

ST. GEORGE ISLAND BRIDGE CEI ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DISTRICT 3  
**Franklin County, Florida**



#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

The St. George Island Bridge Replacement Project is one of the largest design-build efforts ever undertaken by the Florida Department of Transportation. The project involved replacement of a 4-mile long bridge over Apalachicola Bay, connecting East Point with St. George Island. Apalachicola Bay is an Outstanding Florida Water, an Aquatic Preserve, a Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) priority water body, and the largest National Estuarine Research Reserve in the United States. Apalachicola Bay accounts for 90% of the oyster harvest in Florida and is home to several endangered species.

Scheda scientists provided environmental expertise to the CEI consultant for construction of this facility. Scheda's project responsibilities included:

- Attending the pre-construction partnering conference;
- Conducting a pre-construction permit review;
- Conducting periodic inspections of the construction site to ensure compliance with permit conditions;
- Attending various coordination meetings with permitting agency personnel;
- Assisting with the specifics (design and construction timing) of causeway island habitat restoration for nesting shorebirds; and
- Monthly permit compliance tracking and follow-up.

