

# RWA

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## RWA welcomes *NEW* employees

Randall Hendra, P.S.M.  
Survey Project Manager

Rick Korneff  
Survey CADD Technician

Deloy Wilkerson  
Survey CADD Technician

Elizabeth Wolfe  
Accounting Clerk

Anna Rosa  
Project Coordinator

Chris Lavers  
Survey Field Crew Member

### RWA Planners to present at the 2008 Florida American Planning Association Conference:

RWA's Planning Department has been invited to present at this year's FAPA Conference in Miami, Florida September 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>. RWA's session on rural lands is entitled:

**"Long Range Growth Management Strategies for Rural & Agricultural Counties"**

RWA's session will feature a panel discussion on developing planning strategies that address population growth, conservation of environmentally sensitive lands, and support for an economically viable agricultural industry. The focus of this session will be on "lessons learned," emerging trends, and the importance of incentives. RWA's panel of experts will include Mitch Hutchcraft, AICP, of Consolidated Citrus; Peter Quasius, Environmental Policy Advocate, of the Collier Audubon Society; and Charles Gauthier, AICP, DCA, Director of Division of Community Planning. Patrick Vanasse, AICP, the RWA Project Manager for rural studies in Highlands and Hendry Counties, will moderate this session. For more information contact Patrick Vanasse at [pvanasse@consult-rwa.com](mailto:pvanasse@consult-rwa.com) or visit [www.floridaplanning.org](http://www.floridaplanning.org).

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September 10-13, 2008**



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Naples, FL 34109

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Fort Myers, FL 33901

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## community connection: RWA Employees Hit a Home Run for the United Way of Collier County

On February 23, The United Way of Collier County hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Southwest Florida Softball Challenge at North Collier Regional Park



**RWA Employees Pictured Above:** Paul Beatty, Elsa Martinez, Bob Roloff, Keri Looker, Chris Wright, Mica Jackson, Miranda Arthur, Phil Gillogly, Shannon Orlandini, Scott Shedek, Roger Carter

In the first ever United Way Softball Challenge, RWA employees participated in the Corporate, Co-Ed division and showed their excellent civic spirit! RWA's celebrated 2nd place title was well-earned after playing hard through a series of six intense games against corporate teams from across Collier County!

We are proud to see the terrific involvement and team spirit from RWA employees! This tournament provided a unique opportunity for the company to come together and participate in this sort of team building exercise. RWA will continue to promote similar future activities in hopes of garnering continued support and participation from staff!

**"This was a great team building exercise because we pulled together to achieve a common goal. We learned a lot about the character of people we may not normally get to work closely with in the office. This reinforced the notion that through teamwork you can overcome adversity. All of these lessons can be put to good use in the office setting. It was a great experience and I can't wait for next year's tournament!"**

**Paul Beatty**  
Engineering Technician, Naples Office

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## PLAN ON IT!

Rural and Agricultural Studies Planned for Highlands & Hendry Counties

The RWA Planning Department has recently been awarded contracts with both Highlands and Hendry Counties to conduct Rural and Agricultural Land Studies. These studies result from DCA grants to assist rural counties in developing sustainable strategies to manage long-term growth within Florida's Heartland. RWA will solicit citizen input through a series of public workshops to be held in the upcoming months. Meeting details will be advertised in local papers and on the Counties' websites. For further information, please contact **Patrick Vanasse, AICP, Fort Myers Office Planning Manager** at 239-278-5224.



look out for our next issue  
*COMING SOON!*

The United Way is a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people's lives. The United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local issues, develops strategies and pulls together financial and human resources to address them, and measures the results.



## A FRESH, NEW LOOK FOR RWA'S WEBSITE!

[www.consult-rwa.com](http://www.consult-rwa.com)

Over the past few months, we have been designing our new website and content, and are proud to announce the official launch of the new site!

In March, RWA launched its new website located at [www.consult-rwa.com](http://www.consult-rwa.com)! RWA utilized the services of *Internet Office* to assist with the development of the site.

The new site incorporates project and community photo galleries; company and staff information; and a more comprehensive news forum. The website is informative,

streamlined, and attractive; and presents RWA's outstanding company culture by highlighting our terrific employees, our menu of professional services, and our active community involvement.

The new site was developed with ASP.NET, SQL Server, and Flash. The site has also implemented an advanced SEO Search Engine Optimiza-

tion technology that significantly and automatically enhances the website for higher page ranking. We hope this site will provide additional information for our client, colleagues, and prospective employees; allow for increased visibility and promotion of the firm; and enhance communications and access to web traffic statistics!

## RWA in the COMMUNITY



**Senior Vice President and Business Unit Leader of Planning, Bob Mulhere, AICP** has been appointed to the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The Chamber's BOD will take office June 1, 2008. Members are elected for a three-year term.



**CEO and Engineering Business Unit Leader, Chris Wright, P.E.** has joined the United Way of Collier County's Board of Directors. As a Board Member of the United Way, Chris will work year round to promote the United Way of Collier County at RWA and in the community. RWA remains an avid supporter of the United Way and their ongoing community efforts.

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**Paul Beatty**  
Engineering Technician  
Naples Office



## 2007 Zweig White Hot Firms: RWA Honored with Award!

RWA was recently honored with the prestigious Zweig White Hot Firms honorable mention award. Firms that got named to the Zweig White Hot Firm List not only survived economic instabilities over the past few years, but grew in the process, and are some of the fastest-growing architecture, engineering, and environmental consulting firms in the United States and Canada from 2003 through 2006.

RWA was required to submit an entry form with questions about firm type, size, and 2003 through 2006 gross revenues. The submission was then veri-

fied using financial statements that were reviewed by a third party. Eligible firms had to be in business as of January 1, 2003, and had to have 2003 gross revenues of at least \$1 million. Firms on this year's list range in size from \$2.6 million to \$900 million in 2006 revenue. All have one common characteristic—amazing growth over the past three years.

**Congratulations to RWA for achieving such a notable accomplishment!**



On Saturday, April 12, **Dwight Nadeau, Naples Planning Manager**, and **Mark Sunyak, P.E., Senior Project Manager**, came out in support of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County's 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club! The event was very successful, the RWA team scored 5 under par in this "best ball" tournament, and had a great time participating in such a worthy cause! RWA is an avid supporter of Habitat and strongly believes in the organization's ultimate goal of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness by building adequate and basic housing.

## RWA's 1<sup>st</sup> Employee, KEITH MOHAMED, Celebrates 10-Year Milestone!

RWA is pleased to announce and celebrate the 10-Year Anniversary of our 1<sup>st</sup> true employee - Keith Mohamed! Keith was hired on September 15, 1997, as employee #4, following the three founders: Chris Wright, Emilio Robau, and Jamey Anderson.

projects; as well as, most large projects in the Naples office.

*"We are truly appreciative that Keith had the confidence to leave his security and seniority at his well-established previous employer, and take his chances with three start-up guys who left and rented that little corner office at Airport and Radio Road. It was a sincere compliment to all three of us that he respected and had faith in us to put something together that would be sustainable when there were still people out there saying we wouldn't make it. Keith is hard working and intensely loyal, and will do whatever it takes to get the job done! I'm proud to be able to say that Keith was our first employee, and that he has remained with us through our 10-year duration!"*



**Keith Mohamed**  
Naples Office Engineering  
CADD Technician III

Keith is an accomplished hand-drafter, with over 30 years of industry experience! He was crucial in training and acclimating RWA's other early Engineering Technicians.

Keith has been a technician on a number of projects including: Marco Island Charter School; Bay Laurel Estates at Pelican Marsh; Galleria Drive at Pelican Marsh; Pelican Landing Unit 26; Tiburon - Norman Estates at Pelican Marsh; Naples Boat Club; Deep Lagoon Marina; Buquebus in Key West; Brynwood Preserve; Hawthorne Suites Hotel; The Gerry Residence; Torrey Pines at Pelican Sound; Waterways at Orangetree; Hotel Escalante; Pelican Preserve; Summit Place; and Saturnia Lakes Phases 2 & 3. Most recently, Keith has been the technician for Bonita Springs Utilities

**Jamey Anderson**  
Senior Vice President, COO

# 5 THINGS TO CHEER ABOUT promotions

### 1 Jereme Shaidle, E.I.

Jereme was recently promoted to Engineering Intern Level III. Congratulations!

### 2 Rick Korneff

Congratulations to Rick, who recently received his Level II Survey Technician Certification, a program sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors!

### 3 Chris Fivecoat

Chris was recently promoted to Engineering CADD Technician Level III. Congratulations!

### 4 Phil Naylor

Congratulations to Phil, who was recently promoted to Survey CADD Technician Level III!

### 5 Shannon Orlandini

Shannon was recently promoted to Project Coordinator Level IV. Congratulations!

For more information on anything you've read please contact RWA's Marketing Department at 239.597.0575 or visit our website at [www.consult-rwa.com](http://www.consult-rwa.com)