



"Price proposal allowances were on target, and the communication network was established throughout the R.R. Simmons and Florida Blood Services organizations. The expertise with which the unknowns were managed was as cost effective as the decision making process was graceful and efficient."

R. G. Rogers
Environmental Director
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Project Summary

- Client
Florida Blood Services Foundation
- Location
10100 9th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL
- Project Size
144,000 Square Feet
- Building Systems
Major upgrades to electrical, mechanical, plumbing and fire protection systems
- Building Features
Laboratories
Exam Rooms
Blood Collection Center
Corporate Offices

Project Highlights

When Florida Blood Services decided to combine their campuses into one facility, they approached R.R. Simmons to provide leadership for their new state-of-the-art blood banking institution. This is the second project that the R.R. Simmons Team has completed for this client. The first project, completed in 1994, was the Southwest Florida Blood Bank at the University Technology Center in Tampa.

Integrated within the general construction schedule were specific milestone schedules for the Owner-direct contracts providing medical testing equipment, conveyor systems and modular furniture.

In order to ensure quality and schedule adherence, in some instances, R.R. Simmons recommended a change of vendors to those with whom we had an established working relationship. These vendors also offered to supply direct to the Owner, allowing for increased savings.

Careful management, coordination, and short interval scheduling assisted the team while working with the Florida Blood Service's scientific equipment vendors. Phased delivery and commitment to milestones were necessary to achieve FDA certification of the laboratory spaces.

By early identification of nearly 8.3% in project savings, the Owner was able to further enhance their project with the savings.