That's why his company offers robust importance on an educated work force. "We're in the beginning processes of building a bridge, building a building. We're the first ones on the scene, the first ones on the ground level, we're done. It's all foundation work. We're in the beginning processes of building a bridge, building a building. We're the first ones on the scene, the first ones on the job," he said. Winckler handles much of the company's training program. "You pull the economy out through technology and the only way you get technology is through education," Puccini said. The company is constantly looking for ways to improve its equipment, to get better results in the field, he said. The company began as Coastal Caisson in the 1970s and was purchased by its parent, Bauer Spezialtiefbau GmbH, based in Schrenchenhausen, Germany, in the 1990s. Bauer is a leader in the execution of complex excavation pits, ground improvement, deep foundations and in-ground walls, utilizing the most up-to-date equipment and installation techniques.

Loren Winckler, who has been with the company for 20 years, said he explains what his company does this way: "I work for a construction company, but you don't see anything we build because everything we build is underground. Once we get to the ground level, we're done. It's all foundation work."

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"What our company makes is the equivalent of a tunnel-boring machine, but we go vertical instead of horizontal," Puccini said. So, instead of tunneling through an area and pushing away the debris, it drills down. "We have to lift up all of this rock chips and cuttings - it's just tons of materials," Puccini said. "This is not easy. This requires lots of research and development." Puccini said the company chose to move to Odessa because it had outgrown its site on Ulmerton Road. "It wanted a spot that had ample room to accommodate growth, was on a trucking route and was in an area with good roads that was not heavily developed."

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