

Southern Italy Earthquake Reconstruction Program

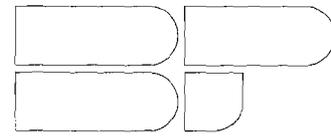
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Construction contracts have been written and executed by USAID/Naples for all six schools under our contract. All projects are now under construction.

Final construction contract costs averaged twelve per cent (12%) below the construction budget of \$18,500,000. Therefore budgetary considerations related to programmed building area (square meters) were right on target with some savings remaining to produce additional school buildings within the Southern Italy Earthquake Reconstruction Program funding limitations.

Bills of Materials for all six schools have been submitted in final form to USAID/Naples.

The Blurock Partnership/Interplan team produced the designs and contract documents within a very close tolerance to the schedule proposed by our firm in the original proposal prior to assignment to the project. Support from USAID/Naples during the course of the project helped to expedite the flow

of critical information and to obtain approvals from the local and regional authorities.

A main source of aggravation, however, was the completion and accuracy of topographical and geotechnical reports from the communes. Scale, accuracy, completeness, thoroughness and timely execution of these plans and reports proved to be a major frustration during the course of the project. Our team recommends that on future projects the A & E firm be responsible for sub-surface and surface surveys, not the local authorities. By this method professionals and technicians who have more responsibility during the overall production of the design, will take a more serious view toward the preparation of the reports and surveys upon which the architectural and structural design depend.

Since construction is progressing and because USAID/Naples has engaged Interplan as the Director of Works, we can expect excellent coordination between design and construction phases.