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## Doing Their Level Best

Level Infrastructure is working on its first project: the expansion of the Port Coordination Center, which houses Port Police and Emergency Management. The new company, headed by Ramesh Bhagavatula, president, with eight employees, is an offshoot of Level Construction Inc. of Houston and Chicago, and specializes in public works projects.

The Port of Houston Authority acquired funding from a FEMA grant for the expansion project, which involves converting a warehouse space behind the existing PCC, connecting the two and creating more space for emergency headquarters and additional training.

Level Infrastructure is essentially constructing a new building, with a new slab poured and installation of a pre-engineered metal frame. A 3,000-square-foot space in the middle can be separated with folding partitions to make



*Ramesh Bhagavatula, president  
and John Pitt, project manager*

three independent rooms for office or storage space or can serve for large gatherings.

Designed to withstand 140-mph winds, the facility will be self-sustainable in an emergency, with a water filtration storage tank and water pumps and a generator.

“Working with Port Authority staff has been really great,” says Bhagavatula, citing Alvin Jackson, project manager, Harvey Ross,

construction manager, and Eric Lebeau, project inspector, for their quick response to any concerns.

“Level Infrastructure has done an exceptional job,” says Jackson. “Staff have gone above and beyond, putting in extra hours to see that the project is completed on time. We are impressed with their positive attitude and responsiveness.”

The facility is set for completion in July ahead of the peak of Houston’s hurricane season. ■



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