



Recap/Reference for CSS Building remodel

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Catholic Social Services operates a thrift store in Augusta Georgia. All the Profits from the store go to help the poor and those in need in the Augusta area. These monies go to help the needy to purchase food, clothing, utility bill assistance, and medicine along with any other assistance they might need.

They have operated for years on Broad Street in a very old building and just last July opened at their new location on Wrightsboro Road. The building we purchased had to be renovated and RW Allen completed this project. The building is 18,000 ft.² and at one point was an old grocery store.

Our scope of work involved putting 10 windows each 3 x 10 feet up high to allow natural light into the building as grocery stores never have any windows. We also replace the roof, put all new air conditioning on the roof, took down the drop ceiling and put in all new LED lighting. We also added quite a bit of LED security lighting on the outside of the building. We upgraded some of the electric, plumbing, added an interior wall from one side of the building to the other to differentiate between the store part and the receiving part, Changed out the doors and painted everything.

Our budget was \$745,000 with \$50,000 of that being a contingency fund.

Cara Wilson was the project manager and Rick Hughes was the job superintendent. Both of these individuals represented RW Allen very well and were very responsive to our needs with this project. Cara was always very professional, knowledgeable, and always accessible with any questions that we had. She always answers her phone. Throughout the project there were a few changes that we needed that Cara always was able to work into the job. She always seem to have the phone number of someone who was able to do what we needed.

Hugh was the job superintendent and also was very knowledgeable and kept our project on track. He wasn't afraid to pitch in and do things on his own to help out.

Our target time for this project was 90 to 120 days. They finished the job in approximately 100 days and did it under budget only spending 5000 of the contingency.

From my vantage point as the owner representative it was a real pleasure doing business with these two people as they represented RW Allen extremely well.

I know that from dealing with RW Allen on other projects that they are always professional, work hard to stay on budget, and stand behind their work.

Sincerely,
Jerry Baine—Owner Rep. for CSS. 1/13/21

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