

Area firm 8-koi expands with office in Jacksonville; growing, revenue-generating construction division

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MERRITT ISLAND (Feb. 11, 2021) — Positioned to expand its capacity as a leading provider of building and construction services to government agencies across and outside of the United States, 8-koi Inc. has opened its fourth office three miles away from the main gate at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX).

In its 12 years of operating, 8-koi gained significant traction last year in the construction industry when it acquired its longtime partner, Cape Design Engineering (CDE), a 23-year-old engineering design and construction services company on Merritt Island. When CDE accepted the offer, 8-koi gained a construction team of 20 people.

Since then, the company's considerable growth warranted transitioning from a trailer site to a building that comfortably houses its growing construction team already operating out of the Jacksonville area.

With its headquarters located on Merritt Island, 8-koi has existing offices in Melbourne, San Antonio, Texas, and now Orange Park at 534 Park Ave. in Jacksonville.

"Our CDE team has a longstanding reputation for its quality construction capabilities and extensive work in and outside of Florida," says 8-koi President Inga Young. "Our construction division makes up most of our company's work and revenue with the design engineering division growing in tandem. Our team's growth in constructing numerous military and government facilities as well as offering industrial design engineering services led to the next obvious step of expansion."

Reflected in the company's name and

logo, the number 8 represents the cyclic nature of systems. The koi fish represents embracing adversity through persistent focus on positive outcomes. While facing the challenges 2020 has presented, 8-koi has remained steadfast in serving its various construction and health-care clients, especially with personal protective equipment supplies, and has stayed focused on expansion.

When 8-koi acquired CDE in March 2020, it gained the ability to expand its woman-owned small business design engineering and military specification construction capabilities.

Since its founding in 2008, 8-koi has grown to offer a diverse range of services that helped it make the list of "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 on Merritt Island. Founded in 2008 by Young, 8-koi specializes in providing design engineering, construction, technical and administrative support, and health-care related services to government agencies across the United States. 8-koi's work within these divisions meets rigorous training/technical specifications to include military specification design-build, facility renovation, medical administration and direct care, quality assurance and risk management. See more at www.8-koi.com/.

● About Cape Design Engineering

Cape Design Engineering Co. 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 U.S. Air Force rocketry programs. See more at www.cdeco.com.

Parrish Medical Foundation and PMC Auxiliary accepting scholarship applications from students

TITUSVILLE (Feb. 1, 2021) — Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and Parrish Medical Center Auxiliary are accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical or health-care field.

The organizations have combined their scholarship programs and will announce scholarship recipients in May 2021. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Parrish Medical Center service area.

Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in the human health/medical field are also eligible to apply. Students must have a 3.0 grade-point average or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a Jess Parrish Medical Foundation scholarship in previous years may reapply provided they are continuing in a medical or health-care field and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade-point average. Graduate students are not eligible.

High school students who attend Astronaut High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School and Titusville High School may obtain an application from the guidance office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at (321) 269-4066 or by visiting ww.parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 5.

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