

## September 2008 Team of the Month

### Lake Trafford Project Team

#### Team Members:

Joe Fiala

Nick Kretis

Frank Mendez

Cathy Richards

This team led by Nick Kretis, as Project Manager, was responsible for a very contentious and complicated litigation. This highly controversial matter was settled for a nominal sum, leading to a phenomenal savings of \$710,000 to the taxpayers of Florida. Nick Kretis, in charge of the oversight of the construction of the project in the field continued his usual excellence assuring that the project would meet all of the District's contractual requirements and job quality control. He kept the District's record of events during construction in line, leaving no details undone. Nick's extensive expertise and knowledge in all construction related matters and contract terms helped the District prevail.

Cathy Richards, the contract specialist on the project, administered the contract by attending progress meetings in the field and keeping the contractual issues in line. Frank Hayden, Tim Carter and Cled Weldon assisted by defending the agency in level two and three step negotiation meetings by maintaining our position and supporting staff recommendations.

Finally, Joe Fiala and Frank Mendez, the District Attorneys assigned to this case, displayed extra ordinary arbitration and litigation expertise in preparation of the District's defense. They worked together by gathering the facts and researching case history.

