



"We are impressed with R.R. Simmons quality of work and their passion to successfully complete the project ahead of schedule, while maintaining 100% conformance to project requirements."

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Project Summary

- Client
City of Tampa
- Location
333 S. Franklin Street
Tampa, FL
- Project Size
44,457 Square Feet
- Project Features
Interior renovation/expansion and structural modification to existing convention center. New meeting rooms, flexible multipurpose spaces, conference areas, offices, associated support areas and storage spaces.
City of Tampa W/MBE Goal 31%
R.R. Simmons Achieved 35%



Project Highlights

The project revolved around the Convention Center’s need for additional meeting and conference space. The existing Center had 677,000 square feet. By adding slabs to create second floor space in a two-story high open space, an additional 7,000 square feet for offices, meeting space and storage was gained. This expansion added eighteen meeting rooms.

Extensive programing, value engineering and coordination with the Center’s staff was required to maximize the City’s budget and address the expanding needs of the Center. Significant structural modifications were also considered to provide additional floor space.

The Center remained in full operation during this project. A master phasing plan was developed with the Center’s staff to provide adequate meeting space needs during the expansion.

Coordination with the Center’s event schedule and public spaces required close attention to phasing, scheduling and temporary protection. Protection of existing areas and maintaining public safety were of the utmost importance. Space was at a premium on this project. Delivery and staging of building materials posed unique challenges. Traffic control was required for concrete pump trucks, and structural steel deliveries at the street level and HVAC rooftop units delivered by helicopter.