



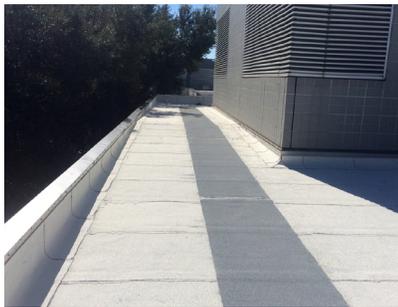
# PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Hillsborough Community College | Tampa, Florida  
(Brandon Campus)



## Expedited Project Delivery Helps College Meet Tight Time Frame



### CHALLENGE

The 20-year-old single-ply roof over the Humanities Building on the Brandon Campus of Hillsborough Community College was severely weathered. Water was beginning to saturate the insulation below the roof membrane, causing leaking inside the building. The two-story building, located on the western side of the campus, houses a telemarketing laboratory, a writing center, the campus server, a distance-learning classroom and several regular classrooms. There is also a fitness center located within the 27,000-square-foot facility. Ben Marshall, director of facilities planning and construction at the college, knew the roof needed replaced. The challenge was to complete the project while the students were on their three-week winter break to avoid any unnecessary disruption to students. Marshall contacted local Garland representative, Henry Passerini, who he had worked with previously on some small projects at the college, to get the ball rolling.

### SOLUTION

Aware of the college's desire to expedite the project, Passerini recommended they take advantage of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance™ contract for roofing materials and services. The contract currently held by Garland/DBS, Inc was competitively bid nationwide by a public agency member, in keeping with the national and regional requirements of other agency participants. Purchasing cooperatives such as U.S. Communities allow public agencies to pool their purchasing power through nationally solicited contracts, eliminating the time and costs associated with project-specific public bids. The program's streamlined process along with pre-negotiated pricing allowed Passerini to meet the project's tight time frame.

After a thorough inspection of the roof, it was determined that a majority of the insulation was dry and worth saving. The original roof was removed down to the deck and where necessary, new insulation was installed. Passerini recommended the installation of Garland's two-ply, CRRC-rated StressPly® EUV FR Mineral eco-friendly, fiberglass-polyester reinforced modified bitumen membrane with a highly reflective mineral surfacing. The membrane features a combination of SBS and SIS rubber, providing excellent long-term weathering characteristics and an increased overall life expectancy. Passerini coordinated the project with Springer-Peterson Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. of Lakeland, Florida, who worked 10-hour shifts and weekends to ensure the timely completion of the project.

Marshall liked the speedy turnaround and the turnkey option available through U.S. Communities, both of which allowed the district to complete the project in the tight time frame. "This was one-stop shopping. It turned out to be a very high quality job that was done in a timely manner and within budget," he said.

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