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# GBA NEWSlog

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## What Comes Next? Explore GBA's 2027+ Strategic Plan

Every few years, GBA seeks input from members, evaluates the market, and reflects on our purpose, goals, vision, and the strategic objectives required to meet them. With the release of our 2027+ Strategic Plan, we're delivering a new framework that will help our member firms – and the people who power them – lead through change and thrive in disruption.

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### Address from the GBA President

*Teresa Peterson, P.E., C.M.E., LEED AP O&M, ENV SP (GFT)*

With the completion of another successful Annual Conference, we kick off a new GBA fiscal year and welcome a new Board of Directors. I am honored and thrilled to take the reins of this storied organization! We have a big challenge ahead to roll out our new strategic initiatives as part of our 2027+ Strategic Plan.



[Read the Letter](#)

## Knowledge Sharing Webinar Tomorrow – Sign Up Now

The first event in GBA's new Knowledge Sharing Webinar Series takes place tomorrow at 2 p.m. ET. GBA members can still [sign up](#) for this presentation on “Data Management and Reporting for Geoprofessional Firms” from Adam Loewentheil, Co-Founder & CEO, Aldoa. Signing up for this event will also save your seat for the other upcoming webinars in the series.



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## New GeoHeroes Podcast with David Lourie

Learn from geoprofessional experts on GeoHeroes, an audio series from the GBA Podcast. In the latest episode, host and GBA past-President Guy Marcozzi, P.E., LEED AP BD+C, F. ASCE interviews David Lourie, P.E., D.GE, F.GBA (*Lourie Consultants*).



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## It's Internship Season at Geoprofessional Firms – Resources You Need

Summer interns are arriving at GBA member firms—and with them a major opportunity to build the future of your workforce! Make sure your internship program is set up to retain the talent you've worked so hard to attract with GBA's Best Practices guide to converting interns to full-time hires: [VIEW IT HERE](#).



Also check out these related resources:

- [Best Practices Guide] [Establishing an Internship Program in Your Firm](#)
- [Best Practices Guide] [Interviewing – the Right Way!](#)

## GBA is Coming to a TV Screen Near You!

GBA Executive Director Joel Carson was recently invited to participate in an episode of [Advancements with Ted Danson](#) (yes, THE Ted Danson). Carson was featured as part of a segment with Metafield by Agile Frameworks to showcase how technology is transforming the engineering industry and to elevate the important work being done. The episode also features Paxton Andersen, P.E., CEO of GBA member firm STRATA.

Shining a light on the issues and topics currently impacting society, Advancements features the state-of-the-art technologies and solutions dedicated to shaping, molding, and transforming our world.



**HOW TO WATCH:** Watch live on [Bloomberg TV](#) this Saturday, May 31 at 8 p.m. EST. The episode will be available for purchase on Amazon Prime after that.

## GBA Committee Gets Visit from Chief Meteorologist of Federal Agency

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Sunny Wescott recently spoke at a meeting of the GBA Emerging Issues & Trends Committee as part of their Think Tank Series. Wescott is Chief Meteorologist of the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. She spoke about the connections between the natural and built environments, climate change, and how infrastructure built decades ago was not designed to accommodate the barometric patterns seen today, leading to the potential for more frequent failures. One takeaway among many, according to GBA President Teresa Peterson, P.E., C.M.E., LEED AP O&M, ENV SP (GFT): "We need to be more creative when determining the impacts of projects, and comprehensive in our development and evaluation of solutions."



## National Dam Safety Awareness Day is May 31

[National Dam Safety Awareness Day](#) is held every year on May 31 in memoriam of the more than 2,200 people who lost their lives in the failure of the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1889. It was the worst dam failure in the history of the United States.

We're proud that dam safety is a priority for GBA member firms and that we're able to play a role in safer practices. GBA recently made publicly available [three free resources regarding tailings dams](#), which are among the largest engineered structures on Earth. (See this week's featured resource below.) These documents guide mine owners, regulators, and practitioners toward a more efficient and safer approach to designing and maintaining mine tailings dams.



[Learn More](#)

### Mine Tailings Dam Safety Materials

GBA has made three important mine tailings documents available to everyone at NO COST, regardless of GBA membership. These documents will guide mine owners, regulators, and practitioners toward a more efficient and safer approach to designing and maintaining mine tailings dams.



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### Future GBA Events

[Crystal Ball Workshop:](#)  
[June 24-25, 2025 -](#)  
[Kansas City, KS](#)

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

[2026 GBA Annual](#)  
[Conference: April 23-25,](#)  
[2026 - Phoenix, AZ](#)

### GBA Member News



**NV5, Acuren Announce Merger with \$2 Billion Combined Revenue**

Acuren Corporation and NV5 have entered into a definitive agreement to combine the two companies. The merger creates a \$2 billion combined revenue testing, inspection, certification and compliance and engineering services company. [READ MORE](#)



## **Padre Associates Acquired by True Environmental**

Padre Associates announced on May 13 that it has joined True Environmental, Inc., a platform focused on collaborating with founder and employee-owned environmental consulting and engineering firms to provide capital and management support solutions to accelerate growth and facilitate seamless ownership transitions. [READ MORE](#)



## **Tom Lewis, P.G., Joins NOVA as Vice President**

NOVA is pleased to announce the addition of Tom Lewis, P.G., as Vice President and North Florida Regional Manager. With over 31 years of consulting experience in Florida, Tom brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to the team. [READ MORE](#)



## **KCB Engineer Featured in Vancouver Geotechnical Society Magazine**

Klohn Crippen Berger (KCB) Senior Geotechnical Engineer Rick Friedel, P.Eng, P.E., is featured in the latest Vancouver Geotechnical Society (VGS) Magazine. His article, "Advances in Responsible Tailings Management Over the Past Decade and a Look to the Future," explores how the mining industry is evolving to manage tailings more safely and sustainably. Read the article on pages 42-44 [HERE](#). VGS is a local section of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, a GBA Alliance Organization. [READ MORE](#)



## **Kiewit, WSP Tapped for \$3.2B Canada Nuclear Waste Project**

The team of GBA member firms, along with three others, will build a nuclear waste storage repository in Ontario. [READ MORE](#)

## More GBA Member Headlines

[HDR Takeaways on EPA's PFAS Rollback](#)

[M&A Activity Cools Amid Instability: WSP](#)

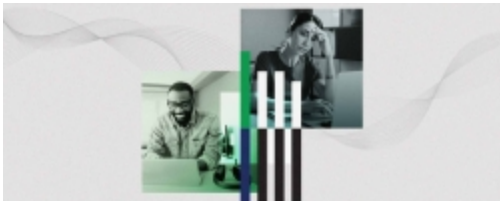
[Nobis Group Welcomes Ben Lasky, Project Geologist](#)

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### What We're Reading



#### [The Remote Work Paradox: Higher Engagement, Lower Wellbeing](#)

We're still learning about the effects of remote work on employees. Take a look at the latest information from Gallup and check in with your teams, whether they're remote, in-person, or hybrid. [READ MORE](#)



#### [The Staggering Cost of Employee Burnout](#)

You're not doing your company (or yourself) any favors by working until burnout. In fact, you could be costing them. [READ MORE](#)

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Learn more, share your story, and find resources [HERE](#).**



#### [Second in Command: The Misunderstood Role of the Chief Operating Officer](#)

This article was originally published in 2006 but stands the test of time. It argues that the COO is a role that by rights should become increasingly prevalent, but is prevented from doing so because it is so misunderstood. [READ MORE](#)



#### [Explaining Standard of Care in Construction Disputes \(A Canadian Perspective\)](#)

Disputes around Standard of Care in construction are one of the reasons GBA was formed to help manage risk. This article talks about expert witnesses and the key role they play and is a useful resource for geoprofessional consultants anywhere in North America. [READ MORE](#)

## More Industry Headlines

USDOT Announces \$607M of Infrastructure Grants | [VIEW PROJECTS](#)

Ontario Invests \$750M to Expand STEM and Open 20,500 Spaces

USGS Offers Funding to Find Critical Minerals in Mine Waste

Scientists Map Where Orphan Wells Pose Threats to Aquifers

Everything's Better, Down Where It's Wetter (Video)

The Great Salt Lake is Drying



"Time is an equal opportunity employer. Each human being has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day. Rich people can't buy more hours. Scientists can't invent new minutes. And you can't save time to spend it on another day. Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving. No matter how much time you've wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow." - *Denis Waitley*

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### About GBA

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) helps its members and their clients confront risk and optimize business performance by delivering unique professional resources, programs, and services that make them stronger and more successful.



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