COMMONGROUND

JUNE 2018



ONU's phase II solar array was completed in April 2018.

COMPLETED PROJECT: ONU SOLAR PHASE II

Ada – "With GEM Energy for the construction, as well as ongoing operations and maintenance of the array, we felt secure that we had a partner who would be with us for the long haul."

That's the leadership team with Ohio Northern University, commenting on the recently completed Phase II of ONU's solar initiative, a 1-megawatt solar array.

GEM Energy also designed and constructed phase I of ONU's solar initiative - 2-megawatt array, completed in early 2017.

Together, the two solar arrays will generate 15 percent of ONU's electricity needs.

GEM Energy will continue to operate and maintain both arrays.

RLI performed site work and GEM performed electrical work and installed the trackers.

Leading the team: **Kyle Kreft,** project manager **Rick Harris,** superintendent **Jeff Bacome,** foreman **Jason Slattery,** business development

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NEW PROJECT: HUSKY ENERGY

Lima - RLG is working on a water reuse tank project at Husky Energy. Work includes:

- Tank erection
- Pump, skid and piping installation
- Fabrication

GEM is performing all mechanical work and RLI is providing general labor and carpentry. Work wraps up in December.

Leading the team:

Phil Klingensmith, project manager Mike Capps, superintendent Adam Tobe, pipefitter foreman Cody Madden, boilermaker foreman Danny Lehmkuhle, insulator foreman Jason Scott, ironworker foreman Randy Brier, electrical foreman Chris Young, millwright foreman Jason Newell, QA/QC Dale Miller, safety Matt Wise, project engineer Nate Schroeder, estimator

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK: TOLCO WAREHOUSE

Will Lewis, vice president of Tolco, says: "We expanded our facility and added a 17,000-square-foot warehouse onto an existing building... It was crucial that we were able to continue operations out of that building while the construction was happening."

He adds: "We were able to complete the project with minimal disturbances to our usual work flow. ... Everybody I worked with was professional, knowledgeable, helpful and most importantly, capable. ... I was extremely pleased with the service and results that we received working with RLI and will look to them for my next project."

RLG PEOPLE Welcome to the team!



Kevin McCall Electrical Purchasing GEM, Walbridge

Alyssa Bihn Energy Analyst GEM Energy, Walbridge





Christian Baldenegro Facility Manager GEM Energy Service Group, Walbridge

Holly Hutchinson Safety Specialist GEM, Lima



ENR RANKINGS FOR 2018 TOP 400 CONTRACTORS

RLG is ranked 137th on Engineering-News Record's Top 400 Contractors list for 2018, up from 152 last year. Rankings are based on annual revenue. RLG is the highest ranking contractor based in northern Ohio to make the list.



WELCOME! FIRST-TIME RLG CO-OPS More co-ops in the next *Common Ground*



Sayara Shrestha BGSU Estimating RLI Walbridge

Dakota Kiefer University of Toledo Mechanical GEM Walbridge





Jayson Cleghorn Siena Heights Site Management RLI Walbridge

Joseph Goldblum BGSU Human Resources RLI Walbridge





Hassan Osman University of Toledo Solar GEM Energy Walbridge

Macy Flanagan Ohio Northern Project Management RLI Lima





Bill Alexander, Nick Baer and Chris Weeks presented Rick Grant with the award at a breakfast in On May 31.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Associates earn well-deserved honors

Rick Grant, a GEM Energy service technician, received honorable mention in the 2018 James J. Willis Craftperson of the Year awards competition presented by The Association of Union Contractors (TAUC).

Grant joined GEM Energy in 2015 and is a 20-year member of Local 50.

"Rick consistently completes the contracted amount of work under the budgeted man hours allocated and the quality of his work is the highest." – **Chris Weeks,** director of service operations.

This award was created in 1989 to honor outstanding labor-management cooperation and quality craftsmanship.



Jacob Pietraszak, GEM pipefitter apprentice, represented Local 50 at the Ohio Apprentice Competition at the end of April.

Jacob competed in the steamfitter category and placed 2nd out of 11 participants. He has been a part of the GEM team since 2014.

KUDOS! 3 VARCO PRUDEN AWARDS FOR RLI

RLI received three business volume awards for 2017 from Varco Pruden:

- Annual sales volume award of \$5MHighest sales volume in the northern
- region
- Cumulative sales volume of \$70M since 1982

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STAY ALERT FOR LEADS

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

Thanks for the leads: Jaret McKinley, Tyler Simms, Richard Inderrieden, Joyce Tester, Mary Allen and Lowell Metzger.

Report your leads to: **Christie Fair,** RLI, ext. 3246, Christie.Fair@rlgbuilds.com

Elizabeth Hancock, GEM, ext. 2603, Elizabeth.Hancock@rlgbuilds.com



Ron Kuzma, Matt Arnold, Dick Kelsey and Ron Bodin with Varco Pruden representatives. Special recognition to Quin St. John for working with the team for 34 years.