

# COMMON GROUND

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## BEST VALUE WINS AT PROJECT ACCORDION

### RLI earns earthwork subcontract for hyperscale data center

**Middleton Township, Ohio** — Using a holistic approach to win the earthwork subcontract for a large Wood County hyperscale data center project proved to be a winning strategy.

RLI is playing a major role in Project Accordion, which will have two 360,000-square-foot buildings, an administration/office building and a warehouse when completed. Earthwork involves moving 2.8 million cubic yards of dirt at the site, which includes cutting 80 acres of retention ponds.

RLI will also provide the stone base for the building pads and establish a laydown and parking area, using 400,000 tons of stone. It will use 7½ miles of silt fence to control runoff.

## NEW ASSOCIATES

### Welcome!



Top row from left: **Sydney Johnston**, Help Desk Technician, RLG Walbridge;

**Matt Desmarais**, Millwright Superintendent, GEM Michigan; **Jennie Varney**, Marketing Manager, GEM Walbridge. Second row from left: **Lauren Minder**, Payroll Administrator, RLG Walbridge; **Melanie Carroll**, Account Manager, GEM Service, Walbridge.



“In part, we were selected because the owner recognized we presented the best value,” said Senior Preconstruction Leader **Tom Schneider**. “We approached the job as if we were the general contractor identifying how the earthwork affected other trade packages, and not a sub whose only or main concern is how the project affects them.”

Earthwork on the site, which is north of Bowling Green at the intersection of State Routes 25 and 582, began in October. Crews recently were spreading lime on the site to help dry the soil and prepare it for construction. The RLI team is hoping for mild weather so it can work through the winter and have its end of the massive project done by June.

The team: Project Executive **Andy Mack**; Sr. Preconstruction Leader **Tom**



*Earthwork for the project began in October and is expected to last until June. Some 2.8 million cubic yards of dirt will be moved and 80 acres of retention ponds will be cut at the Wood County worksite.*

**Schneider**; Preconstruction Services Manager **Troy Fritch**; Preconstruction Leader **Travis Maag**; Preconstruction Coordinator **Bob Briggs**; Preconstruction Associate **Makenzie Ortman**; Project Manager **Aaron Seymour**; Business Development Manager **Andy Lorenz**; Project Engineer **Aaisha Manandhar**; Superintendent **Lee Meiring**; Safety Specialist **Alan Lotozynski**.

## ELIMINATE WASTE, CREATE ORDER

### New from RLGU: Use 5S to help run a safe and productive job site

New content on RLGU can help you use the 5S method — Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain the Cycle — to run a safe and productive job site.

“5S is a simple and fundamental tool when it comes to running a safe and productive job site and is a good starting

point for applying CI,” RLG Continuous Improvement Director **Kevin Sealts** said. “Processes can flow more efficiently when associates constantly strive to clean and set their workspace in order.”

The 5S in Construction module has two parts, with the second to be released soon.



*GEM electrician **Jeff Sattler** pauses for a brief moment while running electrical to a laser cutter at the new Rolled Alloy’s precision steel plant in Monclova Township, Ohio. GEM helped move Rolled Alloy’s machinery from its plant in Temperance, Michigan, to the new plant.*

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## RLG TO BUILD EDGE DATA CENTER

### 61,554-square-foot building for customer Oppidan in Bowling Green

**Bowling Green, Ohio** — RLG is the construction manager/general contractor for a 61,554-square-foot, 5 megawatt edge data center in Bowling Green.

Edge data centers are strategically located to reduce latency and improve user experience. RLG will begin construction in March and expects to complete the project for Minnesota-based Oppidan in July 2026. GEM will perform structural steel, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work for the project.

“The RLG approach provided the best value for the customer,” said RLI Business Development Manager **Andy Lorenz**. “Working together with GEM, we are able to deliver a complete team-driven project for Oppidan.”

The RLG team: RLI: Project Executive **Brad Deal**; Sr. Preconstruction Leader **Tom Schneider**; Preconstruction Leader **Travis Maag**; Project Manager **Dave Crozier**; Business Development Manager **Andy Lorenz**. GEM: Project Executive **Jason Bartley**; Electrical Project Manager **Jason Cleghorn**; Mechanical Project Manager **Jack Wilson**; Structural Steel Project Manager **Andy Moya**.

## NEW WORK

**Perrysburg, Ohio** — RLI Special Accounts will build a 9,700-square-foot administration building for Perrysburg Township.

The single-story facility will include office space, a meeting room, conference rooms, a kitchenette and restrooms.

The current building, which was built in 1962, is aging and is no longer suited for the township’s needs.

The team: RLI: Project Manager **Dalton Landers**; Business Development Manager **Brad Delventhal**; RLI Building Systems: **Ron Bodin**; GEM: Project Managers **Paul Anderson**, **Dan Rork** and **Andy Moya**.

**Rossford, Ohio** — GEM will rebuild the cullet re-entry area for one of glassmaker NSG’s manufacturing lines.

GEM will fabricate a new hopper, support steel and dump house. Ironworkers will set the new equipment while millwrights will install it and related equipment.

RLI will pour a new tunnel roof and oversee driving new piles for hopper foundations.

The work will be done while the line is operating so the team will need to ensure downtime is minimal.

The team: Project Managers **Shawn Babcock** and **Adam Schumacher**;

Estimators **Jim Bronson** (Millwright), **Jim Russell** (Structural Steel/Equipment Installation); Ironworker Foreman **Chad Cope**; Millwright Foreman **Doug Parker**; Safety Specialist **Floyd Light**.

**Sylvania, Ohio** — RLI will be the construction manager on a project to replace ProMedica Flower Hospital’s powerhouse.

The current powerhouse equipment is nearing the end of its service life. Existing generators and underground fuel tanks will be removed and replaced in a new two-story, 96-feet-by-58-feet building.

RLI will self-perform site work on a time and materials basis and will bid on the concrete and masonry work.

The team: Project Manager **Will Conser**; Superintendent **Tammy Euler**; Co-Op **Isaac Fraker**.

**Cleveland** — RLG Northeast Ohio will be performing piping work at two buildings of the Cleveland Clinic’s new Learner Research Institute Cleveland Innovation District.

GEM will be a subcontractor to Southland Industries for the mechanical piping work. It includes chilled water, hot heating water, glycol system, condensate drain, steam supply and condensate return and fuel oil supply and return.

## NOW ENCLOSED

### New canine facility hits milestone



An RLI brick mason cuts block at the Lucas County Canine Care and Control worksite in downtown Toledo. The building is substantially enclosed and workers are starting to turn their attention to the structure’s interior. The facility, which will have a normal capacity of 172 dogs, is expected to be finished in mid-2025.

Most of the work will be fabricated at GEM’s North Ridgeville fab shop. This will be GEM’s first project at any Cleveland Clinic facility. All associates on the project will go through eight-hour Infection Control Risk Assessment Training.

The team: Sales/Preconstruction: Mechanical Group Leader **Dominic Vecchio** and Director of Construction Operations **Mike Beetler**; Project Manager **Bill McCarty**; General Foreman **Derek Bania**; Field Superintendent **Sean Williamson**; Safety Specialist **Brandon Heidecker**; Fab shop support: **Kevin Comerford** and **Zach Elias**.

### New Special Accounts Contracts for November

**Great Lakes Community Action Partnership**: Early Head Start renovation — Willard, Ohio.  
**First Solar** (GEM): Waterline — Perrysburg Township, Ohio.  
**Veterans Administration**: Bollard repair — Toledo.  
**Ball Corp.**: Mist Collection Building — Findlay, Ohio.  
**Mercy Health**: MRI installation — Sylvania, Ohio.

### New GEM Service Contracts

**Amware** — Berea, Ohio.  
**Chick-fil-A** — Lorain, Ohio.  
**Greif Packaging** — Massillon, Ohio.  
**Hitachi Astemo** — Sunbury, Ohio.  
**Lincolnview Local School** — Lima, Ohio.  
**Paladin Attachments** — Dexter, Michigan.  
**TOCA-Wixom** — Wixom, Michigan.  
**Tamarack Farms Dairy** — Newark, Ohio.