ESI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

Issue: Vertical accessibility to a second floor office.

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to a 1,235 square foot second floor office that is being added above a 1,706 square foot storage facility on the first floor. The project will cost \$60,000 for one storage bay in a facility offering storage bays for use by the general public. Estimates of \$21,890 and \$22,982 were submitted as the cost of a lift.

Project Progress:

The project is in plan review.

Items to be Waived:

Vertical accessibility to the second floor, as required by Section 553.509, Florida Statutes.

- 553.509 Vertical a ccessibility. Nothing in Sections 553.501-553.513 or the guidelines shall be construed to relieve the owner of any building, structure or facility governed by those sections from the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level regardless of whether the guidelines require an elevator to be installed in such building, structure or facility, except for:
 - (1) Elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks and automobile lubrication and maintenance pits and platforms;
 - (2) Unoccupiable spaces, such as rooms, enclosed spaces and storage spaces that are not designed for human occupancy, for public accommodations or for work areas; and
 - (3) Occupiable spaces and rooms that are not open to the public and that house no more than five persons, including, but not limited to equipment control rooms and projection booths.

Waiver Criteria: There is no specific guidance for a waiver of this requirement in the code. The Commission's current rule, authorized in Section 553.512, Florida Statutes, provides criteria for granting waivers and allows consideration of unnecessary or extreme hardship to the applicant if the specific requirements were imposed.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 553, PART V, FLORIDA STATUTES

Your application will be reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Council and its recommendations will be presented to the Florida Building Commission. You will have the opportunity to answer questions and/or make a short presentation, not to exceed 15 minutes, at each meeting. The Commission will consider all information presented and the Council's recommendation before voting on the waiver request.

1. Name and address of project for which the waiver is requested.

Jorge Porro, PE

Contact Person:

Name: Remodeled Offices for ESI Consulting Engineers Inc. (Process No. D2007-02787) Address: 1301 NW 98 CT, Unit 14 Miami, Fl 33172 2. Name of Applicant. If other than the owner, please indicate relationship of applicant to owner and written authorization by owner in space provided: Applicant's Name: Jorge Porro, PE Applicant's Address: 2520 N.W. 97Th. AV. Suite 230 Doral, Fl 33172 Applicant's Telephone: (305) 418-9177 FAX: (305) 418-9178 Applicant's E-mail Address: jorge@esiconsult.com Relationship to Owner: The applicant is the soon to be owner who will alter the facility. Owner's Name: Jorge Porro, PE Owner's Address Same as Applicant's Owner's Telephone: Same as Applicant's FAX Same as Applicant's Owner's E-mail Address: Same as Applicant's Signature of Owner: MRUE FORRA

Contact Person's Telephone: (305) 418-9177 E-mail Address: jorge@esiconsult.com

This application is available in alternate formats upon request. Form No. 2001-01 3. Please check one of the following:
[] New construction.
[] Addition to a building or facility.
[x] Alteration to an existing building or facility.
[] Historical preservation (addition).
[] Historical preservation (alteration).
4. Type of facility. Please describe the building (square footage, number of floors). Define the use of the building (i.e., restaurant, office, retail, recreation, hotel/motel, etc.) The project is one bay (bay 14) in a warehouse-office building that will be used for ESI Consulting Engineers. Inc. The building is presently under construction and the proposed alterations of bay 14 consists of converting some of the warehouse space in the first floor into office space and expanding the office spaces in the second floor. The alterations will be performed after the building obtains the certificate of occupancy from City of Doral and the bay is turned to ESI Consulting Engineers. ESI proposed facilities are: 1706 sq ft in the 1st floor that will be used for Office (Occupancy Group B), 1235sq ft in the first floor that will be used for light storage (Occupancy Group S-1) and 1768 sq ft in the 2nd floor that will be used as office(Occupancy Group B).
alteration): The estimated cost of construction is \$60,000.00
6. Project Status: Please check the phase of construction that best describes your project at the time of this application. Describe status.
[] Under Design [] Under Construction*
[x] In Plan Review [] Completed*
* Briefly explain why the request has now been referred to the Commission.

For waiver of vertical accessibility to the 2nd floor FS 553.509. The bay will be a two story bay (less than 3 stories) with less than three thousand sq ft per floor therefore exception of FBC section 11-4.1.6(1)(k)(i) apply to the project. In addition, the cost of installing a lift will be approximately \$25,000.00 which will exceed the 20% of the total cost of construction which is estimated to be \$60,000.00. Per FBC section 11-4.1.6(2), the cost of installing a lift will be disproportionate in reference with the cost of the project. To mitigate the lack of vertical accessibility to all levels, the 2nd floor of the offices will be used as work areas only and all

public and common used areas are contained within the 1st floor. The 1st floor will also have office work areas. In addition, ESI Consulting Engineers will install the wheelchair lift if the need arises in the future. A platform on the second floor is being built as part of the proposed alteration in the event that a wheelchair lift is required in the future.

7 Requirements requested to be waived. Please reference the applicable section of Florida law. Only Florida-specific accessibility requirements may be waived.

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1: FS 553.509 Vertical accessibility to all levels
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8. Reason(s) for Waiver Request: The Florida Building Commission may grant waivers of Florida-specific accessibility requirements upon a determination of unnecessary, unreasonable of extreme hardship. Please describe how this project meets the following hardship criteria. Explain all that would apply for consideration of granting the waiver. [] The hardship is caused by a condition or set of conditions affecting the owner which does not affect owners in general.
[x] Substantial financial costs will be incurred by the owner if the waiver is denied.
ESI Consulting Engineers, Inc is purchasing this new office headquarters, which is a substantial expense for the company. ESI Consulting Engineers is planning to do the renovation just to adapt the space for the regular day to day operation. The total cost of construction is estimated to be \$60,000.00
[x] The owner has made a diligent investigation into the costs of compliance with the code, but cannot find an efficient mode of compliance. Provide detailed cost estimates and, where

appropriate, photographs. Cost estimates must include bids and quotes.

ESI Consulting Engineers, Inc investigated the cost of installing the wheelchairlift. It is estimated that the cost will be \$25,000.00. Cost that will be disproportionated with the cost of alteration.

- 9. Provide documented cost estimates for each portion of the waiver request and identify any additional supporting data which may affect the cost estimates. For example, for vertical accessibility, the lowest documented cost of an elevator, ramp, lift or other method of providing vertical accessibility should be provided, documented by quotations or bids from at least two vendors or contractors.
- a. Please refer to attached proposal from ThyssenKrupp totaling \$22,982.00. To this cost, one has to add the cost associated with electrical and second floor structural platform.
- b. Please refer to attached proposal from Florida Lifts totaling \$23,340.00. To this cost, one has to add the cost associated with electrical and second floor structural platform.
- 10 Licensed Design Professional: Where a licensed design professional has designed the project, his or her comments MUST be included and certified by signature and affixing of his or her professional seal. The comments must include the reason(s) why the waiver is necessary.

The bay will be a two story bay (less than 3 stories) with less than three thousand sq ft per floor, therefore, FBC exception of section 11-4.1.6(1)(k)(i) apply to the project. In addition, the cost of installing a lift would be a minimum of \$25,000.00 which will exceed the 20% of the total cost of construction of \$60,000.00. Per FBC section 11-4.1.6(2), the cost of installing a lift will be disproportionate in reference with the cost of the project.

Printed Name

Phone number (305) 310-5030 (SEAL)

Signature

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

I hereby swear or affirm that the applicable documents in support of this Request for Waiver are attached for review by the Florida Building Commission and that all statements made in this application are to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Dated this 21° day of	<u>May</u> , 2007
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Signature	
Jorge Porro, PE	
Printed Name	

By signing this application, the applicant represents that the information in it is true, accurate and complete. If the applicant misrepresents or omits any material information, the Commission may revoke any order and will notify the building official of the permitting jurisdiction. Providing false information to the Commission is punishable as a misdemeanor under Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

FS 553.509, FBC section 4.1.6(1)(k)(iii)

Please state why the issue is being referred to the Florida Building Commission as well as a recommendation for disposition. The Building Official or his or her designee should review the application and indicate that to the best of his or her knowledge, all information stipulated herein is true and accurate. Further, if this project is complete, explain why it is being referred to the Commission. The Building Official or his or her designee should sign a copy of the plans accompanying this application as certification that such plans are the same as those submitted for building department review. Please reference the applicable section of the Accessibility Code.

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Has there been any permitted construction activity on this building during the past three years? If so, what was the cost of construction?
[X] Yes [] No Cost of Construction: New Construction of building valued at \$2,108,080.
Comments/Recommendation: This application is been referred to the Commission because the applicant feels there is a hardship in meeting the vertical accessibility requirements. Our position is that the exemption afforded by FBC Section 11-4.1.6(1)(k)(i) is a Federal exemption and does not apply due to the Florida specific section as outlined in FBC section 4.1.6(1)(k)(iii); therefore, vertical accessibility applies. Our department has not been presented with a detailed construction estimate or with a detailed cost estimate of the installation of a wheelchair lift to justify the disproportionate claim.
Jurisdiction City of Doral
Building Official or Designee Mage Pleure
Signature /
Sergio T. Ascunce
Printed Name
<u>BU1212</u>
Certification Number
305-593-6700 / 305-470-6850 Telephone/FAX
Address: 8300 NW 53 rd Street, Suite 200, Doral, FL 33166

FloridaLifts

floridalifts.com
 A State Certified MBE Company

9737 NW 41st Street Box 173 Miami, FI 33178 Phone: 305-757-6667 Fax: 305-757-6776

Phone: (Monroe Cty) 872-4802

May 23, 2007

George Porro ESI Consulting

Re: Wheelchair Lift

Florida Lifts proposes to furnish and install one vertical platform lift, **Model HCDE-156(indoor model)** manufactured by National Wheel-O-Vator with the following components/specifications:

Capacity: 750 lbs.

Travel: not to exceed 13 feet

Pit: 3"

Speed: 20 fpm

Platform: 37" x 51" platform with non-skid surface

Steel frame and panels

2 Stop lift – Gate hinges to be determined 6'8" lower landing gate, 42" upper landing gate

Application is straight through on/off

Roped Hydraulic Ivory powder coat finish

Work by others: 115V 20 amp power to housing side of lift, disconnect (fusible/lockable/throw arm) signage at disconnect to main power, 24 hour/5 candlefoot lighting & 24 hour bulb emergency lighting, hoistway/lift area, concrete support

Price: \$21,890 (includes material, shipping, taxes, installation, permitting/inspections)

Options: If they lift is not pitted 3", an auto-gate opener is required, please add \$1450

Acrylic panels rather than steel, please add \$800

Terms: 50% deposit, 40% material delivery/installation, 10% upon inspection

Submitted	Jennifer Kearney
Approved:	Date:
Print Name:	

Quote valid for 90 days. Fax approved document to 305-757-6776 to initiate order. As of this date, lead time is 7 weeks for production of this lift. Shipping takes approx. 1 week. Installation takes 2 days.



PROPOSAL PL-EZE-168

SUBMITTED TO:

Jorge Porro

ESI Consulting Engineers

2520 NW 97 Avenue, suite 230

Doral, Florida 33172 PH# 305-418-9177 Fax# 305-418-9178

Email: Jorge@esiconsult.com

PREPARED BY:

Jim Jeschonek

Project Address:

New Office Location

DATE:

May 21,2007

This proposal is intended to cover the complete furnishing of one (1) PL-EZE-168, manufactured by ThyssenKrupp Access (TKA) and installed by TKA -South Florida Solution Center. All work shall be performed in a workmanlike manner and shall include all work and material in accordance with the following as specified herein:

Product Data and standard equipment:

MODEL NAME:

PL-EZE-168

TOTAL TRAVEL:

13'0" - to be confirmed at final site visit by TKA

CAPACITY/SPEED: 15 fpm

Rated Load:

750 lbs.

Pit Requirement:

3" Maximum Depth, to avoid ramping

Platform Size:

36"W x 48"D

Finish:

Powder Coated Ivory

Drive System:

Hydraulic

Configuration:

Enter Exit Same Side

Stops:

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Power Supply: 115 volt, single phase, 20 amp service in a lockable, fused disconnect box.

Attendant call button (if required)

Guard Panel 42" High with grab rail. Non-Skid surface on platform floor. Aluminium Fram with Bronze tinted Acrylic Panels **Emergency Lowering Device Upper Gate and Lower Landing Door**

TKA South Florida Solution Center

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Added Options:

> 3 Year maintenance contract - \$1700

POWER: To be supplied by others:115 volt, single phase, 20 amp service in a lockable, fused disconnect box.

Attendant call button (if required) (Location to be determined by lift installer and electrician).

ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLATION: Delivery and installation of the PI-EZE-168 is by TKA South Florida Solution Center. All other work, including but not limited to the hoistway construction, pit requirement, and power supply to the unit is not the responsibility of TKA South Florida Solution Center (Building permit or approval from local building authority is by owner).

WARRANTY: We warrant that for a period of two (1) years the product will be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and regular maintenance in accordance with the User's Manual provided. We will not, under this warranty, reimburse you for the cost of the work done by others; nor shall we be responsible for equipment to which revisions, additions or alterations have been made by others. This warranty is in lieu of any other liability for defects. WE MAKE NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION IN THIS CONTRACT, NOR ARE THERE ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, BY OPERATION OR LAW OR OTHERWISE. Like any piece of fine machinery, this equipment should be periodically inspected, lubricated and adjusted by competent personnel. Manufacturer suggests a minimum of a semi annual review of equipment. This warranty is not intended to supplant normal maintenance service. All Warranty work is only performed during normal working hours

TERMS Accepted in Duplicate:

Purchaser – Signature – Title		
BY:	DATE:	
Concrete Pad and Electrical work will be done		

Hositway will be done by others. All llifts that have a travel distance greater than 12'0" may require a local or state variance. This is something the owner and or architect must apply for, this is not the responsibility of ThyssenKrupp Access of South Florida

ThyssenKrupp Access
TKA Access of South Florida Solution Center
4100 N. Powerline Road, Suite R-5
Pompano Beach, Florida 33073
PH#954-979-9785
Fax# 954-979-0766

Page 2 of 3 SOP 3.02A Jim Jeschone

Jim Jeschonek/ Sales Executive
Mobile: 561-644-5790
Email: <u>jim.jeschonek@tkaccess.com</u>
Internet: tkaccess.com, www.thelev.com

TKA South Florida Solution Center



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PRICE: We propose to furnish and install the equipment for (New Office Location) the net sum of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$22,982.00) PRICE INCLUDES FREIGHT, TAX, LABOR MATERIAL, ENGINEERED DRAWINGS

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The contract price, terms, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. ThyssenKrupp Access – South Florida Solution Center is authorized to proceed with provision of the equipment specified. I understand this order is subject to cancellation charges under the following schedule: 10% if cancelled prior to engineering work, 30% after engineering is complete, 70% if in production, and 100% if production is completed. All orders are subject to credit approval.

Equipment cannot be manufactured until the final drawings have been approved and signed by the purchaser. Installation cannot commence until permanent electricity has been provided and all hoistway doors with lockable hardware have been installed.

We reserve the right to discontinue our work at any time until payments have been made as agreed and we have assurance satisfactory to us that the subsequent payments will be made as they become due. A monthly service charge of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % will be due on all amounts not paid within 30 days. You also agree to pay, in addition to any defaulted amount plus service charges, all attorneys fees, collection costs, or court costs in connection therewith.

This proposal is submitted for acceptance within **Sixty (30)** days from the date submitted by us. Once executed, the pricing is valid for **Twelve (12)** months from date of signature. If site is not available for installation before this time, ThyssenKrupp Access reserves the right to adjust pricing in accordance with Consumer Price Index (CPI).

This proposal, when signed and accepted by the Purchaser and approved by an officer of Access of Kansas City shall constitute exclusively and entirely the contract between parties, and all prior representations or agreements, whether written or verbal, not incorporated herein, are superseded. No changes in or additions to this agreement will be recognized unless made in writing and properly executed by both parties.

Accepted in Duplicate:	Respectfully Submitted, ThyssenKrupp Access South Florida Solution Center
BY: Purchaser – Signature – Title	BY: Jim Jeschonek Sales Executive
Purchaser – Printed / Date	Jim Jeschonek5/21/07 Sales Executive – Printed/ Date



Consulting Engineers

International Corporate Park Building D, Unit 14 NW 98th Court Doral, Florida

Architect: A & I associates, Inc. Structural Engineer: Juan Fernandez-Barquin

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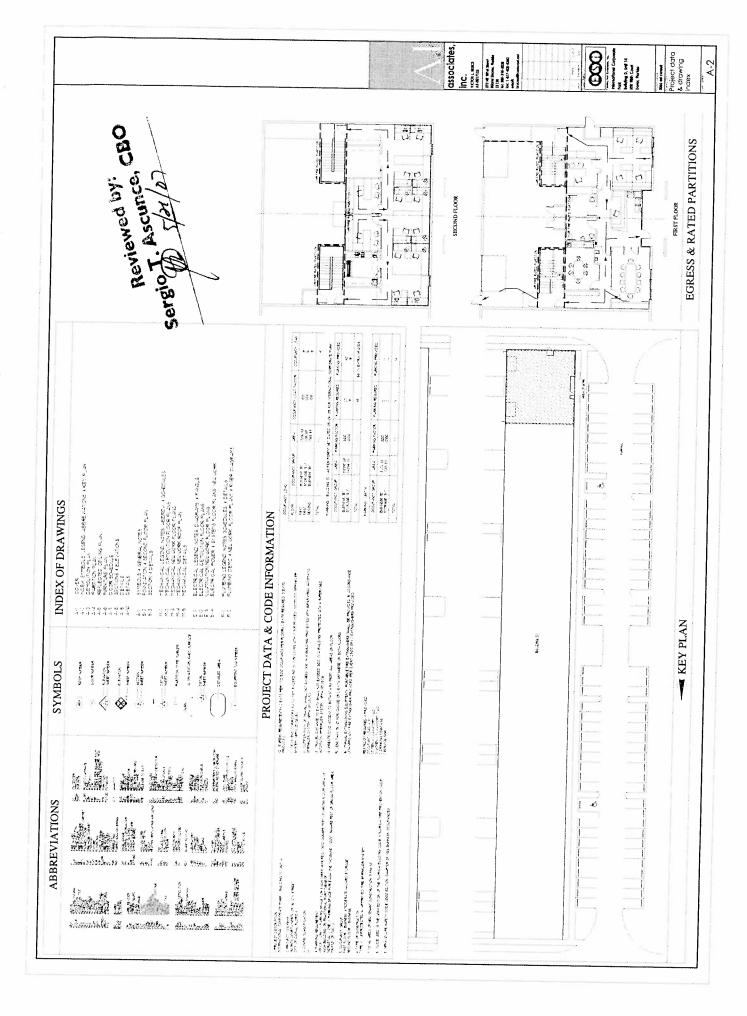
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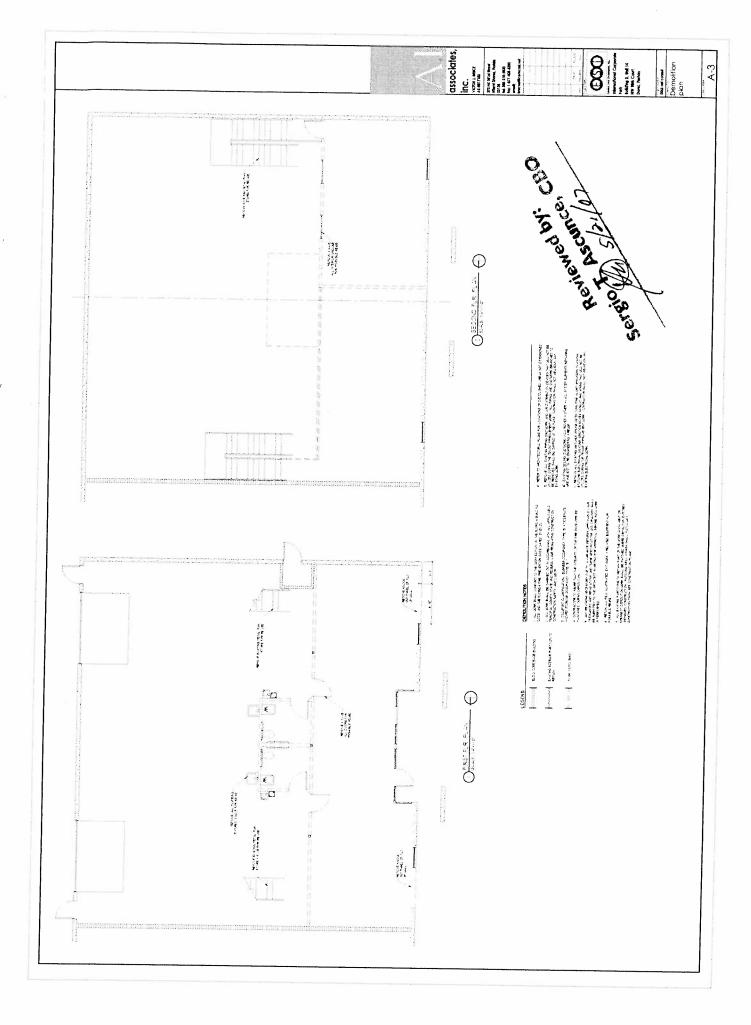
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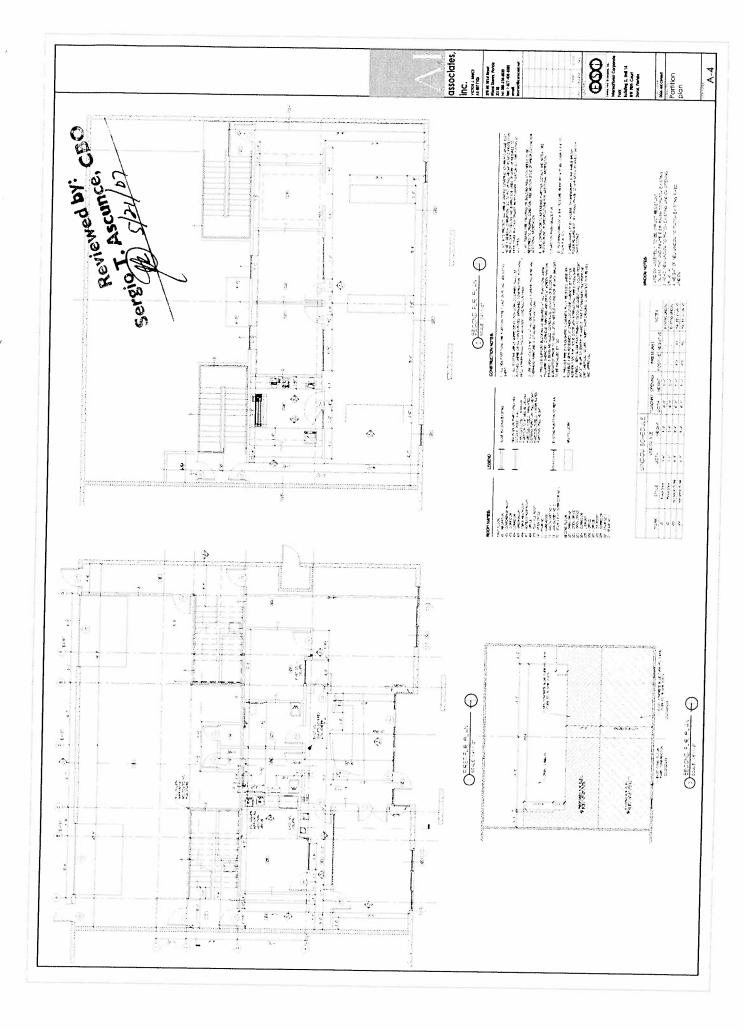
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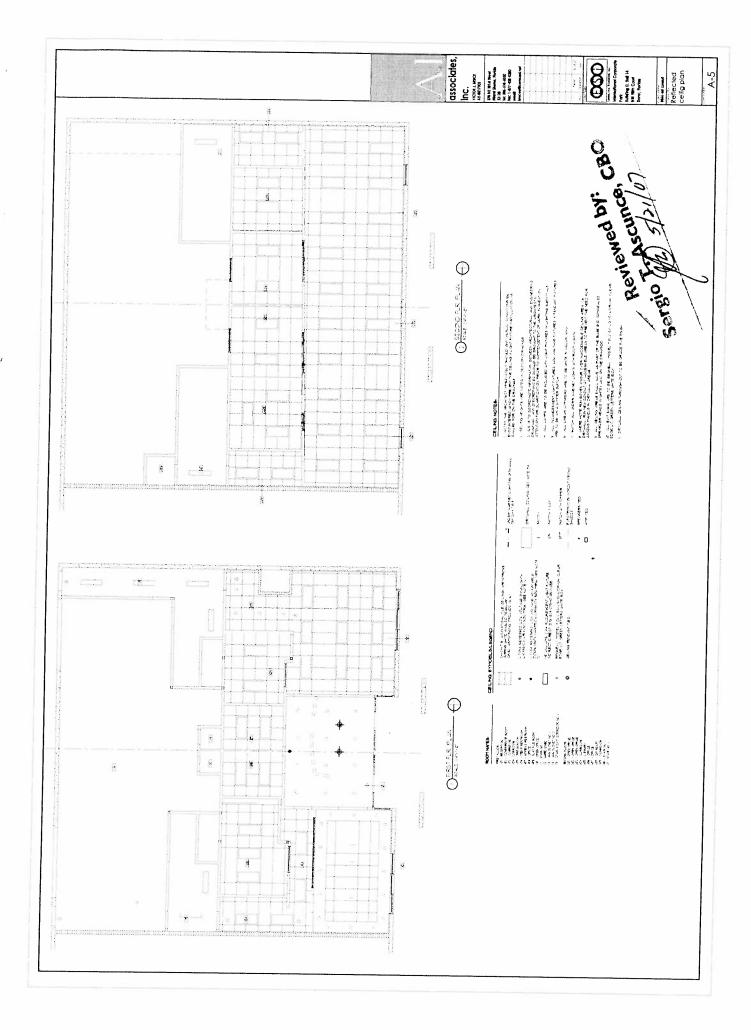
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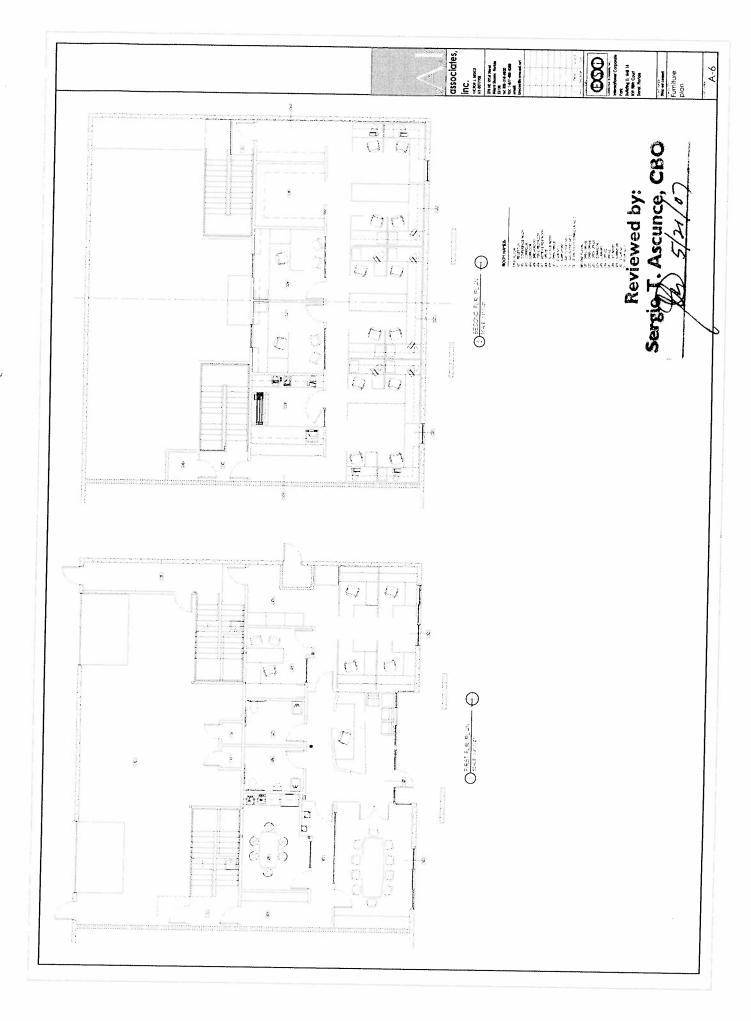
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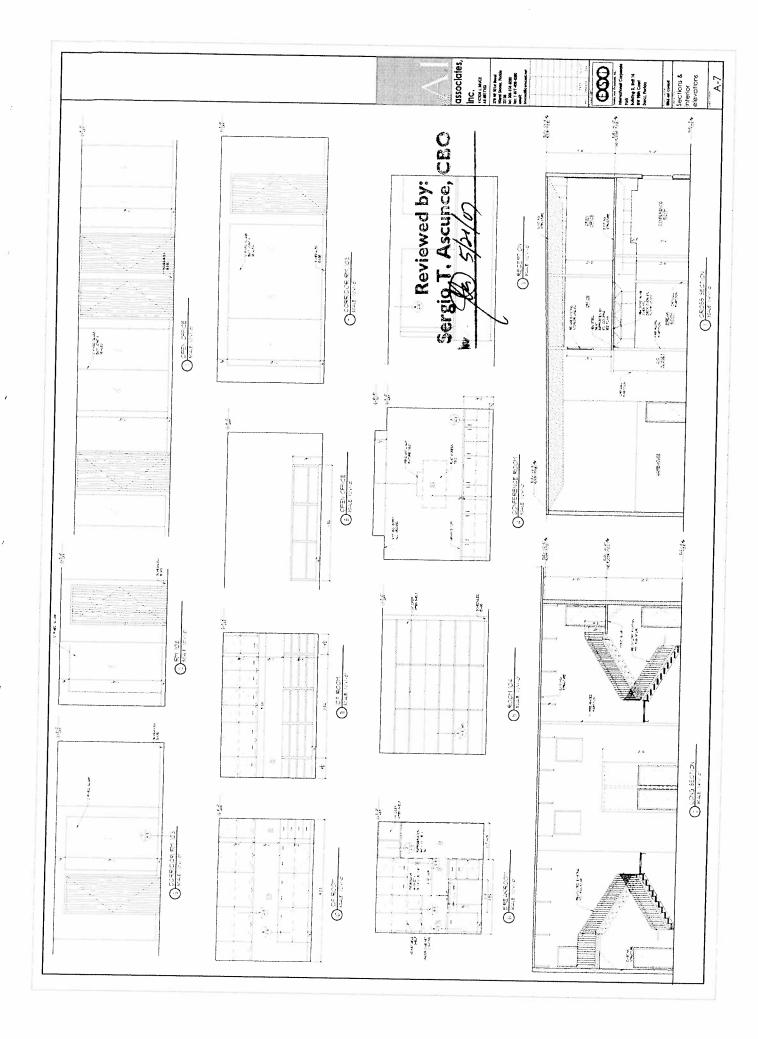












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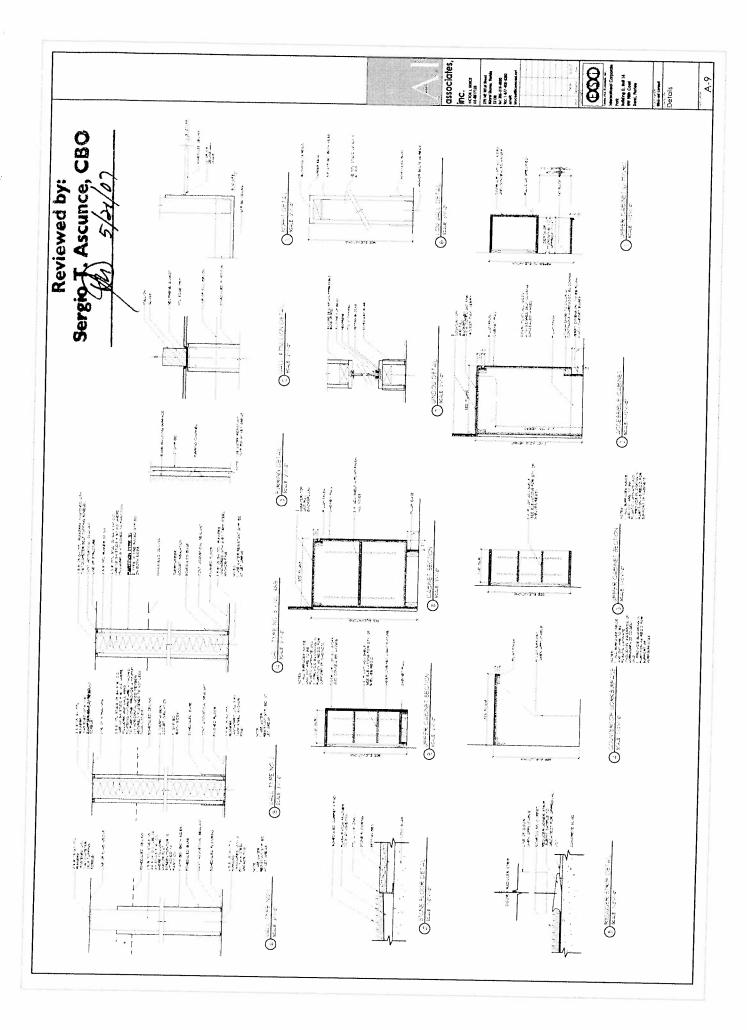


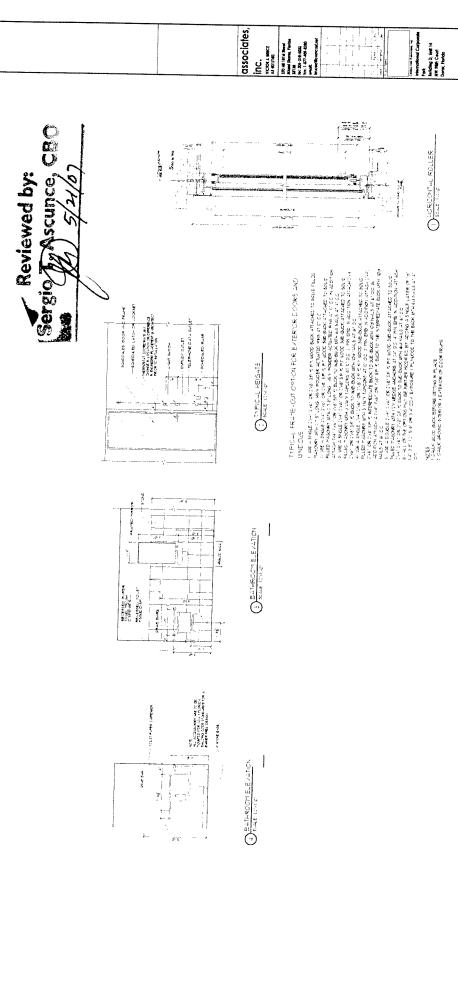


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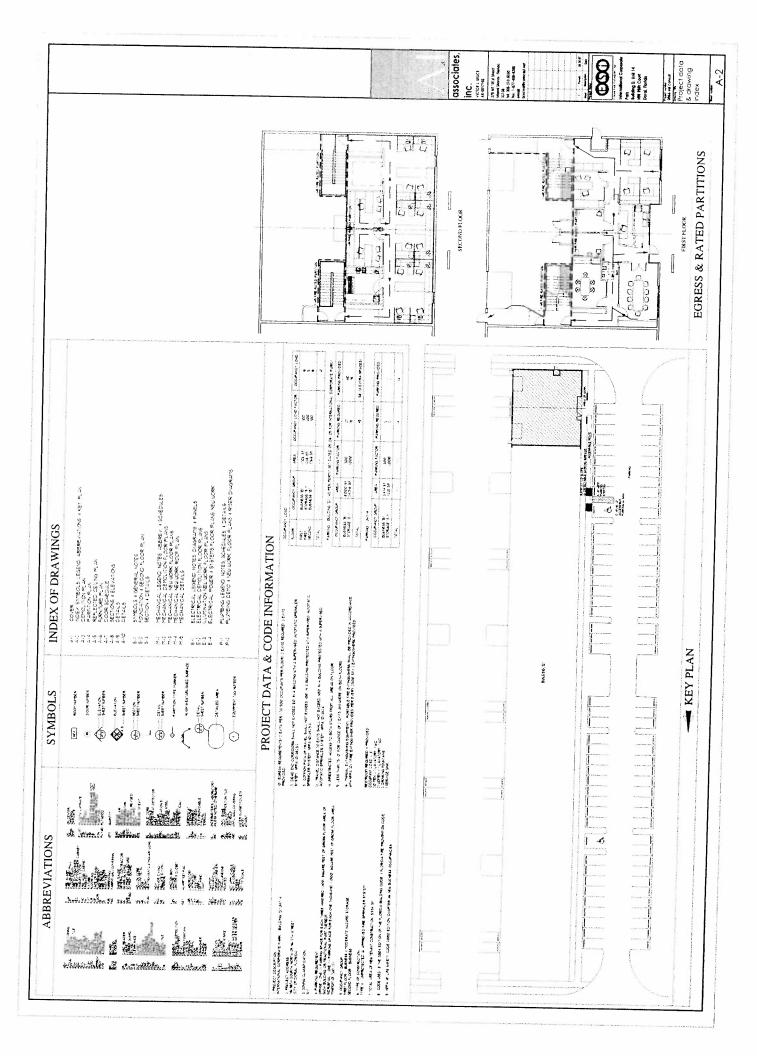
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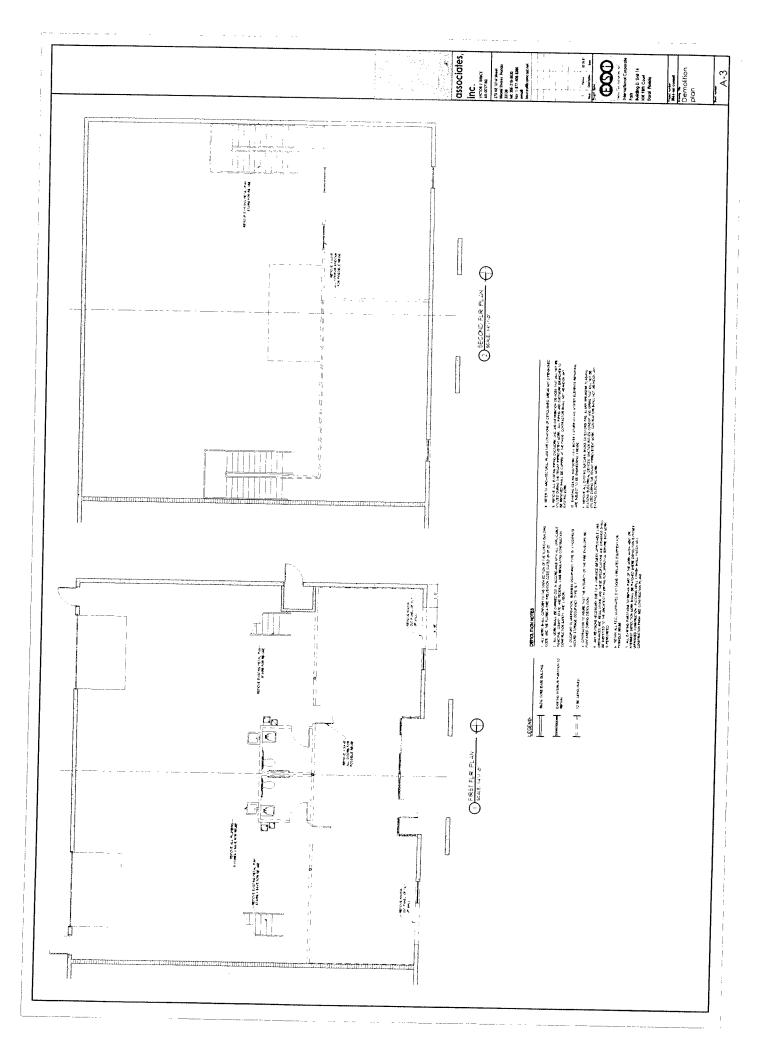
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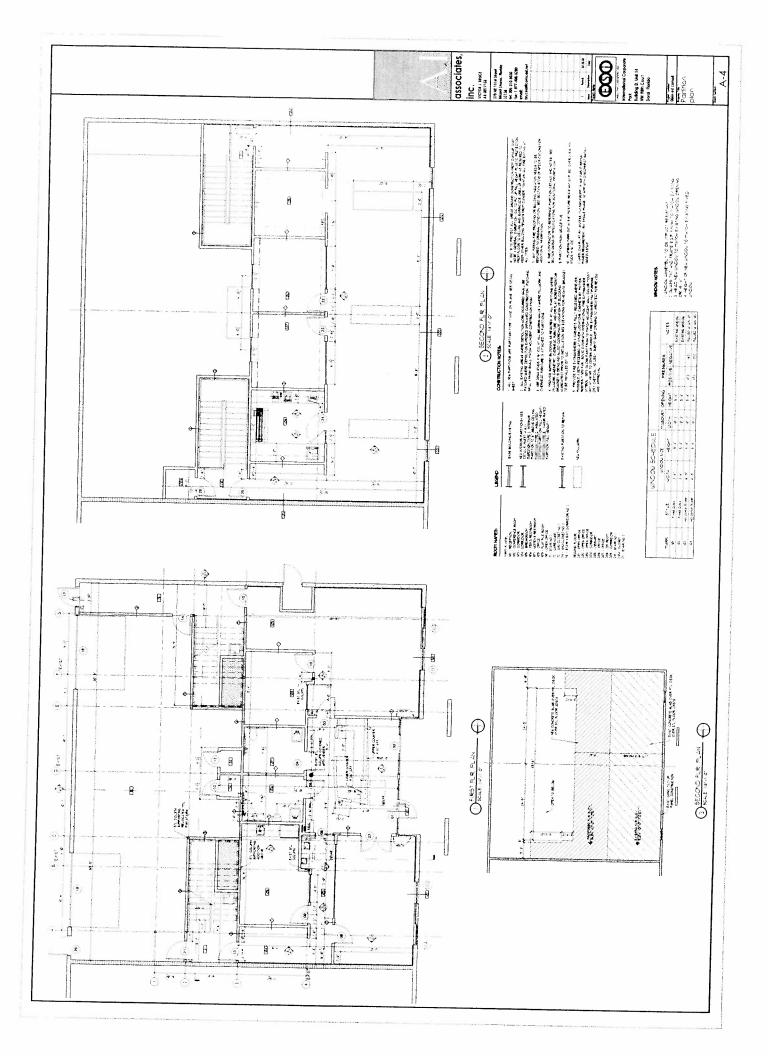
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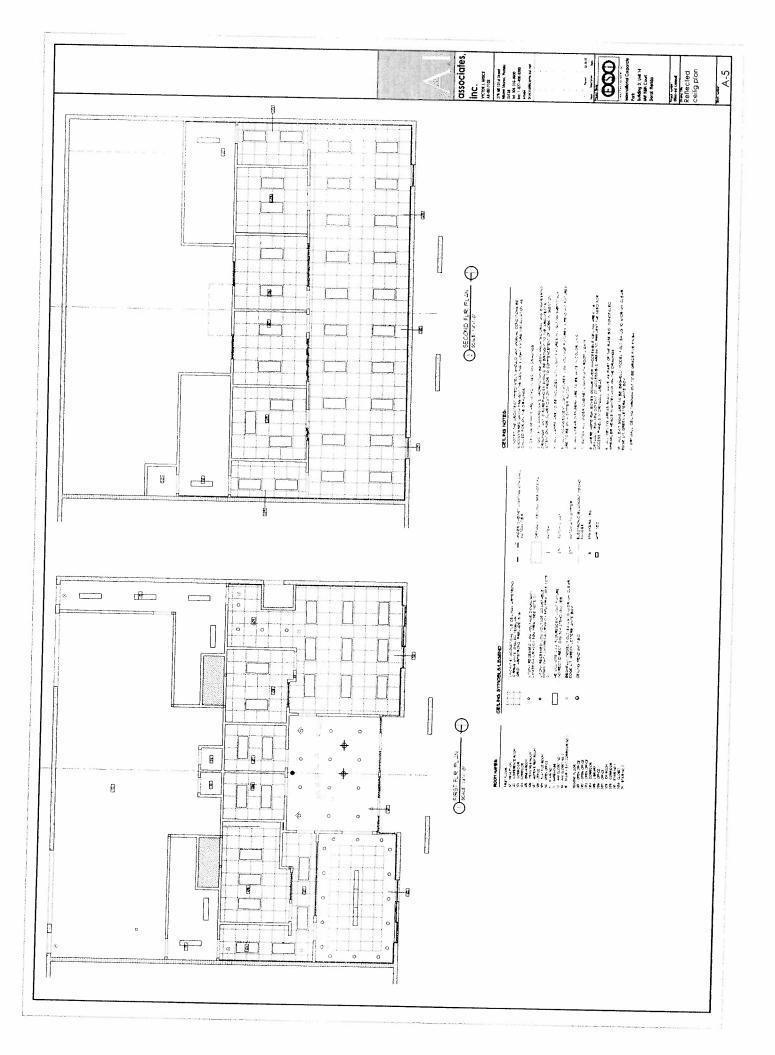
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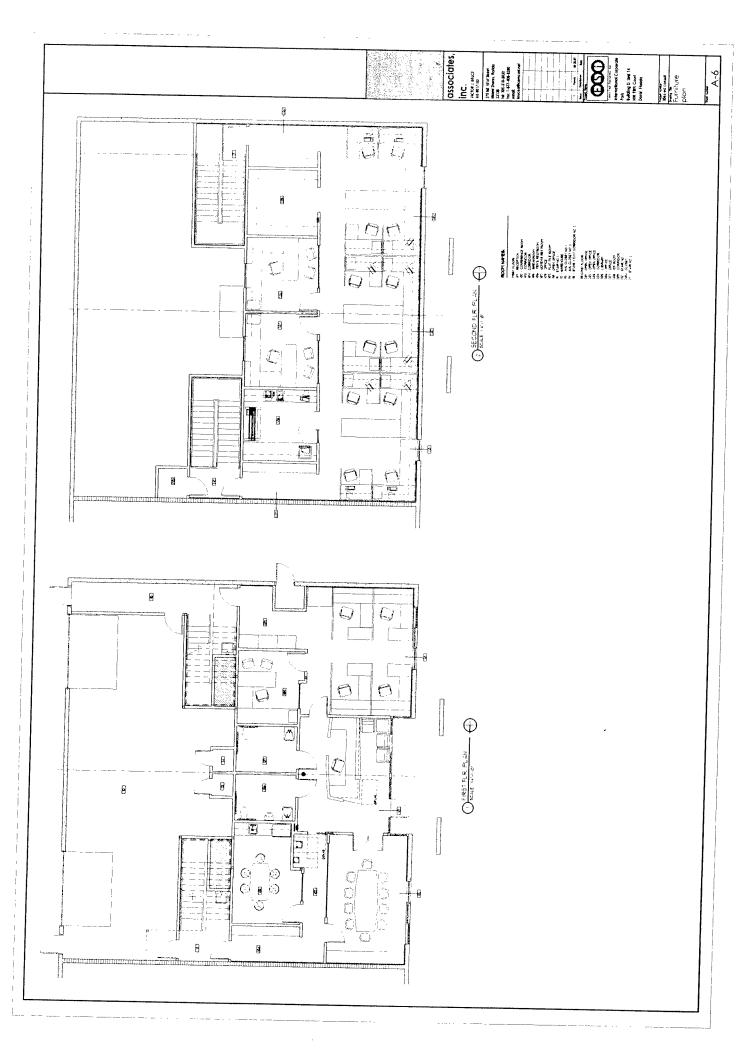
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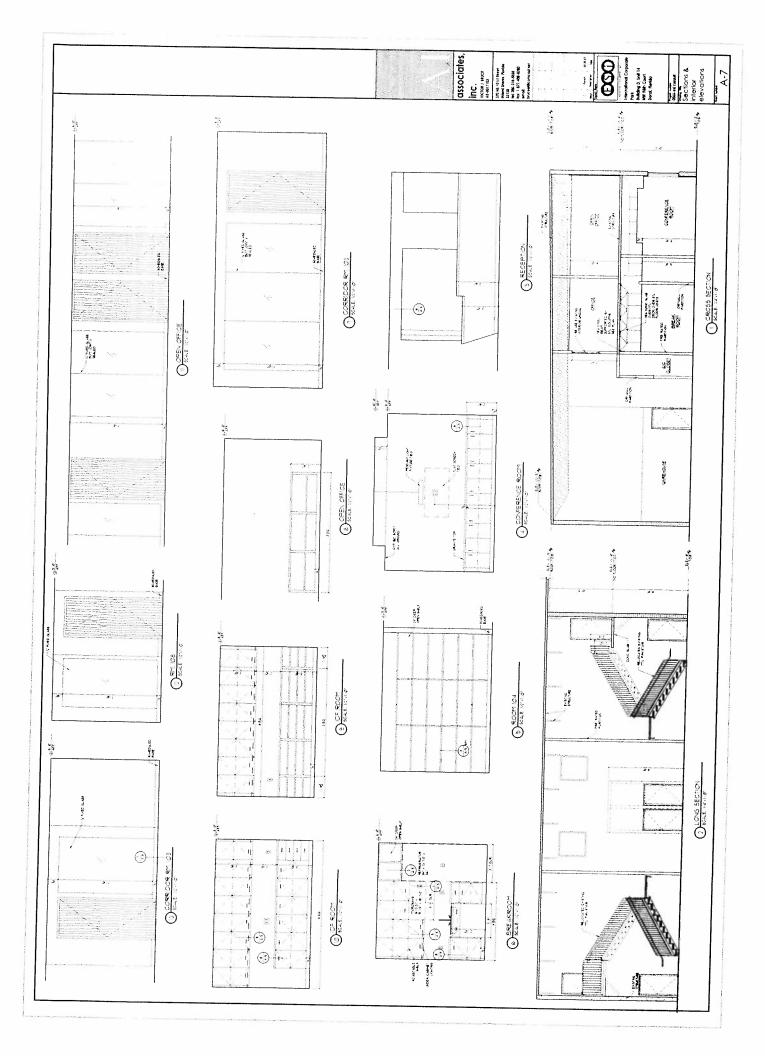












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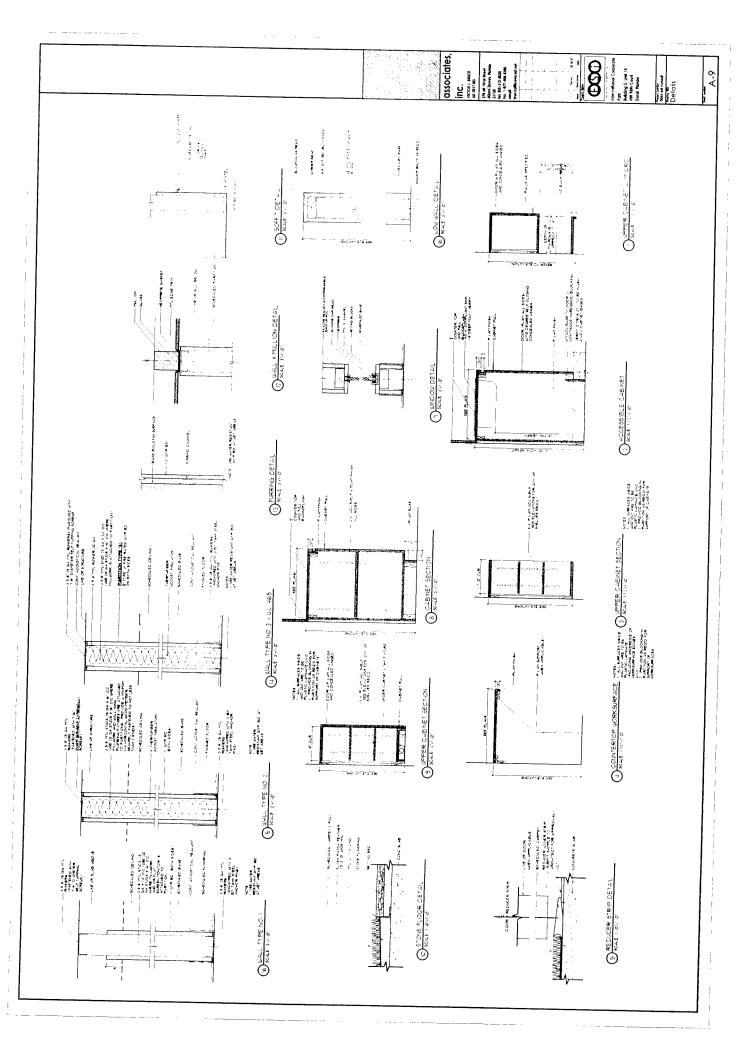
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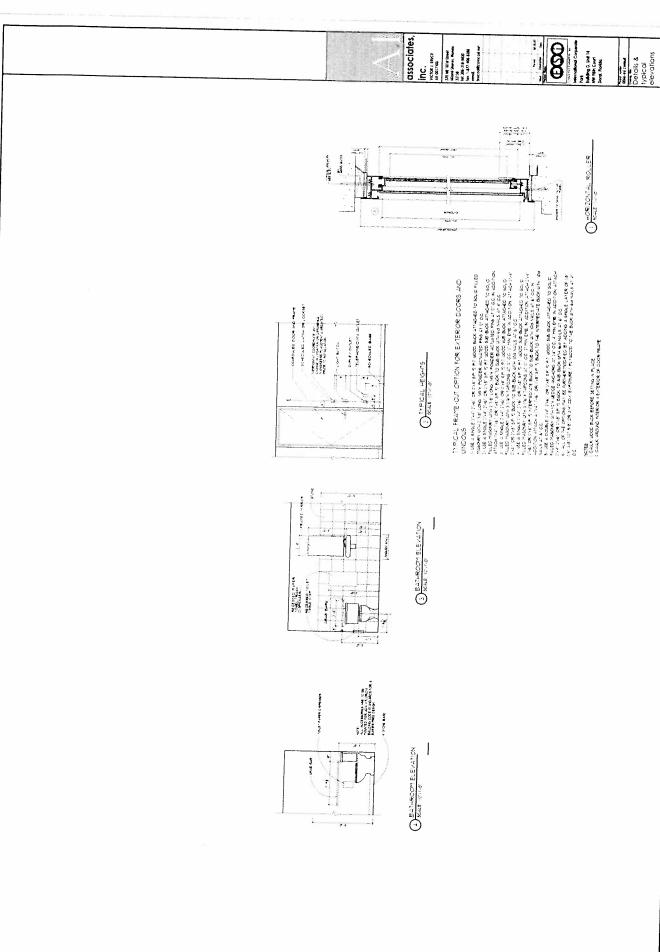
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