public infrastructure projects.

At Giffels-Webster Engineers, she is involved in site design, permitting, specification development, plan preparation, and construction-phase services. She is proficient in AutoCAD, permit package assembly, and technical coordination with reviewing agencies. Her background also includes field review support, shop drawing review, and quantity takeoff development.

### Representative Permitting & Utility Project Experience:

- Ackerman–Countryman Phase 2, Charlotte County Utilities
- Port Salerno / New Monrovia Vacuum Sewer Design, Martin County Utilities
- Ruskin and Wimauma Septic-to-Sewer Program, Hillsborough County
- Charlotte Park Septic-to-Sewer Project, City of Punta Gorda
- Bay Indies Utility Relocations (Phases 1 and 2), City of Venice
- Multiple ERP and FDEP Permits – Including wastewater collection/transmission and stormwater management systems

## Kevin E. Furniss



### POSITION:

Senior Designer

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE:** 36

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Certified Technician Level III

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Mr. Kevin Furniss has been with Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. (GWE) since 1989 and serves as the firm's lead civil designer for infrastructure, park, and coastal improvement projects. A 1986 graduate of Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, he has completed extensive coursework in drafting, computer-aided design, blueprint reading, and architectural graphics through State College of Florida and Charlotte Technical College.

Mr. Furniss brings over 35 years of experience in civil design, plan preparation, and construction documentation. His responsibilities include:

- Leading the layout and drafting of site, roadway, drainage, and utility plans
- Preparing construction and permitting drawing sets
- Developing record drawings
- Supporting construction through field verification and coordination
- Ensuring code compliance and clarity in all design deliverables

He is proficient in AutoCAD Civil 3D and is known for producing consistent, high-quality plans for public sector projects throughout Southwest Florida.

### Representative Project Experience – Charlotte County:

- Port Charlotte Beach Park Boarding Docks
- Lister Park Seawall Replacement
- Sheehan Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements
- Midway Boulevard Phase II – Roadway, drainage, and utility improvements
- Placida Road Improvements – Civil plan production and utility coordination
- Burnt Store Road Improvements – Including ACOE permitting support
- East/West Spring Lake Wastewater Expansion – Utility layout and site design
- Various County Sidewalk and ADA Projects – Grading, drainage, and public access enhancements

## Thomas L. Shaw



### POSITION:

Senior Structural Designer

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE:** 46

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Certified Plans Examiner
- ◆ Certified Inspector
- ◆ Certified Building Contractor

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Mr. Thomas Shaw brings over 33 years of experience in residential, commercial, and public infrastructure design and construction in Southwest Florida. A licensed contractor with certifications as a Building Inspector, Coastal Construction Inspector, Plans Examiner, and One- and Two-Family Dwelling Inspector, he offers a comprehensive understanding of building systems and construction code compliance.

Prior to joining Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. in 2000, Mr. Shaw worked for Charlotte and Sarasota Counties as a Certified Plans Examiner, where he gained extensive knowledge of permitting processes and Florida Building Code enforcement. His experience reviewing construction documents and coordinating with agency staff enhances the firm's ability to deliver code-compliant, permit-ready designs.

**At GWE, Mr. Shaw serves as a project manager and senior designer, responsible for:**

- Code analysis and Florida Building Code compliance
- Client coordination and construction administration
- Design of coastal, utility, and municipal infrastructure
- Plan development for permitting and construction
- Oversight of structural and architectural detailing in support of community facilities

He maintains multiple certifications and regularly completes CEUs and specialized technical coursework to stay current with building code updates, high-wind construction standards, and emerging design practices.

### Relevant Project Experience:

- Ponce de Leon Fishing Pier and Boardwalk, City of Punta Gorda
- Coral Creek Bridge Emergency Sidewalk Repair, Charlotte County
- Hathaway Park Dock and Boat Launch, Charlotte County
- Laishley Park Marina Finger Piers, City of Punta Gorda
- Ainger Creek Boat Ramp and Parking Expansion, Charlotte County
- El Jobean Boat Ramp and Parking Improvements, Charlotte County
- South Gulf Cove Boat Ramp Park Expansion, Charlotte County
- Lister Park Seawall Replacement, Charlotte County
- Port Charlotte Beach Park Boarding Docks, Charlotte County

**SECTION II:**  
**PROPOSED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

DESIGN - ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

## SECTION II: PROPOSED MANAGEMENT PLAN

### A. Team Organization

GWE has developed a structured, collaborative management approach to guide this project through all phases—from initial site investigation to final construction observation. Our team is comprised of experienced engineers, inspectors, and specialists familiar with Charlotte County procedures, standards, and personnel.



#### 1. Site Analysis/Permitting Phase

Led by **Dennis Croyle, P.E.** and **Kendra Kotlarski, P.E.**, this phase includes:

- Reviewing existing site conditions, available surveys, GIS, and utility data
- Conducting topographic and environmental data collection (via subconsultants)
- Assessing jurisdictional requirements, including ERP exemption eligibility, SPGP coverage, and DRC review (if applicable)

Mrs. Kotlarski will lead the permitting efforts, coordinating with FDEP, USACE, and County DRC staff to ensure timely submittals and regulatory compliance.

#### 2. Schematic Design Phase

Led by **Dennis Croyle, P.E.**, with design support from **Kevin E. Furniss** (site layout) and **Thomas L. Shaw** (structural design), this phase includes:

- Developing conceptual layouts and structural alternatives
- Reviewing accessibility, user needs, and long-term maintenance goals
- Coordinating internal reviews and early agency input
- Vetting all concepts with County staff prior to advancing to design development

#### 3. Design Development Phase

Led by **Dennis Croyle, P.E.**, with support from **Kendra Kotlarski, P.E.**, and contributions from **Kevin E. Furniss** (site layout) and **Thomas L. Shaw** (structural design), this phase includes:

- Finalizing layout, materials, structural framing, and ADA features
- Coordinating closely with permitting agencies
- Developing early cost estimates and addressing constructability constraints
- Conducting formal design reviews at the 60%, 90%, and 100% milestones

#### 4. Construction Document Phase

Led by **Dennis Croyle, P.E.**, with support from **Kendra Kotlarski, P.E.**, **Kevin E. Furniss**, and **Thomas L. Shaw**, this phase includes:

- Completing final detailing of all structural and shoreline elements
- Developing specifications and incorporating permitting conditions
- Delivering AutoCAD files and digital plans
- Conducting internal QA/QC reviews across all disciplines
- Submitting a final Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost

## 5. Construction Observation Phase

Construction-phase services will be overseen by **Dennis Croyle, P.E.** and **GWE's field inspection team.**

Responsibilities include:

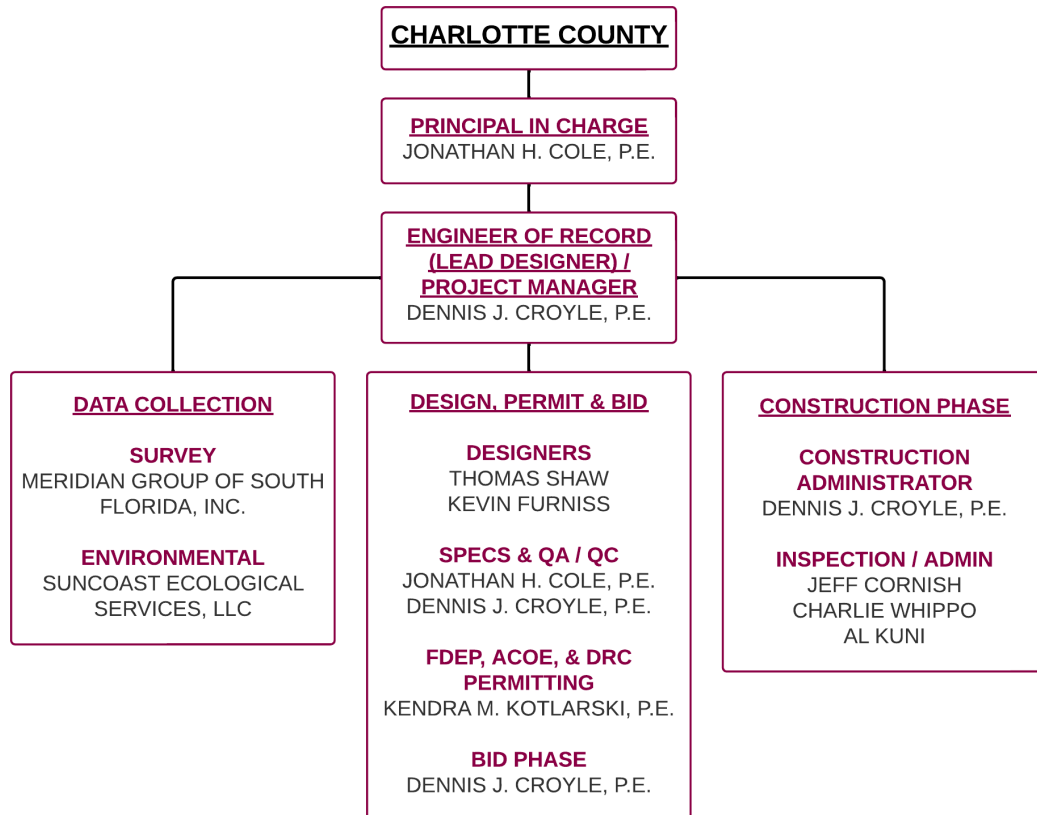
- Reviewing submittals and shop drawings
- Responding to RFIs and attending construction meetings
- Conducting site visits and preparing field reports
- Coordinating final walkthroughs, punch lists, and certification
- FEMA funding oversight, GWE will assist with documentation, reporting, and compliance verification throughout construction.

GWE's inspection staff will work closely with County personnel and the contractor to ensure compliance with the approved plans and timely resolution of field issues.

## B. Roles and Responsibilities of Participants

The GWE team is led by veteran principals who will oversee and actively monitor both the design and construction phases, ensuring continuity, accountability, and the expertise necessary for successful project delivery. **Jonathan H. Cole, P.E.**, serving as Principal in Charge, and **Dennis J. Croyle, P.E.**, as Lead Designer and Project Manager, will remain dedicated to this project for its duration and will not be substituted without the express permission of Charlotte County.

Our team consists of local, highly skilled professionals with deep experience in managing all phases of marine and coastal infrastructure projects. The organizational chart below outlines the leadership structure and management approach that GWE will implement to guide Charlotte County through each phase of the **Englewood Beach Boardwalk and Walkovers** project.





**SECTION III:**  
**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF TEAM PROPOSED**  
**FOR THIS PROJECT**



DESIGN ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

### SECTION III: PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF TEAM PROPOSED FOR THIS PROJECT

#### A. Relevant work history with public/government facilities and CM method.

##### Public/Government Facilities Projects

Our team has extensive experience with public/government facilities. Throughout our careers, we have successfully completed several projects for multiple public/government facilities providing us with a deep understanding of the unique challenges that come with public projects.

Examples of recent facilities projects we have worked on include:

1. Charlotte County, Florida Work Order #314, File #2024000330 Ollie's Pond Observation Pier Design
  - a. Professional Fees: ~\$30,000 (March 2024)
2. Charlotte County, Florida Work Order 308, File #2024000253 Design Walking Paths – South Gulf Cove Park & Carmalita Park
  - a. Professional Fees: ~\$75,000 (January 2024)
3. Charlotte County, Florida Work Order #161, Port Charlotte Beach Inspection
  - a. Professional Fees: \$67,000 (May 2021)
4. Charlotte County, Florida Work Order #181, Lister park Seawall Replacement
  - a. Professional Fees: \$38,000 (August 2021)
5. Charlotte County, Florida Work Order #171, CEI Services – Baffle Remediation Inspection
  - a. Professional Fees: \$89,779 (April 2023)

##### CM Method Experience

We are actively coordinating with and assisting one of our clients in utilizing this growingly popular approach, the Construction Manager (CM) method. We are currently using the CM at risk or CMAR delivery method on two large projects for Hillsborough County, the Ruskin and Wimauma Septic to Sewer and Low-Pressure Sewer Conversion project and a smaller project for the Englewood Water District, the V1 pump station rehabilitation project in Englewood.

#### 1. Hillsborough County Septic to Sewer Projects

Giffels-Webster Engineers (GWE) is actively supporting clients in leveraging the increasingly popular Construction Manager (CM) method to enhance project delivery. We are currently utilizing the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) approach on two major projects for Hillsborough County, the Ruskin and Wimauma Septic-to-Sewer and Low-Pressure Sewer Conversion Project—as well as on the V1 Pump Station Rehabilitation Project for the Englewood Water District.

This large-scale initiative involves the design and construction of two vacuum sewer collection areas. To optimize the CMAR process, GWE developed detailed **phasing plans** for each collection area, breaking the project into manageable **work packages**. Each package includes technical specifications, special conditions, quantity take-offs, and corresponding plan sets.

Our team continuously coordinates with the Construction Manager to develop subsequent phases, allowing construction activities to commence while design efforts are still underway.

This phased delivery strategy streamlines workflow, reduces delays, and accelerates the overall project schedule—maximizing efficiency and providing substantial time savings for the County.

## **2. Englewood Water District: Pump Station Rehab Project**

This project involved the design and construction of a pump station rehabilitation at one of Sarasota County's first vacuum station pump buildings. Leveraging the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method, we worked in close collaboration with the contractor throughout both the design and construction phases. To optimize the CMAR process, GWE developed detailed phasing plans for each component of the building, including individual work packages covering structural, mechanical, and electrical systems. These packages incorporated comprehensive technical specifications, special conditions, material quantities, and construction plans.

This phased approach facilitated early contractor involvement, integrating their expertise to enhance efficiency and proactively address potential challenges—minimizing delays and streamlining execution. The cost-plus structure provided additional advantages, such as transparent cost accounting, flexibility to accommodate design modifications and unforeseen conditions, assurance of high-quality materials and workmanship, and effective risk management through real-time cost adjustments.

Through strong collaboration and meticulous planning, the project achieved a successful and efficient rehabilitation of this critical infrastructure asset.

## **B. Relevant work history with Marine/Seawall/Civil, Coastal, Engineering and Structural projects.**

The GWE team brings decades of experience delivering marine, coastal, structural, and civil infrastructure projects across Southwest Florida. Our personnel specialize in the design, rehabilitation, and construction support of piers, seawalls, docks, revetments, boardwalks, and shoreline stabilization structures for public sector clients—particularly Charlotte County.

Our project experience spans both saltwater and freshwater environments and includes work on:

- **Fishing piers**
- **Boat ramps and docks**
- **Concrete and vinyl seawalls**
- **Boardwalks and park access**
- **Shoreline erosion protection**
- **ADA-compliant waterfront infrastructure**

### **Representative Charlotte County Projects:**

- El Jobean Fishing Pier Rehabilitation
- Port Charlotte Beach Boarding Pier and T-Dock Replacement
- Lister Park Seawall
- Spring Lake Boardwalks and Park Improvements
- El Jobean Boat Ramp and Parking Improvements
- Hathaway Park Dock and Boat Launch
- South Gulf Cove Boat Ramp Park Expansion
- Ainger Creek Boat Ramp Parking Expansion
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Beyond Charlotte County, GWE has designed over **150 marine docks and seawall systems** like those at **Wannabe Inn (formerly Weston's Resort)** and **Gasparilla Marina**.

Our success lies in our ability to integrate **structural design** and **regulatory permitting** into cohesive, buildable solutions—ensuring safe, sustainable, and maintainable marine infrastructure.

The following pages feature photos and highlights from relevant pier and marine projects completed for Charlotte County and other clients.



PC Beach Boarding Piers



Ainger Creek Expansion



Spring Lake Park Improvements

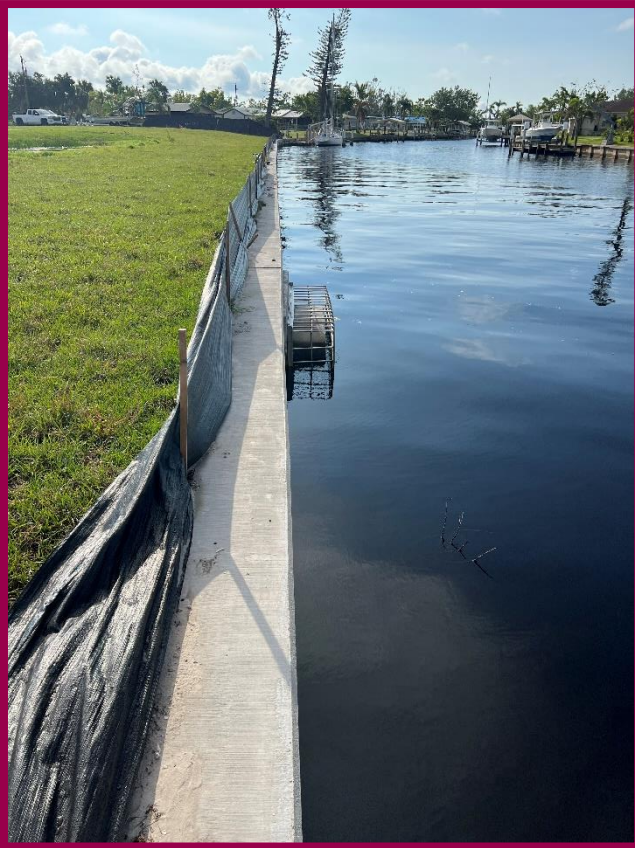


El Jobean Boat Ramp



El Jobean Fishing Pier



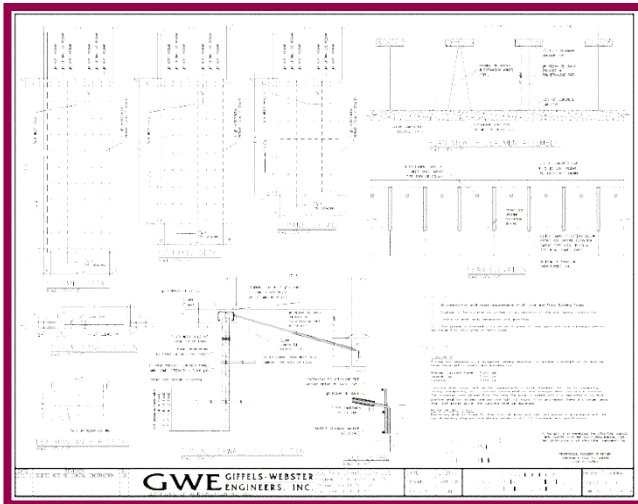


***Lister Park Seawall***



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***PC Beach Boarding Pier***



***Private Seawall Design & Construction***



### **C. Permitting experience with coastal regulatory agencies.**

Our firm has extensive experience in navigating the regulatory requirements set by coastal regulatory agencies, including the FDEP and the US Army Corps of Engineers. We are well-positioned to deliver successful coastal development projects that balance environmental conservation with our client's needs. Our expertise and established relationships with key agency personnel ensure compliance with environmental/biological impact assessments, mitigation measures, and state and federal laws, resulting in timely and compliant projects. Recent projects include:

1. Charlotte County Community Development – Lister Park Seawall Replacement (May 2023) and Port Charlotte Beach Boarding Pier replacement (2020)
2. Charlotte County Utilities
  - a. Cape Haze Force Main Coral Creek Crossing (December 2017)
  - b. Countryman Waterway Crossing (December 2022)
  - c. Melbourne Waterway Crossing (April 2023)
3. Englewood Water District - Kettle Harbor Waterway Crossing (March 2021)

### **D. Design within a fixed project budget.**

Our team has a proven ability to design within fixed project budgets, meeting project requirements while staying within budget constraints.

1. Charlotte County, City of Punta Gorda, Tee & Green Water Main Improvements
  - a. Professional Fees: \$44,000 (June 2020)
2. Charlotte County, Willmington Sidewalk Design
  - a. Professional Fees: \$73,000 (April 2023)
3. Charlotte County, Englewood Water District Beach Road Force Main
  - a. Professional Fees: \$99,400 (September 2021)
4. Sarasota County Midnight Pass 10" and 16" Water Main
  - a. Professional Fees: \$150,000 (June 2020)
5. Martin County, Port Salerno New Monrovia Vacuum Sewer Design
  - a. Professional Fees: \$1,089,555 (December 2022)
6. Martin County, Golden Gate Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI)
  - a. Professional Fees: \$778,980.00 (March 2023)

SECTION IV:  
PROJECT CONTROL

## DESIGN ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

## SECTION IV: PROJECT CONTROL

## A. Schedule

1. What techniques are planned to ensure that schedule will be met?

GWE recognizes that delays in project schedules can cause significant impacts to Charlotte County and its residents, particularly when critical community assets like **Englewood Beach** are involved. **Timely completion** is essential to restoring public access, minimizing disruptions, and meeting **federal disaster recovery objectives**. To ensure adherence to the project schedule, GWE will implement the following techniques:

- **Development of a Detailed Schedule**  
In compliance with RP-21, GWE will develop, maintain, and update a **CPM schedule** throughout the design phase. This schedule will outline all tasks, dependencies, and milestones to achieve **100% construction document issuance within 120 calendar days** of contract execution.
- **Utilization of Project Management Software**  
Tools like **Microsoft Project** will be used (if necessary) to monitor progress, manage sequencing, and forecast potential delays—enabling **proactive schedule adjustments**.
- **Regular Coordination and Progress Reporting**  
GWE will maintain **scheduled coordination meetings** and provide formal **progress updates** to ensure transparency, quick decision-making, and alignment with project goals.
- **Clear Roles and Accountability**  
Every team member will have **defined responsibilities tied to milestones**, ensuring focused execution and accountability.
- **Regulatory Permitting Strategy**  
GWE understands that agency review timelines can impact schedules, especially during the **Site Analysis/Permitting Phase**. Our permitting specialists will engage early with **FDEP, USACE, SWFWMD**, and other applicable agencies.
  - For this **replacement project**, we anticipate a **streamlined permitting** process.
  - We will pursue **FDEP exemption verification** under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., for replacement of existing structures.
  - At the federal level, we will seek **SPGP coverage** from USACE, which expedites reviews for qualifying Florida projects.
 This strategy allows us to **reduce review durations** and keep design on track.
- **Contingency Planning**  
GWE will build in **schedule contingencies** to accommodate unexpected issues without jeopardizing final deadlines.

The subsequent construction phase will be actively supported through coordination with the County and contractors to ensure completion within **270 calendar days** from notice to proceed. Our experience with **marine and coastal projects** enables us to manage both design and construction timelines effectively. GWE is confident in delivering this project **on time**, while maintaining **high standards** of quality and compliance.

## Proposed Design Schedule

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
Contract Execution & Kickoff	5 days	08/01/2025	08/07/2025
Site Analysis & Data Collection	25 days	08/08/2025	09/11/2025
Schematic Design	20 days	09/12/2025	10/09/2025
Design Development	25 days	10/10/2025	11/07/2025
Permitting Submittals	10 days	11/10/2025	11/21/2025
Regulatory Review Period	30 days	11/22/2025	12/21/2025
Construction Documents	20 days	11/25/2025	12/22/2025
Final Review & QA/QC	10 days	12/23/2025	01/06/2026
100% CD Submission	5 days	01/07/2026	01/13/2026

## Post-Design Support

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
Bid Phase Support	30 days	1/14/2026	02/13/2026
Construction Observation	270 days	03/01/2026	11/25/2026

### 2. Who will be responsible for ensuring that schedule will be met?

The responsibility for ensuring that the schedule is met lies with the project manager, Mr. Dennis Croyle, as the E.O.R./PM. Dennis is responsible for overseeing the project and ensuring that it is completed on time and to the required quality standards.

To ensure that the schedule is met, Dennis will work closely with the project team to develop a detailed project plan, set deadlines for each task, and monitor progress against the plan. He will also be responsible for identifying potential issues or delays and taking corrective action as necessary to keep the project on track.

## B. Cost

### 1. What control techniques are planned?

GWE employs a structured and proven approach to cost control, using a combination of planning tools, contractual clarity, and real-time tracking to ensure projects remain within budget.

#### Design Budget Control:

- **Lump Sum with Defined Scope:**  
We recommend a lump sum contract with a clearly defined scope of services. This structure ensures mutual understanding from the start and protects the County by controlling engineering costs tied to in-scope deliverables.
- **Contingency Planning:**  
We account for potential scope growth (e.g., drainage or ADA enhancements) by assigning costs to optional tasks in advance. This avoids contract amendments and preserves flexibility without financial surprises.
- **Clear Roles and Accountability:**  
Defined roles within our team ensure every member is responsible for their part of the cost structure, minimizing delays and miscommunication that lead to overruns.



### **Construction Cost Control:**

- **Accurate Cost Estimating:**  
GWE regularly monitors bid trends from similar projects and adjusts estimates to reflect current market conditions—factoring in material availability, fuel costs, and labor conditions.
- **Detailed, Accurate Plans:**  
Our bid documents eliminate ambiguity. We prepare clear construction drawings and precise quantity takeoffs to reduce contractor uncertainty; limit pricing spread and avoid future change orders.
- **Bid Package Coordination:**  
We collaborate with County staff to ensure bid and contract documents are coordinated and complete. This improves contractor confidence, encourages responsible bidding, and reduces potential disputes.

## **2. Demonstrate ability to meet project cost control.**

GWE has a proven track record of delivering marine projects on time and within budget, including multiple projects for Charlotte County under constrained funding. Our cost control success is driven by a combination of structured internal procedures and field-tested strategies, as demonstrated below:

### **Recent Demonstrated Experience:**

1. **El Jobean Fishing Pier Rehabilitation (Prior Phase):**  
GWE previously completed design services for the rehabilitation of this same pier under a strict budget. We delivered complete construction documents and bid support services without the need for contract amendments or budget increases—despite unforeseen field conditions and historical documentation gaps. Cost control was achieved through clear scope definition, timely decisions, and flexible field coordination.
2. **Lister Park Seawall Replacement:**  
GWE successfully completed the design and permitting of this project under budget. Our early coordination with FDEP helped the County avoid unnecessary costs by confirming eligibility boundaries and minimizing rework during construction.

### **How We Control Costs:**

- **Lump Sum Structure + Defined Scope:**  
Our scopes are detailed, and our budgets are tied directly to deliverables. When budget is limited, we design accordingly, always distinguishing between base scope and optional items.
- **Real-Time Cost Tracking:**  
Internally, we use task-level cost monitoring software to ensure no phase overruns. Project managers meet weekly to review labor use vs. budget and reallocate resources proactively.
- **Permitting Strategy to Avoid Scope Creep:**  
For this pier replacement, we anticipate exemption verification from FDEP and SPGP coverage from USACE. These lower-cost regulatory pathways will preserve budget for design and construction documents.
- **Bid-Ready Documents = Fewer Change Orders:**  
Our projects historically receive competitive bids that align with estimates. This is due to detailed construction plans, thorough quantity takeoffs, and pre-bid contractor briefings, which reduce ambiguity and contractor risk pricing.

GWE doesn't just plan for cost control—we deliver it. We bring a history of budget adherence, particularly on Charlotte County's marine infrastructure projects, and we'll bring that same discipline to the Englewood Beach Boardwalks and Walkovers.

### 3. Who will be responsible for cost control?

**Dennis J. Croyle, P.E.**, Project Manager, will be directly responsible for cost control. He will oversee the budget, monitor task-level spending, manage subconsultants, and ensure all work stays within the agreed scope. His successful delivery of prior Charlotte County marine projects—on time and within budget—demonstrates his capability in this role.

### **C. Recent, Current and Projected Workload**

GWE's staff have remained consistent for many years, providing the County with a stable, experienced team. With minimal private-sector workload and a manageable municipal workload, we are well-positioned to meet the schedule demands of the Englewood Beach Boardwalks and Walkovers.

#### *Key Personnel Availability*

<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Current Commitment</b>	<b>Available Capacity</b>
<b>Jonathan H. Cole, P.E.</b>	50%	50%
<b>Dennis J. Croyle, P.E.</b>	60%	40%
<b>Kendra Kotlarski, P.E.</b>	75%	25%
<b>Tom Shaw</b>	50%	50%
<b>Tim Morrow</b>	50%	50%
<b>Kevin Furniss</b>	80%	20%
<b>Inspection Staff</b>	30%	70%

Our team's flexibility and capacity allow us to support the County's 120-day design timeline and follow through with construction oversight as needed. GWE is ready to deliver.

SECTION V:  
PRESENT PROPOSED DESIGN APPROACH  
FOR THIS PROJECT

DESIGN - ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

## SECTION V: PRESENT PROPOSED DESIGN APPROACH FOR THIS PROJECT

### A. Describe proposed design methodology, including phased approach.

#### Design Methodology

The Englewood Beach Boardwalk and Walkovers project is a vital public infrastructure effort with recreational, environmental, and community significance. Located within Chadwick Park, this site is a popular destination for residents and visitors, offering beach access, gathering areas, and natural beauty. The design must reflect both structural resilience and a welcoming public experience.

As with all GWE projects, we will collaborate closely with Charlotte County Community Services, the anticipated facility operator and stakeholder. Our team will work with County staff to ensure the reconstruction of the boardwalk and walkovers meets long-term operational goals while enhancing public access and enjoyment. We will evaluate maintenance needs, constructability, and user accessibility. GWE is committed to incorporating storm resiliency and ADA compliance throughout the design—ensuring the final product is durable, accessible, and aligned with community expectations.

Our objective is to support Charlotte County in delivering a boardwalk and walkover system that exceeds expectations, honors the site’s role as a recreational landmark, and improves the overall beach experience.

#### Proposed Work Plan

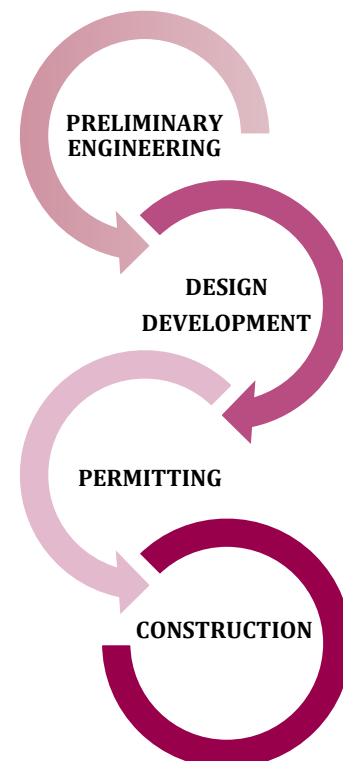
Our approach emphasizes team coordination, flexibility, and responsiveness. As conditions encountered during design may shift assumptions, our team is prepared to adapt quickly and integrate new findings into the design without delay or compromise. This methodology is directly tied to our work plan and proposed schedule, detailed below.

#### Data Collection & Site Analysis

GWE will begin by reviewing all available background materials, including previous design documents, survey data, utility records, and environmental reports related to Chadwick Park and the boardwalk alignment. Any missing or outdated data will be identified early, and we will release subconsultants for updated topographic and environmental fieldwork as needed. Early site reconnaissance will help us minimize unforeseen conditions and support a more accurate and constructible preliminary design.

#### Survey

Surveying will begin immediately. This task is critical to boardwalk alignment, foundation design, and integration with the existing site conditions. Any existing horizontal or vertical control previously established at Chadwick Park will be tied in to ensure continuity with prior development and site benchmarks.



### **Geotechnical**

Based on NRCS data, the project area lies in urban coastal land with low relief. While we do not anticipate unusual geotechnical conditions.

### **Environmental**

Environmental fieldwork will include evaluations for protected species, dune stability, and shoreline integrity. Given the coastal setting, attention will be paid to the potential presence of sea turtle nesting zones, shorebird habitat, and coastal vegetation. These findings will be integrated early into the design to avoid project delays or redesign later in the permitting process.

### **Cultural/Archaeological**

GWE can provide cultural resource assessments, if required. A desktop review and consultation with SHPO may be appropriate depending on permitting agency feedback. Should significant cultural resources be identified, GWE is equipped to assist with avoidance strategies and agency coordination.

### **Zoning / Development Review Committee (DRC)**

Recreational boardwalks and walkovers are typically allowed within public parks; however, County staff may request review through the DRC process, especially given the visibility and FEMA funding of this project. GWE is very familiar with Charlotte County's DRC procedures and has navigated this process successfully on numerous projects over the years.

### **Permitting**

Because this project involves the replacement of existing facilities, we anticipate the permitting path will focus on FDEP exemption verification and USACE SPGP coverage. GWE has extensive experience securing these verifications for similar shoreline projects. This process is faster and less costly than full ERP or federal permits, and it is appropriate for in-kind replacements within the same footprint. Early coordination with FDEP and USACE will confirm this path, helping the County avoid delays and preserve design budget.

### **Structural Design – Boardwalk and Walkovers**

The boardwalk and dune walkovers will be designed using storm-resilient, saltwater-compatible materials, such as pressure-treated wood piles, composite decking, and stainless or hot-dipped galvanized hardware. Widths, railing heights, and decking configurations will be developed in compliance with ADA standards and public safety guidelines. Where applicable, foundations and tie-ins to adjacent site features (e.g., showers, pavilions, or walkways) will be designed for stability, drainage, and longevity.

### **Preliminary Design Plans**

Following data collection and site analysis, GWE will prepare preliminary design plans, including site layout, alignment, typical sections, and profile views. A technical memorandum will summarize findings and provide recommendations on materials, dimensions, and foundation systems. These plans will guide both permitting and refined cost estimating.

### **Final Design**

Final plans will include detailed drawings for support systems, decking, railings, ADA connections, and any additional appurtenances, such as lighting or shower areas (if included). A Best Management Practices (BMP) plan will address erosion and turbidity control during construction.

All plans will be sealed and permit-ready, accompanied by a complete bid package that includes:

- Technical specifications
- Quantity takeoffs
- Detailed engineer's opinion of probable cost

## **Construction Management**

GWE maintains a full staff of field inspectors and construction administrators to support the project from bidding through closeout. Our team is regularly called upon to review submittals, respond to RFIs, and attend site meetings.

Typical services include:

- Attendance at progress meetings with condensed minute summaries
- Shop drawing and submittal coordination with the design team
- Field observation of work progress and quality
- Review and recommendation of monthly pay applications
- Assignment of a Construction Administrator to coordinate inspections
- Issuance of Field Observation Reports
- Preparation of Record Drawings (“As-Builts”)
- Final certifications for permitting closeout

## **FEMA Compliance**

As a federally funded disaster recovery project, all design and construction activities will be conducted in compliance with FEMA Public Assistance Program requirements, including Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review protocols and applicable 2 CFR Part 200 provisions.

During the design phase, GWE will:

- Prepare documentation to support FEMA’s EHP review, including site plans, material descriptions, and environmental assessments as required.
- Integrate hazard mitigation and resiliency measures into the boardwalk and walkover design, consistent with FEMA funding expectations.
- Ensure design work remains within the approved scope of work and footprint to avoid triggering a revised FEMA review.

During construction, GWE will:

- Monitor field activities for compliance with FEMA-eligible scope and methods.
- Document progress, material changes, and field conditions in a manner consistent with FEMA audit requirements.
- Support the County with any required EHP updates, closeout documentation, or site inspections related to the federal funding source.

Our experience on federally funded projects ensures we will support Charlotte County in maintaining full compliance with all applicable FEMA and federal procurement standards from design through construction closeout.

## **B. What problems do you anticipate and how do you propose to solve them?**

Several challenges are anticipated during the design and construction of the Englewood Beach Boardwalk and Walkovers. GWE’s proactive approach identifies these issues early and outlines solutions to mitigate risks and maintain project success:

### **Problem #1 – Permitting and Regulatory Coordination**

Although this is a replacement project, regulatory coordination still requires careful attention. While we anticipate eligibility for FDEP exemption verification and USACE SPGP coverage, unexpected agency requests or findings (e.g., coastal vegetation, sea turtle nesting areas) could arise.

#### **Solution:**

GWE will engage FDEP, USACE, and other applicable agencies early in the design process to confirm the exemption path. Our familiarity with permitting standards enables us to anticipate and resolve issues efficiently, helping Charlotte County avoid unnecessary delays.

**Problem #2 – Maintaining ADA Compliance**

The boardwalk and walkovers must meet current ADA accessibility standards, including slope, width, transitions, and railings.

**Solution:**

GWE will fully integrate ADA considerations into all design phases. This includes careful grading of connection points, selection of compliant decking, and clear width and ramp criteria. ADA compliance will be verified continuously through both design and construction.

**Problem #3 – Construction Access and Site Constraints**

The beachfront site presents challenges for equipment access, material staging, and environmental protection during construction.

**Solution:**

GWE will coordinate with contractors in the design phase to develop clear staging areas, access routes, and construction sequencing that minimize disruption to the park and public use. Temporary fencing, limited work zones, and phased construction may be employed to maintain partial access where feasible.

**Problem #4 – Public Expectations and Beach Access**

Englewood Beach is a high-traffic community asset. Extended construction or access restrictions could lead to public dissatisfaction.

**Solution:**

GWE will support the County in establishing clear public messaging, including signage, timelines, and stakeholder updates. Coordination of work outside peak use hours and advanced notification of closures will help preserve goodwill and minimize conflict.

**Problem #5 – Vulnerability Due to Low Elevation**

The previous boardwalk and walkovers sustained significant storm damage, likely due in part to insufficient elevation relative to wave action and storm surge levels.

**Solution:**

GWE will evaluate coastal flood data, high tide lines, and storm surge models to determine optimal elevations for the reconstructed boardwalk and walkovers. Where feasible, we will recommend raising the structures to improve durability and resilience while maintaining ADA compliance and functional access. These improvements will reduce future vulnerability and align with FEMA's hazard mitigation goals.

**Problem #6 – Alignment and Footprint Clarity**

It is unclear whether the replacement will occur exactly in the original alignment or if realignment is desired to improve access, avoid vegetation, or better accommodate site features.

**Solution:**

Early in the design process, GWE will work closely with County staff to confirm expectations for in-kind replacement vs. potential realignment. We will perform site analysis and identify opportunities to optimize alignment, if appropriate, while maintaining eligibility for FDEP exemptions and FEMA compliance. Any proposed changes will be carefully documented and coordinated with permitting agencies to avoid regulatory complications.

**Problem #7 – Dune Preservation and Vegetation Impacts**

The existing walkovers traverse coastal dune systems that may contain protected vegetation or nesting areas. Construction could risk damaging these sensitive areas.

**Solution:**

GWE will coordinate with environmental consultants to perform vegetation mapping and dune assessments early. We will design minimal-impact footings, align walkways to avoid significant vegetation zones, and specify construction methods (e.g., hand clearing or matting) to preserve sensitive dune features.

**Problem #8 – Construction Timing and Seasonal Restrictions**

Construction may coincide with sea turtle nesting season or peak beach usage, triggering restrictions or public backlash.

**Solution:**

We will coordinate with FDEP and wildlife agencies to identify seasonal restrictions and incorporate them into the project schedule. If needed, we will recommend phasing or staging construction during off-peak months and identify work that can be performed without disturbing nesting zones.

**Problem #9 – Drainage and Sand Accumulation**

Low areas of the existing boardwalk may have drainage issues or collect windblown sand, leading to maintenance burdens and slip hazards.

**Solution:**

Our design will include site grading review and recommend elevated or vented decking to allow wind and water to pass through. Where needed, we'll include side flares or transitions to keep pathways clear and reduce trip hazards.

**Problem #10 – FEMA Scope Deviations During Construction**

Any field changes outside the approved FEMA scope, footprint, or materials could put reimbursement at risk.

**Solution:**

GWE will maintain strict documentation of any scope clarifications and assist the County in requesting prior approvals for any deviations. We'll align construction oversight procedures to ensure the project stays within eligible FEMA guidelines.

**C. Describe innovative approaches in programming and design.**

GWE understands that the Englewood Beach Boardwalk and Walkovers are not just access points, they are a public-facing recreational experience. Our design approach blends resilience, accessibility, and aesthetics to enhance long-term value for the County and its residents.

**1. Resilient Design Above Standards**

Given the coastal exposure and risk of tropical systems, we propose a design that exceeds minimum code requirements for wind uplift, corrosion resistance, and wave run-up durability. Innovative strategies may include:

- Use of composite decking, stainless steel hardware, and UV-stable finishes for low maintenance and long-term performance.
- Elevated structural components to reduce damage from storm-driven water or windborne debris.
- Integration of breakaway elements where appropriate to reduce resistance in major storm events.

**2. User-Centered Design for Public Enjoyment**

Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience while maintaining function and durability. To support this:

- ADA-accessible transitions will be smoothly integrated with nearby restrooms, showers, and pavilions.
- Seating areas, educational signage about native dunes or wildlife, and viewing platforms may be included for added recreational value.
- Consideration of solar-powered lighting and non-slip surfaces to improve comfort and safety during all-day use.



**SECTION VI:**  
**PRESENT EXAMPLES OF RECENTLY**  
**ACCOMPLISHED SIMILAR PROJECTS**

## SECTION VI: PRESENT EXAMPLES OF RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED SIMILAR PROJECTS

### A. Describe the Projects to Demonstrate

Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. (GWE) has completed numerous marine and shoreline infrastructure projects for **Charlotte County**, ranging from piers and docks to seawalls and boardwalks. The following examples highlight our ability to manage public waterfront projects with a strong emphasis on schedule adherence, cost control, constructability, and responsive field coordination. **All projects listed below were completed for Charlotte County.**

#### 1. El Jobean Fishing Pier Rehabilitation (Work Order #111)

**Client:** Charlotte County

**Location:** El Jobean

**Status:** Completed

**Scope:** Structural evaluation and rehabilitation design for a historic fishing pier over the Myakka River.

##### a. **Schedule and Cost Control:**

GWE evaluated multiple repair options early, ultimately recommending full replacement of deteriorated piles to minimize construction risks and avoid cost overruns. This proactive strategy helped the County avoid inflated repair costs and potential change orders.

##### b. **Construction Problems and Solutions:**

On-site adjustments were required to accommodate ADA-compliant fishing guardrail drop-downs and to modify framing to suit as-built conditions. GWE coordinated closely with the contractor to resolve these issues in the field without impacting schedule.

##### c. **Design-Related Cost Issues:**

None. Adjustments were made during design to reduce long-term maintenance and simplify construction, leading to an efficient and constructible solution.

##### d. **Seawall Component:**

While not a seawall project, the pier included shoreline tie-in elements and elevation adjustments at the landward approach, ensuring ADA access and structural integration with adjacent revetment.



## 2. Lister Park Seawall Replacement (Work Order #181)

**Client:** Charlotte County

**Location:** 4301 Lister Street, Port Charlotte, FL

**Status:** Completed

**Scope:** Design, permitting assistance, surveying, and construction support for the replacement of approximately 125 linear feet of concrete seawall and associated improvements, including outfall realignment.

### a. Schedule and Cost Control

GWE delivered the design and permitting support services on time and within budget. A  $\pm 10\%$  final engineer's opinion of probable construction cost was developed, and the project proceeded on schedule through bidding and construction.

### b. Construction Problems and Solutions

The project required close coordination with an existing lift station and a permitted stormwater facility. To construct the new outfall pipe without disturbing the existing stormwater system, GWE revised alignment and permitting strategies to avoid regulatory complications and minimize utility conflicts.

### c. Design Deficiency Impacts

There were no construction change orders due to design deficiencies. Adjustments were made proactively during design and coordination phases to resolve potential field issues before bidding.

### d. Seawall Delivery

The project involved complete replacement of the seawall, including new cap, tiebacks, and toe protection. GWE provided survey, structural design, and permitting services, and confirmed the project qualified for FDEP ERP exemption, expediting project delivery.



### 3. Port Charlotte Beach Boarding Piers (Work Order #161)

**Client:** Charlotte County

**Location:** Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL

**Status:** Completed

**Scope:** Inspection, design, permitting, and construction oversight for full replacement of three deteriorated boarding piers serving public boat ramps.

**a. Schedule and Cost Control**

GWE completed the design, permitting, and bid support on time and within budget. A competitive bid was secured, and the County moved forward with construction on schedule.

**b. Construction Problems and Solutions**

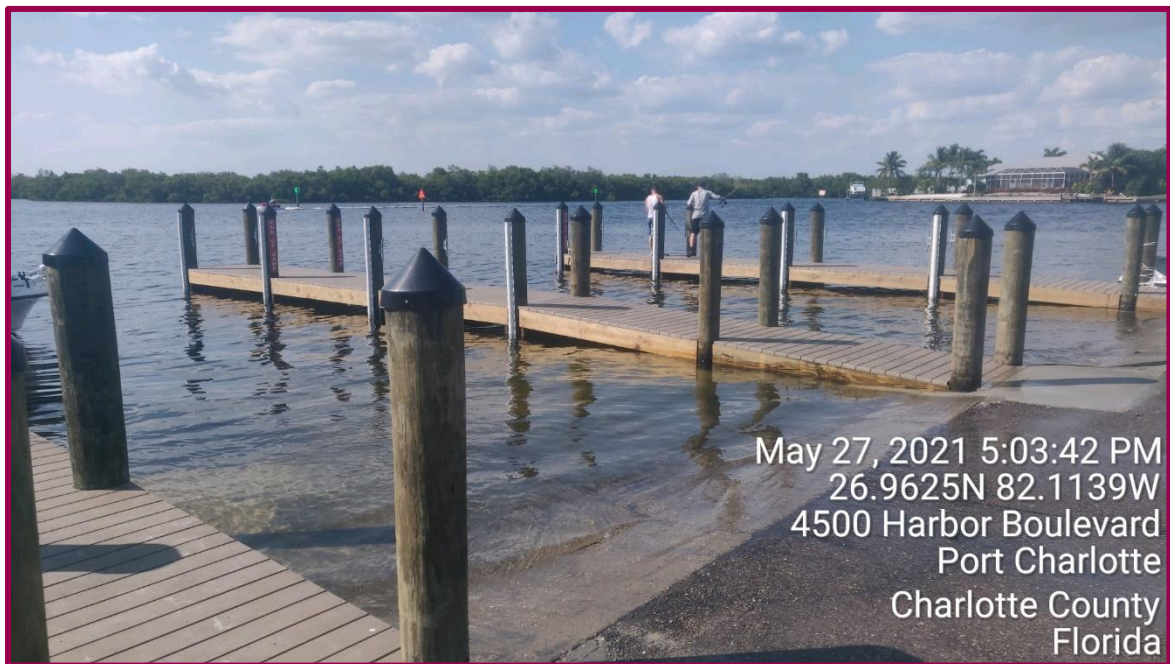
During installation, deeper-than-expected conditions required a construction change order for longer timber piles. GWE coordinated closely with the County and contractor to validate the change and ensure continued progress without design revision.

**c. Design Deficiency Impacts**

No construction changes were attributed to design deficiencies. The design was complete and code-compliant, with construction changes resulting solely from unforeseen subsurface conditions.

**d. Seawall Delivery**

Although not a seawall project, the design included tie-ins to the shoreline and ADA-compliant sidewalk access. GWE confirmed ADA compliance for the piers per Chapter 10 of the ADA Standards and addressed accessibility improvements to the connecting path.





#### 4. Port Charlotte Beach T-Dock Replacement (Work Order #262)

**Client:** Charlotte County

**Location:** Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL

**Status:** Completed

**Scope:** Full design, permitting, bid support, and construction-phase services for the replacement of the fixed timber T-shaped fishing and mooring dock on the Myakka River.

##### a. Schedule and Cost Control

GWE delivered the design and bid documents on schedule and in line with the project budget. The bid price closely aligned with the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. Construction proceeded with only minor adjustments.

##### b. Construction Problems and Solutions

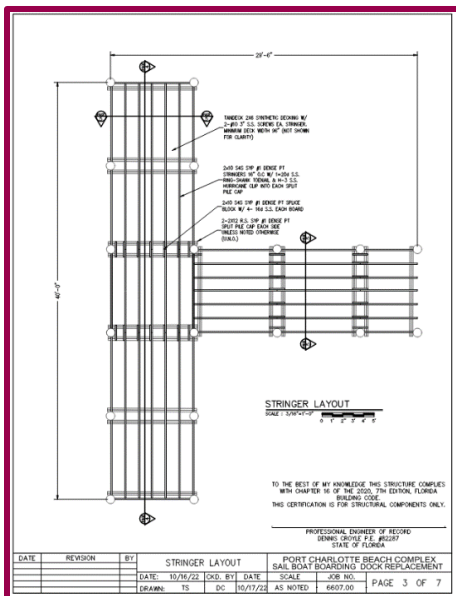
No issues were encountered during construction. The project proceeded smoothly with no field modifications required, and construction was completed in accordance with the design plans.

##### c. Design Deficiency Impacts

There were no change orders due to design deficiencies. All construction adjustments were related to field conditions, not plan errors or omissions.

##### d. Seawall Delivery

The project included direct tie-ins to an existing shoreline concrete seawall. ADA access improvements and elevation coordination were included in the design to ensure safe, compliant transitions between the upland walkway and the fixed pier structure.



**SECTION VII:**  
**DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND**  
**CAPABILITIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS**

DESIGN - ENGLEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK AND WALKOVERS

**SECTION VII: DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

**A. Value Engineering**

While our most notable value engineering example is from a utility project, it directly reflects our approach and commitment to saving costs for Charlotte County. During the El Jobean vacuum sewer project, we supported a contractor's proposal to switch from jack-and-bore to directional drilling—saving the County over \$60,000. GWE mitigated risks by recommending upsized pipe and developing performance testing specifications to ensure proper installation.

Though not pier-specific, this example demonstrates our ability to evaluate alternatives, protect the County's interests, and deliver efficient, cost-effective solutions—an approach we bring to every project, including marine and structural work.

**B. Cost Analysis and Control**

GWE has extensive experience conducting cost-benefit analysis (CBA) and financial modeling for public infrastructure projects across Florida. While not directly related to pier design, these examples reflect our ability to evaluate complex alternatives, quantify costs, and support decision-making with clear, data-driven recommendations. Our team uses tools such as **Net Present Value (NPV)**, **Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR)**, and **Return on Investment (ROI)** to guide project planning and prioritization.

Relevant examples include:

- **Martin County Emergency Generator Study** – Assessed long-term capital and operational costs for emergency power at a critical utility site.
- **Bocilla/Little Gasparilla Island Sewer Study** – Compared vacuum and low-pressure sewer systems and analyzed expansion scenarios to evaluate cost impacts.
- **Charlotte County Septic-to-Sewer Projects** – Performed lifecycle and phased cost analyses to aid in selecting appropriate technologies and sequencing.
- **El Jobean Vacuum Sewer** – Evaluated directional drilling alternatives with risk-based cost strategies to save construction dollars.

These examples show how GWE applies rigorous financial evaluation across project types—an approach we also bring to marine and civil infrastructure. For pier projects, we use similar methods to assess material alternatives, foundation types, and long-term maintenance trade-offs to ensure durability and cost-effectiveness.

**C. Life Cycle Cost Analysis**

Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) evaluates the total cost of ownership for an asset by combining capital, operating, maintenance, and end-of-life costs—adjusted to present value. This method ensures that the selected alternative is not just the lowest in initial cost, but the most cost-effective over its entire service life.

A basic formula for life cycle cost in present-value terms includes:

$$\text{Total LCC} = \text{Initial Cost} + \text{Replacement} + \text{Energy} + \text{O\&M} + \text{Repairs} + \text{Misc.} - \text{Salvage Value}$$

GWE has applied LCCA in numerous utility infrastructure projects for **Hillsborough County**, **Martin County**, the **City of Punta Gorda**, and **Charlotte County Utilities**—comparing technologies and long-term costs to support sound decision-making.

While most examples come from sewer system evaluations, the same principles are directly applicable to **marine structures** such as piers, where long-term material durability, maintenance frequency, and replacement timing greatly affect total cost.

LCCA is a standard part of GWE's preliminary design approach, supporting both responsible budgeting and long-term asset planning.

#### D. Environmental Assessment

GWE routinely performs **environmental assessments and permitting** for marine infrastructure projects throughout Southwest Florida. Our team has extensive experience supporting pier, seawall, boardwalk, and shoreline improvement projects with the full range of environmental services necessary to secure permits and maintain regulatory compliance.

Our capabilities include:

- Wetland jurisdictional determinations
- Protected species assessments (including smalltooth sawfish and manatee zones)
- Submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) surveys
- Design of mitigation and monitoring plans
- Vegetation and exotic removal plans
- Wildlife management plans
- Assembly, submittal, and tracking of FDEP, USACE, and Water Management District permits

We provide **field data collection** and monitoring during both the design and construction phases, including:

- Mitigation compliance monitoring
- Water quality sampling
- Staff gauge and seasonal high-water determinations
- Submerged resource surveys and protected species documentation

Our team has completed hundreds of assessments in both upland and wetland coastal environments. A recent example includes a **protected species assessment** for Charlotte County Utilities as part of the **Lake View Midway project**. For the El Jobean Fishing Pier project, **Jennifer Krajcir** will serve as the environmental project manager and primary liaison with regulatory agencies, ensuring timely submittals, responsive coordination, and full compliance with permitting requirements.

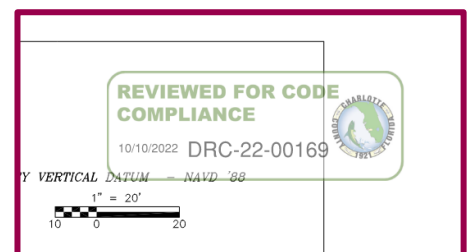
#### E. Permitting for Charlotte County

GWE has extensive experience serving as a permitting agent for **Charlotte County**, with a strong track record navigating the **Design Review Committee (DRC)** process and obtaining building permits for public infrastructure projects.

A recent example includes the **CCU O'Hara Pump Station**, which was approved through both the **special exception** and **DRC** review. Our familiarity with DRC standards—spanning site layout, accessibility, architectural treatment, and landscaping—allows us to prepare efficient, compliant submittals that meet County expectations.

We also routinely manage **building permit** submittals through the **Charlotte County Building Department**, preparing code-compliant structural plans and working with County staff and contractors to resolve comments quickly and move projects to construction.

**For the El Jobean Fishing Pier project**, we anticipate that the work will qualify as a **replacement of an existing structure** and may therefore be **exempt from DRC**, significantly streamlining the permitting timeline. GWE will coordinate early with the zoning department to confirm exemptions and ensure all necessary documentation is secured without delay.





Our deep familiarity with local permitting processes ensures a smooth, timely path from design through approval.

#### **F. Specialized Marine/Coastal Experience**

At GWE, we specialize in marine engineering services tailored to meet the unique demands of coastal infrastructure. Our team has over **20 years of experience** in marine construction design and inspection, and we've earned a reputation for delivering high-quality, cost-effective solutions—especially throughout **Charlotte County**, where many of our staff reside and maintain long-standing relationships with local officials and stakeholders.

We are intimately familiar with the County's procedures, permitting expectations, and community priorities. This local expertise allows us to navigate projects efficiently, reduce delays, and deliver designs that meet both regulatory and public-use needs.

Our marine engineering experience includes the design and inspection of:

- **Fishing piers**
- **Boat docks**
- **Seawalls**
- **Boardwalks**
- **Shoreline access improvements**
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We approach every project with a commitment to quality and accountability—consistently completing our work without claims for extras and always striving to exceed client expectations. Our structural engineering team is equipped to evaluate, design, and oversee all components of marine infrastructure with a focus on longevity, safety, and user accessibility.

GWE's trusted track record with Charlotte County is a direct result of our hands-on approach, technical excellence, and dedication to serving the local community.

#### **G. Working on Public and/or Government Facilities and Amenities**

GWE has extensive experience working with **government agencies and municipalities across Florida**, including numerous successful projects for **Charlotte County**. Our team understands the unique challenges of delivering public infrastructure—from regulatory coordination and public accountability to budget constraints and schedule sensitivity.

We regularly provide the following services for public facilities and amenities:

- **Engineering Design:**  
Design of utilities, parks, public access structures, and civil infrastructure with a focus on functionality, durability, and sustainability.
- **Construction Observation:**  
Oversight of construction activities to ensure adherence to design specifications, budget, and schedule—working closely with contractors and County staff throughout the process.
- **Permitting:**  
Efficient navigation of local and state permitting processes, ensuring timely approvals for infrastructure, marine, and community projects.
- **Inspection Services:**  
On-site inspections and reporting to verify code compliance, safety, and quality throughout construction.

Our long history with public clients—including Charlotte, Hillsborough, and Martin Counties—demonstrates our capability to deliver complex, high-visibility projects with professionalism and efficiency. GWE is committed to maintaining that same level of service for Charlotte County's public infrastructure needs.

SECTIONS VIII - XI:  
VOLUME OF WORK, LOCATION,  
LITIGATION, MINORITY BUSINESS

## SECTION VIII: VOLUME OF WORK

GWE has successfully designed several large and small scale projects for Charlotte County and the total volume of work contracted within the last twenty-four months exceeds \$500,000.00.

## SECTION IX: LOCATION

GWE has operated a successful and financially stable engineering business in **Charlotte County, Florida** for over 30 years, providing quality design services throughout the decades to municipalities and private clients.

Our main office has been in Englewood, Florida since 1992, which is less than 10 miles from the project site. This proximity allows us to easily access the project area, meet with stakeholders and government officials, and stay informed about any changes or updates.

Furthermore, our sub-consultants are all local businesses familiar with the site location.

## SECTION X: LITIGATION

GWE has not been named as a defendant or co-defendant in any lawsuit in the last five years.

## SECTION XI: MINORITY BUSINESS

Giffels-Webster Engineers does not hold a credited MBE/WBE Certification.

## REQUIRED FORMS

**PART V - SUBMITTAL FORMS**  
**PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL SIGNATURE FORM**

1.	Project Team Name and Title	Years experience	City of office individual will work out of for this project	City individual's office is normally located	City of individual's residence
	Jonathan H. Cole, P.E., Principal-in-Charge	40	Englewood	Englewood	Englewood
	Dennis Croyle, P.E., Principal, Project Manager, EOR	13	Englewood	Englewood	Port Charlotte
	Kendra Kotlarski, P.E., Designer	4	Englewood	Englewood	Englewood
	Kevin Furniss, Senior Designer	36	Englewood	Englewood	Englewood
	Thomas Shaw, Structural Designer	46	Englewood	Wisconsin	Wisconsin

2.	<b>Magnitude of Company Operations</b>				
	A) Total professional services fees received within last 24 months:			\$ 5,571,786.00	
	B) Number of similar projects started within last 24 months:			4	
	C) Largest single project to date:			\$ 9.5M	

3.	<b>Magnitude of Charlotte County Projects</b>				
	A) Number of current or scheduled County Projects			8	
	B) Payments received from the County over the past 24 months (based upon executed contracts with the County).			\$ 1,694,460.12	

4.	Sub-Consultant(s) (if applicable)	Location	% of Work to be Provided	Services to be Provided
	Meridan Group of South FL	Port Charlotte	5	Surveying
	Suncoast Eco Services	Port Charlotte	<1	Environmental & Protected Species Assessments

5.	<b>Disclosure of interest or involvement:</b> List below all private sector clients with whom you have an active pending contract and who have an interest within the areas affected by this project. Also, include any properties or interests held by your firm, or officers of your firm, within the areas affected by this project.				
	Firm	Address			
	Phone #	Contact Name			
	Start Date	Ending Date			
	Project Name/Description				

**NAME OF FIRM** Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.

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**6. Minority Business:**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

The County will consider the firm's status as an MBE or a certified MBE, and also the status of any sub-contractors or sub-consultants proposed to be utilized by the firm, within the evaluation process.

**Comments or Additional Information:**

The undersigned attests to his/her authority to submit this proposal and to bind the firm herein named to perform as per contract, if the firm is awarded the Contract by the County. The undersigned further certifies that he/she has read the Request for Proposal, Terms and Conditions, Insurance Requirements and any other documentation relating to this request and this proposal is submitted with full knowledge and understanding of the requirements and time constraints noted herein.

By signing this form, the proposer hereby declares that this proposal is made without collusion with any other person or entity submitting a proposal pursuant to this RFP.

In accordance with section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the undersigned certifies that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria (if applicable) or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

As Addenda are considered binding as if contained in the original specifications, it is critical that the Consultant acknowledge receipt of same. The submittal may be considered void if receipt of an addendum is not acknowledged.

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_      Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_      Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
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Type of Organization (please check one):      INDIVIDUAL      ( )      PARTNERSHIP      ( )  
CORPORATION      (X)      JOINT VENTURE      ( )

Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.

Firm Name

941-475-7981

Telephone

n/a

Fictitious or d/b/a Name

38-2749086

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

900 Pine Street, Suite 225

Home Office Address

Englewood, FL 34223

City, State, Zip

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Number of Years in Business

n/a

Address: Office Servicing Charlotte County, other than above

Dennis Croyle, P.E., Vice President

Name/Title of your Charlotte County Rep.

941-475-7981

Telephone

Dennis Croyle, P.E., Vice President

Name/Title of Individual Binding Firm (Please Print)



Signature of Individual Binding Firm

5/21/2025

Date

dcroyle@gwefl.com

Email Address

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## DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc does:  
(name of business)

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 actions 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 available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance 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 bid 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 bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law 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 any 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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

5/21/2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT  
for Nongovernmental Entities Pursuant To FS. §787.06**


**Charlotte County Contract #20250391**

The undersigned on behalf of the entity listed below, (the "Nongovernmental Entity"), hereby attests under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth except as otherwise set forth herein.
2. I am an officer or representative of the Nongovernmental Entity and authorized to provide this affidavit on the Company's behalf.
3. Nongovernmental Entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.
4. This declaration is made pursuant to Section 92.525, Florida Statutes. I understand that making a false statement in this declaration may subject me to criminal penalties.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Human Trafficking Affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Croyle, P.E.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
n/a

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nongovernmental Entity

5/21/2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**END OF PART V**

**NAME OF FIRM** Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.

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