



**Lake View School District No. 25 of Phillips County, Arkansas, et al,
Appellants
v.
Governor Mike Huckabee, et al**

In November 2002, the Supreme Court of Arkansas delivered an opinion in the above case that compelled the state legislature to address the adequacy of school facilities throughout the state. One year later, Summit Consulting Services teamed with DeJong & Associates, a nationally-known educational planning consultant; Magellan K12 Inc., a national software systems firm specializing in automated assessment programs; and, Fanning & Howey, AIA, an Ohio-based architectural firm that prepared the Ohio School Design Manual. This team was awarded a contract by the state of Arkansas to construct and manage a program for assessing the status of all school facilities in the state, and to prepare a report to the Arkansas legislature, capturing this assessment and estimating the costs of compliance with the state Supreme Court mandate.



Since the beginning of 2004, Summit Consulting Services has been co-managing the efforts of the team and reporting to legislative committees assembled to focus the state on the effort and its conduct. Working out of offices in the headquarters of the State Contractors Board, we have constructed a CPM schedule, containing nearly 4000 activities planning for all program tasks and we have performed management activities relating to organization, solicitation and training of assessment teams, pre-assessment data collection by school district, deployment of assessment teams by region and district, reporting and collating of assessment data, estimating of costs to correct

deficiencies and preparation of a master database of all facility information collected. With Phase I of the contract successfully completed, the second phase is well into the first half of its progress, tracking to the schedule through regular updates, and it is projected to complete in late September. Summit and Magellan are assembling preliminary costs and benchmarking them to known references as a reality test for the ultimate program cost estimate

Drawing on its familiarity and experience with the program of the Ohio School Facilities Commission, Summit Consulting Services (as co-principal in charge) is managing a process that will long impact the quality of education in Arkansas.