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New Episode!

GBA Case History #50

GBA PODCAST

“Know What You Don’t Know”

Elizabeth Brown, P.E.

Abi Corbett

New GBA Podcast Episode: Case History #50

Can doing the right thing still go wrong? In a new GBA Podcast episode, hosts Elizabeth Brown, P.E. (Atlas), and Abi Corbett (SME) explore the high-stakes environmental project profiled in [GBA Case History #50](#), where a procedural misstep led to major consequences. Learn how a geoprofessional firm navigated delays, unauthorized changes, and regulatory challenges to uphold integrity and avoid litigation.

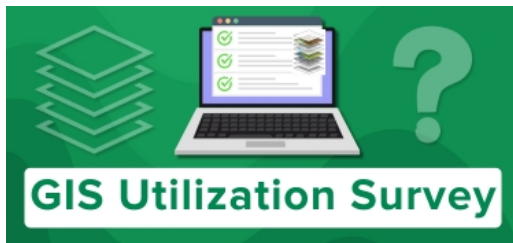
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How are You Utilizing GIS in Your Firm?

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is increasingly present in our daily lives, demonstrating its powerful impact across various industries. We are eager to learn how your company is using GIS to enhance operations. GBA's Business Technology Committee has created a short survey to help better understand how GIS is being used and encourage wider adoption across the geotechnical industry. The survey will be sent to your member firm's GBA Ambassador next week.



Mentorship, Motherhood & Mastery: Carrie Rodriguez's Story

A geoprofessional career isn't just about soil and structures—it's about solving problems and earning trust. In the latest GeoHeroes episode from the GBA Podcast, Carrie (Foulk) Rodriguez, P.E., G.E. (BSK Associates) shares how she navigated tough career transitions, stepped into leadership, and found her calling as an advocate for the profession.



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Updated Resource: A Message to Owners

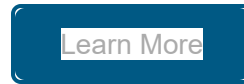
We've got another updated resource for GBA members. This refreshed "Message to Owners: Mitigating Risk with the Right Geotechnical Engineer" lists the risks civil and structural engineers assume when they develop geotechnical-engineering scopes of service and solicit proposals or bids. Guidance is given on reducing the design team's liability exposure. The document underscores the importance of relying on a qualified geotechnical professional, noting that the fee premium paid to achieve high quality is tiny compared to the cost of correcting the problems high quality can prevent.



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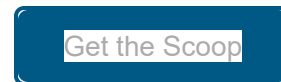
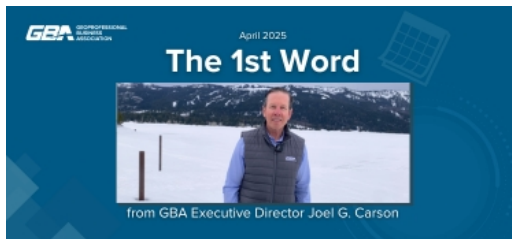
GBA Welcomes New Member InnovoGeo Engineering

Please join us in welcoming a new member to GBA's extraordinary professional family: InnovoGeo Engineering! InnovoGeo was founded in 2024 by Christopher Lynch, P.E., with a mission to provide high-value civil and geotechnical professional engineering services to the Central Virginia area and beyond.



Get the Latest – The April 1st Word is Out!

The latest episode of The 1st Word from GBA is live. Executive Director Joel Carson delivers quick, need-to-know updates on GBA resources, events, and insights to help you and your firm stay ahead. Make sure to watch through to the end for a little extra April Fool's Day fun!



Welcome New 2025 GBA Annual Conference Sponsors

We're excited to announce that two new sponsors have joined the [GBA Annual Conference](#) lineup:

[WACEL](#) is an association of engineering laboratories, inspection agencies, and building officials who work collaboratively with building officials and industry partners to help ensure construction quality.

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Looking Ahead: 2025 Fall Leadership Summit

As we continue to put the final touches on the upcoming GBA Annual Conference: Guardians of the Earth, we're also looking ahead to our NEXT big event – the [Fall Leadership Summit](#). Save the date and stay tuned for more details coming soon.



When: November 12-14, 2025

Where: Denver, Colorado

Who: YOU!

Best Practices: Interviewing - The Right Way!

Risk management in the geoprofessions begins long before the heavy equipment arrives; it may start with a half-hour interview for an open employment opportunity. Save yourself, your firm, and your future employees hours of wasted time by interviewing the right way.



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Future GBA Events

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[April 24-26, 2025 - Savannah, GA](#)

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[June 24-25, 2025 - Kansas City, KS](#)

[2025 Fall Leadership](#)

[Summit: November 12-14, 2025 - Denver, CO](#)



Gannett Fleming TranSystems Acquires Scalar Consulting Group

Gannett Fleming TranSystems has acquired Scalar Consulting Group Inc., a Florida-based firm specializing in transportation engineering and infrastructure services. [READ MORE](#)



Triad Engineering Inc. Celebrates 50 Years of Success

As Triad Engineering marks their 50th anniversary this year, they've launched a special series of blog posts looking back at the history and milestones of the firm and the industry. Topics include drilling, site design and development, and surveying. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO](#)



ECS Announces Promotions of Nabhan, Vieten

ECS Group of Companies (ECS) is proud to announce the promotions of Peter Nabhan, P.E., PMP, LEED AP BD+C and Katelyn Vieten, P.G., to senior national practice leader. [READ MORE ABOUT PETER](#) | [READ MORE ABOUT KATELYN](#)



Welcome David Koppel, Environmental Manager, to Team AET

American Engineering Testing (AET) announced the addition of David Koppel as the new Environmental Manager in their St. Paul, Minnesota office. He holds a bachelor's degree in geology from Gustavus Adolphus College and a master of science in geology from Ohio University. [READ MORE](#)



Hillis-Carnes Promotes Grant Hitchens, P.E. to Philadelphia Branch Manager

Hillis-Carnes announced the promotion of Grant Hitchens, P.E., to Branch Manager of its Philadelphia, Pennsylvania office. Grant holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University and has over 21 years of experience in project management, land development, construction, hydrology and hydraulics design, and municipal engineering in residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial fields. [READ MORE](#)

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-John Maxwell.

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