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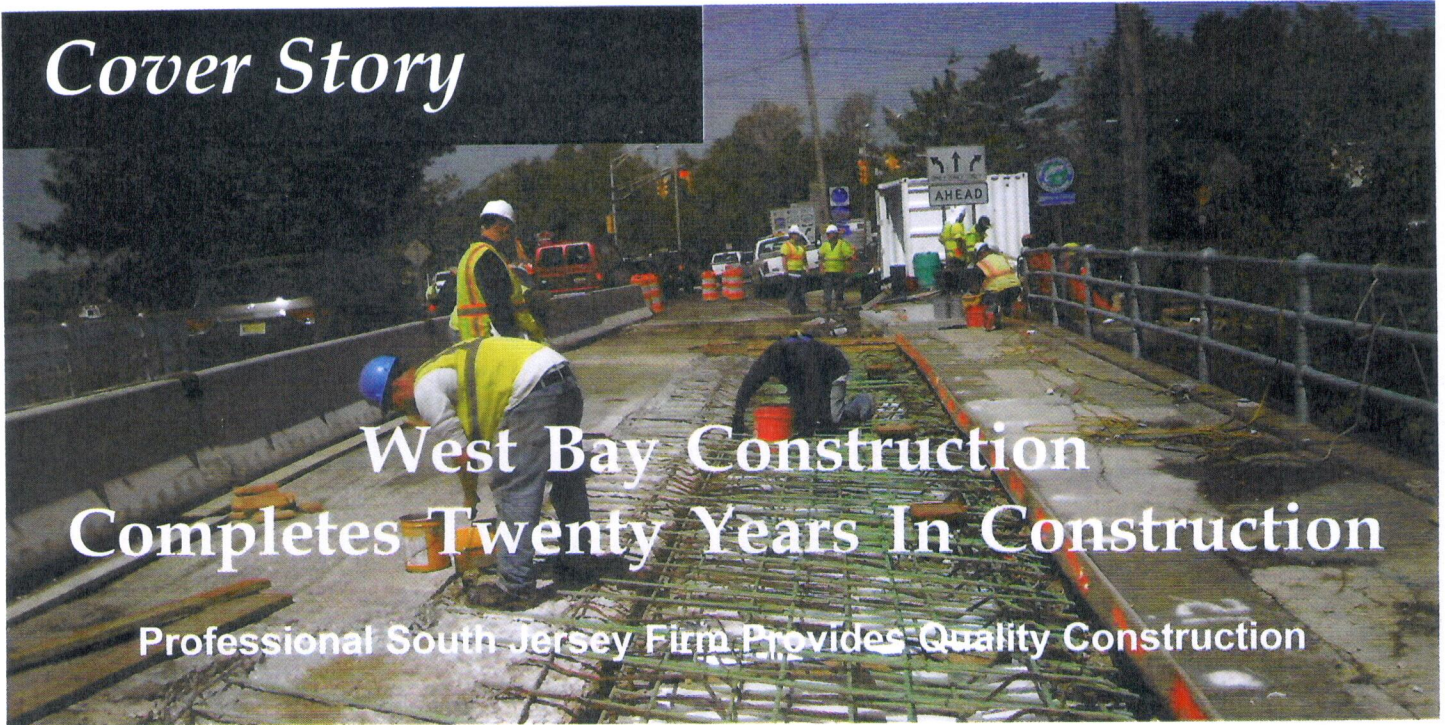
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# Cover Story



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Professional South Jersey Firm Provides Quality Construction

After Frank Corradetti, P.E. graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in civil engineering, he worked for a local contractor in the Washington, D.C. area. Two years later, he was able to utilize this experience to achieve employment for Ole Hansen & Son. The Hansen firm was one of the most established heavy and utility construction firms in South Jersey. During his time at Hansen, Frank handled numerous projects for the firm and earned the position of vice president.

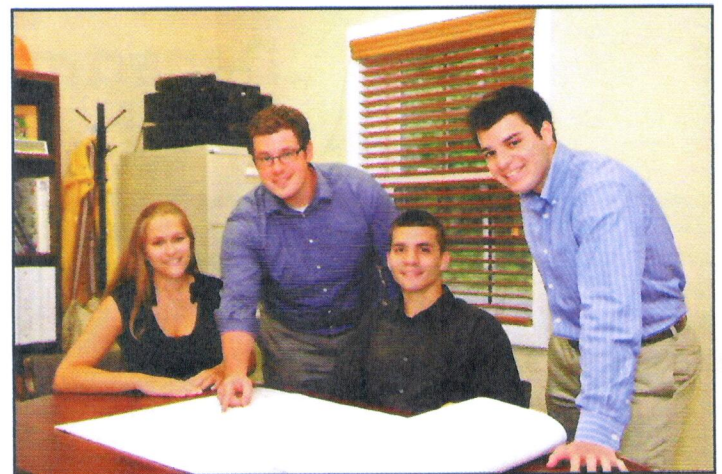
In the early 1990's, the Hansen Company decided to close its construction division to focus on its other business entities. With the valuable knowledge and work experience from his years at Hansen, Frank Corradetti decided to found his own construction firm in 1994. The establishment was initially started in Somers Point, NJ by Frank and his wife Linda, a fellow Rutgers University graduate with her own degree in engineering.

The new firm focused on utility construction during its early years and performed its first project on Route 168 as a subcontractor

to South State. During its first year in business, West Bay completed a dozen projects as both a general contractor and a subcontractor. The firm performed utility work, site work, sidewalk installations and concrete repairs in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. A short time later, the contractor also began working in Camden, Gloucester and Cumberland Counties. The firm's capabilities expanded during this time to include timber bridge foundations, structural concrete and pedestrian bridge construction. Other early projects included water main installations in Brigantine and utility improvements on NJ Turnpike Service Plazas at Interchanges 4 and 6.



West Bay installs bridge and pedestrian rails on the Route 52 project.



Pictured from the left are Kristin Corradetti, Rich Roesch, Dylan Skinner and Jake Lewkowski.

West Bay has completed several recreational projects over the past twenty years. The company started this type of work in 1997 with the completion of a \$300,000 athletic field project for the Wildwood Crest Board of Education. The firm also constructed the Veterans Memorial Park in Pleasantville. In 2014, West Bay completed a design/build project for the US Air Force by constructing two playgrounds for child day care centers at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.



In recent years, West Bay has carved a niche with the completion of numerous military contracts including the US Coast Guard and Joint Base MDL. One of the first of these projects included the construction of pump station foundations in Wildwood for the U.S. Coast Guard. Later, the company successfully completed a bulkhead repair where they drove steel sheet piles for the USCG Station Indian River in Delaware. West Bay successfully completed a project located at the main entrance of the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, NJ. This project consisted of the demolition of existing fence/gates and the installation of a new high security gate/fence featuring new masonry walls, concrete flatwork and a vehicle inspection area. Projects for the US Coast Guard have also included the demolition and replacement of a floating dock in Barnegat Light, NJ and the installation of navigational range towers on the Delaware River. Additionally, West Bay completed a \$750,000 renovation at the US Coast Guard Base in Cape May, where it rehabilitated the gymnasium.



**Entrance Canopy is completed at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.**

Projects at the Joint Base have included construction of parking lots, pavement rehabilitation and fuel containment structures to contain spilled fuel from escaping into the environment. The design and installation of a new brick paver walkway, with a custom made US Air Force emblem, was installed in an existing concrete trough at the Joint Base. Milling and paving of airfield Taxiway aprons, along with the installation of airplane tie-down anchors and grounding rods, have been completed to support the Department of Defense's operations.

West Bay has also performed design/build projects for the military. In 2010, the firm installed an animal control fence around active runways at Lakehurst Naval Base (now known as Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst). On this \$1.9 million project, West Bay installed five miles of chain link fence around the runways to prevent local wildlife from impeding air traffic. In 2012, the company completed the rehabilitation of an inert warehouse which was used to store non-explosive equipment at Naval Weapons Station Earle. This design/build contract required the warehouse rehab along with the rebuilding of a loading dock/railroad platform along-side the historic structure.

The company also has extensive utility work experience, including clients such as PSE&G and local municipalities. These projects have also included concrete repairs, drainage improvements and road repairs. In June, West Bay completed the rehabilitation of the Sugar Hill Bridge in Mays Landing for the County of Atlantic. Utility and Transportation Contractor, AUGUST 2014



**A playground is constructed for the U.S. Air Force at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.**

Additionally, several subcontracting contracts were completed for IEW Construction Group involving bridge deck spall repairs, drainage installations, site improvements and bridge rehabilitation.

Since the early days of the firm, West Bay has expanded its geographic reach to include the entire State of New Jersey and areas of Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania. The firm has performed work for the NJDOT, NJ Turnpike Authority, Ocean County Utilities Authority, Hamilton Township MUA, New Jersey American Water Company, Garden State Parkway, Army Corps of Engineers, USCG, FAA, NJ Air National Guard and the Department of the Navy.

West Bay has performed subcontracting projects for many UTCA members firms including, Henkels & McCoy, A.E. Stone, Arawak Paving, R.E. Pierson Construction, South State, IEW Construction Group and several others. The largest contract completed to date was a \$4.5 million project to install bridge railings for Route 52 Constructors.

After starting the firm in Somers Point, Frank and Linda Corradetti moved to another location in Linwood and then purchased property in Absecon about three years ago. It was on this property that the firm built its current office and established a new construction yard. A long-time key employee for West Bay is Kevin Blevin who serves as the company's superintendent. Blevin has been with the contractor for approximately 17 years. Other employees who have contributed to West Bay's success include field foreman Bob Jones and Project Engineer, Richard Roesch.

West Bay Construction performs more than half of its projects as a general contractor, while the balance of its work is comprised of subcontracting projects. In its twenty years in business, the firm has proven to be a successful and reliable contractor with an excellent reputation in the heavy highway utility construction arena. It has completed water, sewer and drainage installations, soil and erosion control projects, land clearing and grubbing services, bulkhead and coffer dam construction, roofing, painting, pier repairs, slope stabilization, dredging, concrete repairs, masonry work, sheeting and shoring, bridge work, and installation of fencing, guiderail and lighting, in addition to "going green" projects such as solar light installs. The company is also a material supplier of structural bridge products, sand, gravel and topsoil. Other services include design for structural and civil construction projects and for site improvements as well as for architectural renovations.

Frank Corradetti can look at his firm's accomplishments with pride as it celebrates twenty years in construction. Congratulations to Frank and Linda Corradetti!