

Meridian Construction and Development Completes New D.E.A. Building
--Security Needs Presented Fort Myers Based Company with Unique Challenges--

Fort Myers, FL: (September 11, 2008) . . . Meridian Construction and Development has just completed construction on the new DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Building located in Dade County's Homestead, FL. Meridian Construction and Development included high end security features like bullet proof walls, bullet proof doors, blast proof glass and an extensive security and access system. High-end hardware integrates the entire security system and holding cells.

Meridian construction also installed a reflective white roof membrane allowing for more efficient energy use. It permits the entire building to run on less energy because it reflects heat away from the structure. It also meets the EPA Energy Star requirements. Meridian Construction and Development's CEO, Mr. Lynn



Murtagh, said that he thoroughly enjoys doing unique projects, "I always love a challenge! Meridian Construction's proven record is 'constructing a higher standard' in the building industry."

The new DEA Building is great news for the entire Drug Enforcement Administration department, which was created in 1973 by President Richard Nixon. The new location will help to combat the drug war in the United States, primarily in the state of Florida. Florida's vast coast lines make drug trafficking an obtainable opportunity for both local and international drug organizations. According to the DEA's website, <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea>, when it first began, the DEA employed less than 2,000 agents with less than \$75 million dollars for their budget. Today, more than 5,000 agents are employed with a budget of more than \$2.3 billion, with more room to grow.