

Franklin Street Garage

Clearwater, FL



"R.R. Simmons was extremely professional and demonstrated their depth of knowledge in Parking Garage design through various value engineering options proposed...Thank you for your work and delivery of a high quality product."

Uli Huber
Landlord
Church of Scientology



Project Summary

- Client
Church of Scientology
- Location
645 Franklin Street
Clearwater, FL
- Project Size
4 Levels, 580 Spaces
199,092 Square Feet
- Building Systems
Vibrofloatation Foundation
Pretopped Precast Double Tees
- Building Features
Architectural Towers w/ Clay Tile
Architectural Detailing
Stormwater Vault Under Ramp
Ecospace Elevators

Project Highlights

As part of a master planned expansion program which includes the construction and renovation of over one million square feet of buildings, the Church of Scientology selected R.R. Simmons to design and construct a much needed parking structure to serve their downtown Clearwater facilities. Working with the Owner's design concepts and inhouse architectural staff, R.R. Simmons provided a cost effective, functional and efficient structured parking solution that met their programming needs and blended with the existing architectural theming of the Clearwater campus.

This project includes matching corner towers that relate to an adjacent Central Energy Building structure and the new Flag Mecca building which is the central focal point of the Clearwater campus. These towers include architectural precast, EIFS architectural detailing and clay tile roofs that match the surrounding structures. The original plans for the project called for drilled caisson piling for the deep foundation support system. During the early stages of design, R.R. Simmons suggested the use of a vibrofloatation system which saved the client hundreds of thousands of dollars and nearly four weeks on the overall project schedule.

Careful planning and coordination during construction was necessary in order to work in this downtown environment and near existing underground utilities and adjacent buildings. The use of precast concrete greatly aided in the ability to work within the confines of this restricted site.

