

SCAFAR CONTRACTING COMPLETES THIRTY-FIVE YEARS IN CONSTRUCTION

Firm Moves Successfully In Diversifying Its Work

Two close friends, James T. Scannella and Carlos Farinhas, active in construction, joined their resources 35 years ago to establish Scafar Contracting, Inc. Over the years, Scafar Contracting has progressed to the point where it now completes challenging, multi-faceted projects in the range of \$10-20 million.



Construction underway at the Prudential Center in Newark.

During the early formative years, Scafar completed several pipe projects in northern New Jersey. The firm soon progressed to constructing pumping stations and several park projects as well. This was a time when the company built its reputation for quality work, and it was also a period when the firm attracted key personnel who participated in the fine tuning of Scafar's operations.

About 20 years ago, Scafar Contracting began to focus on projects involving concrete construction and bridge reconstruction. Some of the bridge work was completed in Union and Warren Counties, while successfully completing a major flood control project in Millburn. Other unique work that followed included a \$2.5 million

contract for the construction of the Newark Fire Arms Facility and a Sodium Hypochlorite Building for Elizabethtown Water Company. In a display of Scafar Contracting's versatility at this time, the firm replaced a portion of Newark's old brick sewer system through the installation of new reinforced concrete pipe and concrete chambers.

Over the years, Scafar proved that it could successfully complete a number of projects in the private sector. In addition to its work for Elizabethtown Water Company, the firm completed challenging plant and pumping station construction for United Water and concrete tank foundation work for the Stolt Chemical Corporation.

Fifteen years ago, James A. Scannella, joined his father at the firm. A civil engineering graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, James is also a Professional Engineer who worked for a time at Boswell Engineering prior to joining Scafar Contracting. He currently manages the daily operations of the company, while overseeing projects managed by the firm's experienced project managers and has enabled the firm in completing even more challenging work.



Scafar machine removes a portion of the Route 440 bridge demolition project in Edison.

With James working with his father, the company continued to diversify its work. Some of this work included the construction of the \$5.1 million Roosevelt Park in Edison and the \$19.3 million new Manasquan River Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant in Brick. Simultaneously, the company successfully completed various booster stations and water mains for New Jersey American Water Company and the upgrading of a booster station for the Middlesex Water Company in Perth Amboy. This was also a time when the Scannellas purchased Carlos Farinhas's interest in the firm.

After Carlos Farinhas retired, the Scannella's made numerous personnel moves which have finally paid dividends. Patrick Visaggi, Jr. has been a 27 year asset to the firm, so his role was expanded to general superintendent and chief field officer. Operations manager Mark Valenti has greatly contributed to the firm's growth by overseeing all project management and operations. The current Scafar staff has greatly contributed to preserving the firm's core values, while still moving the company forward.

During the first two years of this new century, Scafar completed



Pipe installation to resolve drainage issues at Wilson Avenue in Newark was completed by Scafar.



A portion of the mechanical installation for the Newton Water Treatment Plant.

numerous water and wastewater projects in northern New Jersey. This work often involved contracts financed by the New Jersey Environmental Trust and included water main installations, plant and pumping station construction, sanitary sewer installation and combined sewer overflow correction construction. An especially significant work was a \$6 million water treatment plant in Newton.

Five years ago, the firm was low bidder on two major projects close to home in Newark. The first was the reconstruction of road-

way and utilities surrounding the Prudential Center, an \$8 million contract, and a \$9.2 million contract for drainage improvements on Wilson Avenue that also included the installation of box culverts, rehabilitation of Pierson's Creek and repair of tide gates.

In more recent years, Scafara Contracting has continued to evidence its diversification in the marketplace. It completed a \$4 million NJDOT contract for the Route 440 bridge deck replacement and superstructure replacement in Edison, construction of a \$4.8 million pre-treatment facility to handle landfill leachate at the Oxford Landfill and a \$3.4 million major site work contract for the Firmerich company in Newark.

Scafara Contracting will complete several major contracts over the next few months. These include the \$7.3 million rehabilitation of the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant in North Bergen, flood control levee, pump station and generator building construction, valued at \$16 million, for the Army Corps of Engineers in Bound Brook, a second \$8.2 million flood control project for the Corps in Bound Brook and \$10.2 million water treatment facility in Orange.

The firm has also recently begun approximately \$28 million in construction that involves new pump stations, sewage force mains, additional work to separate combined sewers, a project that involves cleaning and repair of regulator valves and removal of an existing pump station and installation of a new one. The firm also recently started a \$5.2 million contract for bridge deck replacement on Route 280 over the Whippany River for the NJDOT. This array of challenges is further evidence of the firm's ability to successfully meet the needs of their clients while continuing to diversify its work.



A view of the construction of the Manasquan River Reservoir.