

**Merit Award—Long Span**  
**ESTERO PARKWAY, ESTERO, FLA.**

The Estero Parkway project in Estero, Fla. came out on top in a couple of ways—and not just because it's a highway overpass. The 559-ft-long flyover employs the largest tub girders (16 of them) ever erected in the state of Florida. In addition, the average site delivery weighed more than 300 tons and was 380 ft long, making these shipments some of the heaviest hauls to ever travel on Florida roads.

Built to alleviate traffic in the growing Ft. Meyers area and provide a new passage over Interstate 75, the overpass uses a total of 2,278 tons of structural steel and is more than 116 ft wide. Transportation of the girders, which are 15 ft tall and 10 ft wide at the bottom, from Tampa to Ft. Meyers could only be done during four-hour windows, between midnight and 4 a.m. For more on the Estero Parkway project, see "On Opposite Coasts" in the June 2008 issue of MSC.)

**Owner**

Lee County Dept. of Transportation, Ft. Meyers, Fla.

**Designer**

Finley Engineering Group, Tallahassee, Fla.

**General Contractor**

Zep Construction, Inc., Ft. Myers, Fla.

**Consultant**

JCA Engineering LLC, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

**Steel Team**

**Steel Fabricator**

Tampa Steel Erecting Company, Tampa, Fla.  
(AISC Member/NSBA Member/AISC Certified Fabricator)

**Steel Erector**

V & M Erectors, Inc., Pembroke Pines, Fla.  
(AISC Member/NSBA Member/AISC Advanced Certified Erector)



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