

Harrison Construction for Tuscaloosa City Board of Education

Times are hard for everyone now, but even harder for public school systems. Schools face the problem of increasingly tight budgets while the student population continues to grow. Alabama might be in the most trouble, ranked 44th out of the nation for public schools; the state is facing major budget cuts. The dilemma of improving Alabama Schools with less money is a problem the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education faced when constructing a new elementary school in Northport. While currently under construction, Harrison Construction searched for a provider of a telecommunication and data system for the new elementary school. Looking for the best in quality at the right price, AFL Network Services won a contract with Harrison Construction for the installation of a data and telecommunication system in Southern K-8 Elementary School for the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education.

Because every AFL employee working on the project is a BICSI certified Level II Technician, AFL was an attractive choice. Another factor that went into the selection of AFL was its many business locations. The Tuscaloosa City Board of Education only wanted contractors with a permanent business location within 60 miles of the school site and that have resided in that area for a period of no less than five years.

AFL installed fiber and copper (CAT 5e) drops throughout the school to support data and voice requirements. AFL also built out a Main Distribution Frame (MDF) and Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) closet to house the servers, router switches and patch panels of the network system. Ladder and vertical racks will be installed to support the fiber cables.

Given AFL's expertise, expansive footprint and competitive pricing, Harrison Construction will provide Southern K-8 Elementary School with a top-of-the-line data and telecommunication system. Confident that the project will pass the inspections required by the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education, AFL Network Services will prove that they only provide the best telecommunication quality available.



Name of Client:
Harrison Construction

Location:
Northport, Alabama

Name of Project:
Data / Telecommunications
System Installation

Scope of Project:
AFL Network Services is providing a telecommunication system for the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education's new elementary school consisting of:

- Installation Cat5/Cat 5e drops totaling 56,000 feet
- Installation of MDF and IDF closets for telecommunication equipment storage
- Installation of vertical and ladder racks for cable support

Schedule:
December 2008 – August 2009

Completion Date:
August 2009