

# COMMONGROUND

MAY 2024



Mom's House Executive Director Savannah Marten, left, Program Director Julie Haas, and The Pregnancy Center's Christina Rodriguez get ready to break ground.

## MOM'S HOUSE & THE PREGNANCY CENTER PROJECT

### RLI-built facility will provide support for single parents

**Toledo** — RLI will serve as design-builder for a two-story facility that will enable Mom's House and The Pregnancy Center to work together to expand their services to pregnant women, children and families.

The 15,600-square-foot building, an RLI partnership with The Collaborative, is expected to have spaces that include:

- A space where student parents can study, do homework and rest.
- A state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center.

- A state-of-the-art playground in partnership with the Toledo Zoo where children can gain independence and build relationships.
- "The Together Space" where both organizations can collaborate and bring in outside agencies and groups to provide services and programs.

The team: Business Development Manager **Michelle Dean**; Preconstruction: **Mary Willbur**; Project Engineer **Nick Wehler**; Superintendent **Eric Riley**.

## DEPTH AND BREADTH

### RLG's multidisciplinary approach leads to 14 GEM Energy solar contracts

One of RLG's greatest advantages over the competition is the ability to design, self-perform and manage the work we take on.

That comprehensive approach is the main reason why Nexamp, the nation's largest community solar asset owner, recently selected GEM Energy as its Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) partner. Leveraging Rudolph Libbe Group's capabilities will allow Nexamp to focus on other aspects of its community solar business instead of managing dozens of contracts with multiple single-discipline contractors.

GEM Energy is currently under contract to build five community solar projects in New York and nine in Illinois that will generate a combined 129 megawatts of solar power. The first project, east of Buffalo, got underway in mid-May.

"We won the work on our ability to be a single-source EPC contractor to help build out their projects," said Director of Solar, **Jason Slattery**. "There are very few companies in the solar space that have the depth and breadth of services

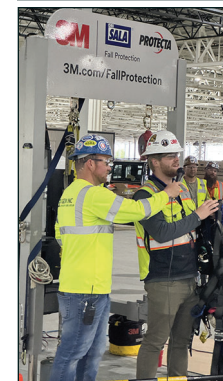
RLG provides along with a track record of successful solar installations dating back over 15 years."

Boston-based Nexamp's solar arrays send energy back to the grid. Consumers buy solar energy credits from Nexamp at a lower rate than what their local utility charges for electricity. Those credits appear on their bill, lowering their overall electric costs all while using clean energy. Community solar is a major part of the transition to clean energy, and not only helps to decarbonize the grid, but also helps low-income consumers who may not have adequate space or the financial ability to install solar themselves.

The team: Director of Solar **Jason Slattery**; Distributed Generation Director **Nick Hammond**; Solar Manager **Kyle Krefit**; Solar Electrical Manager **Rick Harris**; Lead Engineer **David Smith**; Solar Project Engineer **Adam Gardner**; Solar Project Engineer **Hakim Yassine**; Solar Assistance Project Engineer **Laine Cruickshank** RLI: Project Managers **Rob Wissolik** and **Nick Adams**; Project Engineer **Majdi Herzallah**; Supervisor **Chris Bachmayer**.

## FALL PROTECTION

### RLG participates in national effort to stop a leading cause of fatalities



Workers at all RLG sites stopped what they were doing for a safety stand-down on fall protection earlier this month. According to OSHA, falls remain the leading cause of death on construction sites with an average of more than one fatality per day.



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## NEW WORK

**Perrysburg Township, Ohio** — GEM will set equipment to treat wastewater, ultra-pure water (UPW) and chemical systems at First Solar's PGT-04 facility.

GEM will receive, set and anchor owner-supplied tanks, pump skids, filter press, reverse-osmosis skids, filter skids and boilers for the project.

It will also install all mechanical and electrical to the wastewater UPW and chemical equipment and panels in the plant's Wastewater Treatment room.

The project is expected to wrap up at the end of the month.

The team: Mechanical Project Manager **Jason Cobb**; Electrical Project Manager **Adam Fackler**; Piping Foreman **Jared Dusseau**; Electrical Foreman **Steve Decant**; Millwright Foreman **Jeff Thorn**.

**Walbridge** — GEM's Virtual Design and Construction team will provide Building

## MILESTONE

### Ken Youster: 45 years at RLI!

*RLI Superintendent*  
**Ken Youster**  
receives an award  
from Director of  
Field Operations  
**Mike Keane** for his  
45 years of service.



## THANKS FOR THE LEADS!

Every associate who reports a new business lead is entered into a drawing for \$100 in GEM and RLI merchandise.

The next drawing is in July for leads generated in April, May and June.

New Leads: **Wyla Brown, Bob Briggs, TJ Thieken, John MacGregor, Brian Swope, Matt Dickens, Denise Cromwell, Ryan Schmitt, Austin Bischoff, Mike Kovacs.**

Report your leads to:  
**RLI** — Shannon Deppen, ext. 3005,  
[Shannon.Deppen@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:Shannon.Deppen@rlgbuilds.com)  
**GEM** — Julie Camper, ext. 2654,  
[Julie.Camper@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:Julie.Camper@rlgbuilds.com)

Information Modeling services to Burkes Mechanical, a subcontractor on Rudolph Libbe's First Solar project in Louisiana.

Burkes Mechanical is fabricating and installing the First Solar NAT-01 process pipe racks.

GEM VDC will also provide BIM services for the facility's Central Utility Building. All GEM VDC work will be performed in Walbridge.

The team: VDC Project Manager **John Marshall**; VDC Team Leader **A.J. King**; VDC Tech **Eric Rife**.

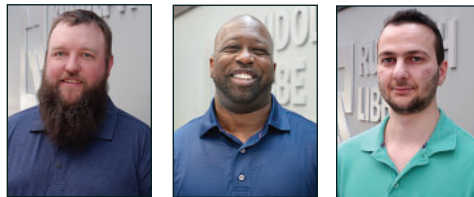
**Bellevue, Ohio** — GEM will replace screw conveyors and gearboxes, and perform general maintenance, during the Bunge North America facility's annual shutdown.

GEM will have eight millwrights on dayshift and two on nightshift for the replacement work. GEM was also awarded six other general maintenance contracts requiring another seven millwrights at the grain handling and receiving facility.

The team: Millwright Project manager **Shawn Babcock**; Millwright Superintendent **Craig Erchenbrecher**; Millwright General Foreman **Jeromey Wilson**.

## NEW ASSOCIATES

### Welcome to RLG!



Top row, from left: **Brent Hartsworm**, Tool Room Bench Technician, GEM Walbridge; **Dwayne Jenkins**, Safety Director, RLI Walbridge; **Hakim Yassine**, Solar Project Engineer, GEM Energy, Walbridge.  
Bottom row: **Mark Greenlese**, Tool Room Clerk, GEM Walbridge; **Chris Farkas**, Business Development Manager, RLI Walbridge.

**Lordstown, Ohio** — GEM will install three Engell Injection Molding Machines at pail manufacturer M&M Industries.

GEM will self-perform the equipment installation, electrical and piping.

The installation of the first machine is expected to be complete in mid-May. The remaining two machines should arrive in late summer or early fall.

The team: Project Manager **Christy Kovacs**; Electrical Project Manager **Mark Tomasek**; Millwright Superintendent **Baily Bejcek**; Pipefitter Foreman **John Moyer**; Electrical Foreman **Eric Shirey**.

**Napoleon, Ohio** — GEM will replace three medium-voltage feeders that supply power to five substations in Campbell Soup's east plant.

Electricians will install 5,000 feet of 4-inch rigid conduit on the roof of the plant.

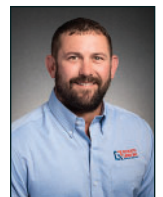
The work is expected to start next month and be completed in late summer or early fall.

The team: Estimator **Lee Pfund**; Project Manager **Christopher Pfund**; General Foreman **Todd Wiemken**.

## PROMOTIONS

### Congratulations!

**Ryan Zellner**  
Assistant Director  
Field Operations  
RLI Walbridge



**Mike Glaze**  
Project Manager  
GEM Walbridge

**Brandon Boehm**  
Preconstruction Leader  
RLI Walbridge



**Chris Lee**  
Preconstruction Leader  
RLI Walbridge