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8-koi's Cape Design Engineering on M.I. is selected for Palm Beach State College continuing services contracts

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Palm Beach State College (PBSC) selected area firm Cape Design Engineering (CDE) to provide professional engineering services in several disciplines across the college's five campuses in Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Lake Worth, Loxahatchee, and Palm Beach Gardens.

As a preferred service provider, CDE will have the opportunity to perform on PBSC's structural and mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) continuing services contracts for single projects under \$1 million. CDE is a wholly owned subsidiary of 8-koi, a minority and woman-owned small business headquartered on Merritt Island.

"Our CDE team has a long-standing reputation for excellence in supporting academic institutions across Florida. I'm proud of the work we do to help students learn and teachers teach. We look forward to meeting PBSC's physical plant needs for years to come," says 8-koi President Inga Young.

CDE has provided engineering support to PBSC on a variety of projects for almost two decades. In 2010, CDE successfully completed work on the 34,000-square-foot Technical Education Facility at the college's Belle Glade campus, and was responsible for MEP design of the facility and for modifications to the campus central energy plant. It was the first public state college facility to earn the prestigious USGBC LEED Platinum rating in Florida.

Also, thanks to CDE's ingenuity in the design, PBSC enjoyed a "net-zero" increase in energy costs despite adding a new building to the campus.

Other related higher educational projects completed by CDE include the Daytona State College 2.5 million-gallon Thermal Energy Storage System, the Wayne Densch Athletics Administration Building at the University of Central Florida, and the Eastern Florida State College Health Sciences and Student Union Buildings.

In March 2019, 8-koi acquired Merritt Island design-build firm CDE to expand WOSB design engineering and mil-spec construction capabilities.

Since its founding in 2008, 8-koi has grown to offer a diverse range of services that helped to earn the title "Florida's Companies to Watch" in 2018 by GrowFL.

● About 8-koi

8-koi is an 8(a) certified minority- and woman-owned small disadvantaged business headquartered in Melbourne. Founded in 2008 by Inga Young, 8-koi specializes in providing design engineering, construction, training/technical and administrative support, and healthcare-related services to government agencies across the United States. 8-koi's work within these divisions meets rigorous training/technical specifications to include mil-spec design-build, facility renovation, medical admin and direct care, quality assurance and risk management. See more at [https://www.8-koi.com](http://www.8-koi.com).

● About Cape Design Engineering

CDE was incorporated in 1997 by Lutfi Mized, P.E., and Kannan Rengarajan, P.E., to offer full-service, multi-discipline engineering and construction firm. CDE is well-known for commercial, industrial, educational, medical, institutional, military, and government facilities to include the designs of critical launch systems and facilities for NASA and USAF rocketry programs. Acquired in 2019 by 8-koi as a wholly owned subsidiary, CDE continues to provide contracting services on time and within budget. See more at [https://www.cdeco.com](http://www.cdeco.com).