

Building a Legacy of People and Purpose: Spotlight on Kaufman Lynn Construction

For many local businesses, a contract with a major entity like the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) is a milestone. For Kaufman Lynn Construction, serving as a prime contractor for the district is more than just a project, it is a platform to expand their impact.

Under the theme of Expand Impact, we are highlighting how this Florida-grown firm uses its leadership role to pull others up as they grow.

As a prime contractor for the School District, Kaufman Lynn doesn't just manage construction sites; they manage opportunities. They understand that a healthy local economy depends on the success of smaller firms. By intentionally bringing Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) like Blessed Staging & Construction and Special Developments, LLC, onto county projects as subconsultants, Kaufman Lynn provides the visibility and hands-on experience these businesses need to scale.

This commitment to the next generation of entrepreneurs is perhaps best seen through their nine-year sponsorship of Small Business University (SBU). Rather than just providing financial backing, Kaufman Lynn's own team members serve as instructors, sharing their professional expertise to help local business owners navigate the complexities of the industry and build sustainable futures.

While Kaufman Lynn has earned numerous design and build awards over the decades, the accolades that best define them are those rooted in partnership. The firm was honored as the Palm Beach Partners MatchMaker's 2018 Corporate Partner and, most recently, the 2024 Advocate of the Year.

These awards reflect a culture that has been consistent since 1989. Now 100% employee-owned, the company operates with a "client-first" philosophy that is personal for every staff member. This shared responsibility is why 80% of their clients come back for future projects. When the people on-site are also the owners, "doing whatever it takes" becomes the daily standard.

At the end of the day, Kaufman Lynn relies on three straightforward pillars to guide their growth. It's about doing the right thing, finding clever solutions to tough problems, and taking the lead to get the job done right.

By leading with partnership—whether through the School District or SBU—Kaufman Lynn Construction is doing more than just building high-quality facilities; they are helping build the community itself.