

# COMMONGROUND

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## INTERDEPENDABILITY IN ACTION

'Working as one crew': pipefitters, ironworkers and insulators at First Solar

Pipefitters, ironworkers and insulators make a great "composite crew" on projects like the First Solar Phase II pipe rack modules.

"It's part of the whole modularization process," says **John Marshall**, GEM mechanical project manager. "We're creating larger assemblies in our Fab Shop, rigging and putting them in place at jobsites."

First Solar Phase II required a different approach than Phase I. Phase II is 1.9 million square feet with a 12-month schedule; twice the size of Phase I, which had a 16-month schedule.

"We're working as one crew to install the pipe racks," says **Luc Brule**, structural project manager. "Some of those pipe racks will weigh up to 27,000 pounds. It'll be more beneficial and more efficient when we do it together."

In GEM's Fab Shop, ironworkers are fabricating steel, pipefitters are fabricating pipe and installing the pipe on rack, and insulators are pre-insulating pipe at ground level instead of at heights.

"We will have worked roughly four months

in our shop, moving all that work ahead in the schedule," Marshall says.

With a larger building, communication between trades is more important than ever, as well as more detailed planning.

In addition to Marshall and Brule, the composite crew is led by **Jeremy Mitchell**, mechanical project manager; **James Cone** and **Jeremy Snyder**, insulation project managers; **John Ruskinoff**, Fab Shop supervisor; **Eric Malczewski**, pipefitter foreman; **Jon Marshall**, ironworker foreman; and **Matt Brubaker**, insulation foreman.



Own the whole before owning my piece  
- 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.

## OFFICE 365

Migration sessions

Until everyone is on Office 365, there will be five migration sessions per week. Integration Committee team members will invite migration groups – via Zoom – to a session. All associates must attend one session.

### GEM associates

Mondays 2 pm  
Tuesdays 10 am  
and 2 pm

### RLI associates

Thursdays 10 am  
and 2 pm

Each session is limited to 20 associates, and you need to accept the Zoom invitation to participate. **Tess Erskin** is leading the session with at least one other IT person. Integration Committee members will also participate to answer questions and provide individual help.



## RLG PEOPLE

Next Black  
history story



This month's story in our Black history series features **R.E. Sanders**, retired RLI laborer and will appear in the December 8 Toledo Journal (thetoledojournal.com). For a print copy, contact June Remley, 419-206-1262, [june.remley@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:june.remley@rlgbuilds.com)

## RLG'S IDEA LAB IS OPEN 24/7/365

Under review: An idea for a new expense report system

**Chris Babcock** submitted this idea for review:



An Expense Report System that would let associates log in, complete expense reports on a web page, then upload scans/photos of receipts. The benefit: Simplify the process and save time.

The Idea Lab subcommittee is working to create a review structure for next steps and to determine others within RLG who should be involved.

Got an idea for consideration? Log in at the Viima link on the GEM or RLI intranet home pages.

No Viima account? Contact **Jennifer LaCourse** at [jennifer.lacourse@rlgbuilds.com](mailto:jennifer.lacourse@rlgbuilds.com).

### Subcommittee members:

**Keith St. John**  
**Jaime Hart**  
**Dan Judson**  
**Rachel Ringer**

**Ben Eisel**  
**Richard Inderrieden**  
**Jennifer LaCourse**  
**Mike Sousaris**

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## NEW PROJECTS

### ProMedica MOB II, First Solar Phase 2, Peloton Output Park and Ultium Cells

**ProMedica Medical Office Building II, Perrysburg** – RLI is construction manager and self-performing masonry on ProMedica's 80,000-square-foot Medical Office Building II.

The project wraps up in spring 2023. (FYI, RLI built ProMedica's Medical Office Building I about 15 years ago.)

Leading the team:

**Michelle Dean**, business development manager

**John MacGregor**, preconstruction services

**Don Mathewson**, project manager

**Brian Liedel**, superintendent

**Nick Wehler**, project engineer

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**First Solar Phase 2, Lake Township** – RLG is design/build contractor on First Solar's 1.9 million-square-foot manufacturing facility.

RLI and GEM are self-performing trades work. The facility will begin operations in the first half of 2023.

Leading the team:

**Tom Schneider**, senior RLI preconstruction leader

**Troy Fritch** and **Brandon Boehm**, RLI preconstruction services

**Felix Jagodzinski** and **David Crozier**, RLI project managers

**Luc Brule**, **Jim Bronson**, **Jeremy**

**Mitchell** and **Greg Phillips**, GEM project managers

**Eric Slink**, RLI project engineer

**Brian Wingate**, RLI superintendent

**Dennis Costell**, RLI self-perform superintendent

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**Peloton, Luckey** - RLG is design/build



A rendering of the Peloton Output Park.



A rendering of the ProMedica Medical Office Building II.

contractor for the 1.3 million-square-foot Peloton Output Park. RLI's self-perform work: civil improvements, concrete, tilt-up walls, masonry and general trades. GEM's self-perform work: plumbing, sheet metal, insulation, temperature controls, electrical and technology.

The project will be complete in fall 2022.

Leading the team:

**Tom Schneider**, RLI senior preconstruction leader

**Troy Fritch** and **Logan Wilson**, RLI preconstruction services

**Chris Stueve** and **Rob Wissolik**, RLI project managers

**Bret Hilbert**, GEM overall project manager

**Paul Anderson**, **James Cone**, **Matt Dornan**, **Lucas Fackler** and **Jeff Sneider**, GEM project managers

**Stephanie Andrews**, GEM project engineer

**Lee Meiring**, superintendent

**Brad Kessler** and **Eric Walentowski**, GEM electrical superintendents

**Jared Dusseau**, GEM pipefitter general foreman

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**Ultium Cells, Lordstown, OH** – RLG's NE Ohio team is performing projects to support the mass production of battery cells for electric vehicles at Ultium's new 2.8 million-square-foot facility.

Work includes:

- Turnkey installation of process equipment.
- Final alignments, process piping and electrical for several production lines.
- Sequencing and receiving of over 1,000 overseas shipping containers.
- Support for commissioning activities.

The project wraps up in March 2022.

Leading the team:

**Mike Beetler**, **John Roberts Jr**, **Mark Tomasek** and **Mark Turnbull**, estimators/project managers

**Russell Holbrook**, superintendent

**Mike Beetler**, **Jaime Hart** and **Dave Boyer**, business development

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

### RLI Retiree Breakfast

**8AM Saturday, December 4, 2021**  
**Hilton Garden Inn Perrysburg - Levis Commons**  
 RSVP to **Cheryl Svoboda**, 419/725-3295

Our honorees:

**Jim Babbkiewicz**  
**Bob Bressler**  
**Dave Dunn**  
**Brad Emans**  
**Dale Hoeppner**  
**Paula Marczak**  
**James Roberts**  
**Sandy Spoon**  
**Doug Zellner**

**Frank Bernal**  
**Rob Brown**  
**Eric Eckman**  
**Mark Heidebrink**  
**Steve Mack**  
**Bill McCowin**  
**Bill Slink**  
**Joyce Tester**

## THANKS FOR THE LEADS

**Austin Bischoff** **Gabrielle Delesk**  
**Ian McClellan** **Travis Philo**

Report your leads to:  
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**GEM - Elizabeth Hancock, ext. 2603, Elizabeth.Hancock@rlgbuilds.com**