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DeAngelis Diamond Healthcare Group opens new office in Birmingham

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A Florida-based construction firm has opened an office in Birmingham to expand its health care construction services nationally.

DeAngelis Diamond Healthcare Group Inc., a division of Naples, Fla.-based [DeAngelis Diamond Construction](#) , has leased 2,600 square feet of space at International Park off Interstate 459 for its newest office.

And the construction company has tapped **Robert Young**, a 25-year construction veteran and former chief operating officer at **M.J. Harris**, to lead the Birmingham office and serve as the health care group's president.

Young said the Birmingham office will serve as a hub for DeAngelis Diamond's growing and expanding health care work, which has ranged from complex multiphased renovations to complete hospital replacements, mainly in Florida, since the health care group's founding three years ago.

The goal is to have 12 to 15 employees in the Birmingham office by the end of its first year, he said, with project managers and estimators topping the most-wanted list.

Birmingham's construction industry has a large talent pool and an unprecedented six companies listed on Engineering News Record's Top 400 contractors in the country, said **Bill Caton**, director of public relations for the Alabama chapter of [Associated General Contractors](#) of America.

That makes Birmingham a logical place for many out-of-state contractors to set up shop, he said.

"The construction culture in Birmingham is without parallel," Caton said. "I think that's why people want to move here."

But it also allows for stiff competition, as smaller firms sometimes go head-to-head with larger contractors, he said.

According to its website, DeAngelis Diamond Healthcare Group's recent projects include a new psychiatric hospital in Fort Myers, Fla., and a hospital expansion of [Hendry Regional Medical Center](#) in Clewiston, Fla.

Parent firm DeAngelis Diamond Construction Inc. was founded in Naples, Fla., 15 years ago and has had experience in a variety of building types, including educational, financial, health care, hospitality, industrial, office, residential, retail and sustainable building.

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