



**PROJECT:** Moton Elementary School

**CLIENT:** New Orleans Parish  
School Board

**LOCATION:** New Orleans, Louisiana

The Orleans Parish School Board designed and built the Moton Elementary School in New Orleans. The general contractor was Hammond Construction Co. of Metairie, Louisiana. During the excavation, contaminated soil was discovered. Construction was suspended while a disposal site for the contaminated soil was found and revised structural plans were prepared. The project suffered a 55 day actual delay which Hammond claimed impacted the project 100 days. Through negotiation Orleans Parish School Board and Hammond Construction agreed to consider the suspension delayed the project 67 days, but could not agree on the value of the suspension. Hammond Construction claimed that the delay cost was \$259,000.

CCL was hired by the law firm of Pollack, Rosenberg, Rittenberg & Endom to assist the Orleans Parish School Board in valuing the 67 day delay. CCL audited the general contractor's claim and met with the various subcontractors to establish and calculate the value of the delay. Through this audit and evaluation CCL concluded that Hammond is due some \$126,000 for the 67 day suspension.

The claim was settled for an undisclosed amount during arbitration proceedings in which CCL assisted the School Board and Pollack, Rosenberg, Rittenberg & Endom.