

COMMON GROUND

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INTERDEPENDABILITY

Customer's success intertwined with RLI and GEM excellence

Sylvania – As a company, it is important for our customers to understand the value we bring to the table. The same can be said for our vendors, as they, too, can eventually become an RLG customer. Ground Penetrating Radar Systems (GPRS) of Sylvania is one such vendor.



RLI and GEM have used GPRS for over a decade to discover underground utilities and other hazards underneath worksites. Our teams rely on GPRS' expertise to keep our associates and the public

safe -- as well as prevent the disruption of electricity, water and other vital utilities to our customers and the general public.

Company founder and President Matt Aston, who had worked with both RLI and GEM in the past, liked how each company approached business.



When the firm needed a new headquarters to support its growth in 2013, it selected RLG. Both RLI and GEM played significant roles in making the company's new headquarters a reality.

"We had experience with both companies as a vendor so when it came time to build the first headquarters, we approached RLG," Aston said. "We liked how both companies collaborated to make sure that we would be satisfied, and we were."

Nine years later, GPRS is the largest private subsurface contractor in the

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Ottawa Hills Local Schools, Toyota Research and Design have new spaces



Left: Ottawa Hills Local Schools cut the ribbon on its new learning space, The Foundry, which has areas for art and STEM instruction, as well as a 360-degree theater. Right: RLG in Michigan renovated the Toyota Research and Design facility in Ann Arbor, including a company store and kitchenette.



IDEA LAB

What's in a name? A great deal

RLI Senior Project Manager **Brian Swope** submitted an idea asking to reassess use of the word "subcontractor."

As other contractors are partners in RLG's success, he suggests that "trade contractor" may be a more positive and accurate term.

What do YOU think? Get in on the conversation by logging in to the Idea Lab

United States, with a nationwide network of over 300 project managers in more than 54 major metro areas. Once again, with the need for a larger facility, GPRS has selected RLG to be the builder.

Commit to the success of others
- the Building Success
Together Roadmap

Interdependability:

Making the choice to work together and be the person others can count on to accomplish something even greater than what could be achieved working independently.

through the Viima link on the GEM or RLI intranet home pages.



No Viima account? Contact **Jennifer LaCourse** at jennifer.lacourse@rlgbuilds.com.

There are no limits, parameters or end dates. Every idea has value!

"In having worked with RLG on so many of their jobs, we saw the quality of their people and the quality of their work. Our relationship with both GEM and RLI is such that we can call people at either one and they will make sure the issue is taken care of regardless of whose 'responsibility' it is.

"They work as a team, and it shows in their results. We appreciate knowing that whatever the issue we have, someone at Rudolph Libbe Group will address it."

-- GPRS President
Matt Aston

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IMPRESSED WITH OUR SAFETY CULTURE

Siemens, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers notice strong commitment to rules

Lima – Siemens Government Technologies and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have strict safety requirements for projects at the Lima Joint Systems Manufacturing Company/General Dynamics.

GEM is replacing and/or upgrading 151 exhaust fans, 13 supply fans, 20 air curtains, and installing structural platforms for 37 rooftop units. Every project at the plant gets an individual Activity Hazard Analysis which GEM fills out and submits. It identifies in detail the task, hazard, mitigation and risk level of the project. GEM must also submit a fall protection plan before work starts.

"While we were performing crane replacements, we were being audited by USACE as just a routine check on the job while he was on-site," GEM Electrical Project Manager **Jon Harris** said.

"During his audit, he was impressed with how well we were conforming to the site requirements and all fall protection systems that we were utilizing. "

GEM workers, mindful of the hot temperature that day, even pushed a bottle of water to the auditor to make sure he, too, was properly hydrated while at the job site.



GROUNDBREAKING

NorthPoint's Toledo Trade Center to turn a brownfield site into jobs

Toledo -- RLI is the general contractor for the Toledo Trade Center as the NorthPoint Development project recently broke ground at the former NorthTowne mall site in North Toledo.

The project, funded with a mix of private and public dollars, is expected to spur economic development and convert a brownfield site into something that will benefit the community.

NEW WORK

Healey Fire Protection, Pemberville

-- Under a contract with Healey Fire Protection, Inc., GEM will upgrade the existing fire arrest system at the Troy Energy facility.

This is the first of four units to be upgraded.

The work includes:

- Replacing devices and complete piping upgrades.
- Installing additional alert devices.
- A new platform to access the top of the CO2 fire suppression storage tank.
- Installing zone control valves.

There will be a one-week outage in November to make panel changes and final connections.

The team: **Charlie Korotnai**; electrical project manager; **Steve Simkus**, piping project manager and **Jay DeShetler**, piping estimator.

Napoleon -- GEM will replace approximately 230 feet of 8-inch underground fire main piping. RLI will perform excavation, backfill and concrete work.

GEM: **Lee Pfund**, project manager; **Todd Wiemken**, superintendent. RLI: **Nick Calmes**, project manager; **Donnie Fredritz**, superintendent.

Hill's Pet Foods; Tonganoxie, Kansas – GEM will install a hydrostatic cooker for Hill's Pet Foods.

The equipment cooks the product after it has been canned. GEM will build the cooker, platform, and infeed/exit conveyor, and also install cladding and insulation.

Eight towers for cooking and cooling the product will be installed through the roof of the plant.

The team: Project Manager **Lee Pfund**; Iron Workers Supervisor **Ron Ellis**; Boilermaker Supervisor **Chris Jenkins**; Millwright Supervisor **Jory Galbraith** and Insulator Foreman **Andrew Witaszek**.

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 October for leads generated in July, August and September.

New Leads

Mike Rumer

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