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NEWS FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MARCH 6, 2105

GBC Tunneling Committee to Kick-Start at Miami Conference

GBA has created a new opportunity for its member firms. Your Geotechnical Business Council, in collaboration with tunneling expert Dr. Gary Brierley, is kick-starting a Tunneling Committee at the spring conference in Miami. Beginning at 9:30 am we will spend the morning of April 16th exploring common interests and needs, establishing a mission for the group, and setting one or two objectives.

GBA recognizes that Geoprofessionals involved in tunneling projects approach risk in a much different way than traditional GBA educational materials may have taught us. Specifically, tunneling professionals define risk by establishing estimated conditions through instruments such as Geotechnical Baseline Reports. Our member firms can benefit from understanding these instruments and how best to apply them to their daily practice. For that reason, we want you to join us in creating this valuable resource.

So what do you need to do? Email our Geotechnical Business Council chair, Rick Heckel at rheckel@ardent-geo.com to express your interest in participating in the Tunneling Committee. If, for some reason you can't be at the kick-start meeting, let Rick know so you can get plugged in. AND, if needed, [sign up](#) for the Miami GBA spring Conference, April 17-18.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick at 615-962-5314

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Uncovering Hidden Issues

The January 2015 issue of *Civil + Structural Engineer* includes a major client-bylined article explaining the value of engaging a geotechnical engineer at the outset of a project and keeping the firm engaged as a design-team member through to the project's conclusion. The article, developed with the help of the GBA and the Geotechnical Business Council, is the popular

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magazine's cover feature! If you have a story you'd like to tell through a similar article, contact GBA Executive Vice President John Bachner (john@geoprofessional.org / 301/565-2733, Ext. 223).

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Reversing Louisiana's Land Loss

Did you know that coastal land loss is a continuous and ever-increasing risk faced by Louisiana's residents, industry, and infrastructure? The January 2015 issue of *Civil Engineering* includes an article about how Louisiana has set out to implement a new 50-year plan to reverse the land loss by creating land, improving habitat, and better protecting its people and infrastructure from flooding. The article was prepared by the Baton Rouge, Louisiana office of GBA-Member Firm GeoEngineers in partnership with their client, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and is based on their paper published in the proceedings of the 2014 International Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure.

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