

# Employee Leasing Solutions spreads offices to South Florida

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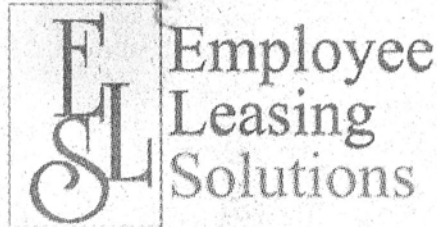
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**BRADENTON** — A fast-growing human resources company has extended its sales reach into the South Florida market and opened a new Fort Lauderdale processing center.

Employee Leasing Solutions, based in downtown Bradenton, opened offices in West Palm Beach and Miami to keep pace with expansion plans, the company said.

Its new service center will employ about 10 people initially, with potential growth to more than 40 employees within two years.

The three openings help warm the market to Employee Leasing Solutions, which specializes in the construction and related industries, in one of the nation's most competitive



areas.

Often mistaken for temp agencies, employee leasing companies provide human resources services such as payroll and workers' compensation.

The company, which declined to estimate the projects' costs, said the new offices give it an edge in South Florida.

"We think it will give us an east coast presence," said Bill Mullis, the company's chief executive officer, "and allow us to provide better services to our customers on that side

of the coast."

Mullis also said satellite offices and a processing center can provide backup operations in the event of emergencies such as power outages or inclement weather.

And the offices will provide immediate access with a lossprevention specialist to help clients with regulatory compliance issues as well as general safety services and concerns, he said.

The company operates in 16 major markets in Florida: Bradenton, Sarasota, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Ocala, Orlando, Jacksonville, Melbourne, Stuart, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, Fort Myers and Venice.

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