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Leanne Panduren, PE, Named ROWE's New President

Leanne Panduren, PE, is ROWE's new president. A licensed civil engineer in Michigan and South Carolina, she is a 20-year ROWE employee.

John Matonich, PS, has served as ROWE's president since 1997, chief executive officer (CEO) since 2000, and chairman of the board since 2005. In keeping with the company's leadership transition plan, he will maintain the role of CEO and chairman of the board for the next two years. In January 2016, Leanne will transition into the CEO role as well, while John will remain chairman of the board.

A 1993 graduate of Michigan Technological University, Leanne was hired by ROWE as an assistant project engineer in 1994 and was promoted to project manager and named an associate (share holder) in 2000. In 2006, she was named Civil Utilities Division manager, overseeing all municipal engineering and planning work for the company. In 2010, Leanne was named a principal of the firm and became a member of the Board of Directors in 2012.

During her career at ROWE, Leanne has worked with various municipalities in Genesee, Saginaw, Tuscola, Oakland, Sanilac, and St. Clair counties on infrastructure projects. She has assisted many communities with obtaining and administering federal and state grant dollars to help complete a wide variety of projects.

Leanne has actively promoted excellence and education in the field of engineering for many years, currently serving as president of the National Society of Professional Engineers' Educational Foundation. She is a past president of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and currently chairs their Legislative and Government Affairs Committee.

She is treasurer of the National Engineers Week Foundation and serves on the board for the National Institute for Certification of Engineering Technologists.



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ROWE Assists with Cutting-Edge Development in Midland, MI



Above is the former McKay Press building and parking lot, which were demolished for the new development. The photo of the new L-shaped building (at right) was taken at the same angle.



ROWE assisted the development team with civil engineering and landscape architecture services, from concept through construction for the City of Midland, MI's newest development, a 5.5-acre, mixed-use, multi-phased project. The initial phase of the project includes a four-story, 225,000-square-foot, L-shaped mixed-use building that will accommodate business offices, restaurants, and medical space. It is located across from Dow Diamond, providing a link from the diamond to existing downtown establishments.

Construction for the \$48M project began in 2012 and its completion will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 19, 2014.

City of Ithaca Accepts \$750K Grant

The City of Ithaca, MI received a Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Downtown Infrastructure Grant, for which ROWE assisted with preparation of the pre-application and final submittal of documents. The funds will be used for the construction of 3.5 blocks of streetscaping, including new curb and gutter, stamped and colored concrete, ornamental lighting, benches, tree plantings, and sidewalk replacements. The project also includes two blocks of sidewalk removal and replacement to eliminate barrier-free impediments and trip hazards in the downtown area.

Another exciting element of the project is the construction of a new farmer's market structure in the heart of downtown. Construction is planned for this summer.

If you would like assistance exploring grant options for your projects, contact ROWE Vice President Jack Wheatley, PE, (800) 837-9131.



From left, two representatives from the MEDC present a check to the city, accepted by Councilperson Alice Schafer and Mayor Tim Palmer.



Special Certifications Give Us the Expertise to Serve You Better

You can have a licensed engineer do the job or you can have a licensed engineer with certifications tailored to your specific project complete the work. The choice seems easy. ROWE's employees place great importance on continuing education and specialized certifications to offer clients the expertise they deserve.

Senior Project Engineers Jill M. Bauer, PE, PTOE, and Matthew J. Seitz, PE, PTOE, earned their **Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® certification** from the Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. The certification indicates a technical proficiency in such areas as traffic operations analysis, traffic safety, traffic control devices, and traffic engineering studies. Among other tasks, this will help them assist clients with addressing issues with access management, corridor congestion, and roadway safety.

Planner J. Douglas Piggott, AICP, PCP, is a **certified trainer for the MIplace training program**. MIplace is a statewide initiative involving the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Department of Transportation,

Michigan Association of Planning, and many others to promote placemaking. Placemaking is the process of creating quality places in which people want to live, work, and play.

Piggott is available to educate such groups as government officials, economic developers, and interested private sector individuals about the connection between economic development and placemaking and how to engage people in effective placemaking.

Project Engineer Scott C. Dickerson, PE, and Assistant Project Engineer Alexander J. Temple, EIT, have successfully completed the **National Association of Sewer Service Companies Pipeline Assessment and Certification Program**, including the Manhole Assessment Certification Program and Lateral Assessment and Certification Program. These programs provide standardization and consistency to the methods in which pipeline conditions are identified, evaluated, and managed. Dickerson and Temple have refined their skills to assess defects in piping structures and understand the unique aspects of lateral and manhole inspections and assessments.

Lakeside Park's Improvements Ready for Summer

This summer, Village of Lakeview, MI residents and visitors are enjoying new amenities at the community's only lakefront park. One change is the park has more green space since Sixth Street, which used to traverse through the park, is now routed around the park.

The village razed a house near the entrance to the park, allowing ROWE to design a parking lot expansion from 8 unmarked to 10 marked spaces, including one designated for handicapped parking. Although it made the design a bit tricky, all trees that had surrounded the house were undisturbed.

ROWE provided survey, design and construction engineering, and staking for other park improvements, including a new eight-foot-wide ADA-compliant concrete pathway connecting the existing restroom, pavilion, fishing pier, band shell, and parking lot; site lighting to increase security; and construction of a new timber fishing pier and dock. Previously, boaters had to get into the water and pull their watercraft to the shore since the water is shallow, but now they can use the dock. ROWE obtained a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit for the fishing pier and coordinated the electrical design for the park's new band shell. The project was funded with a \$100,000 Fred Meijer grant and local funds for a total of \$180,000.



Above is the new fishing pier at night; at left is the pathway and new band shell.

Award-Winning Project Showcase



ROWE performed lead inspection and oversight for the Portland River Trail Pedestrian Tunnel in Portland, MI (at left), which received an *American Concrete Pipe Association Project Achievement Award*



ROWE designed and provided project management for Comstock Park renovations in Adrian, MI (at right), which was awarded *American Public Works Association of Michigan Small Cities / Rural Communities Public Works Project of the Year (Structures Category)*

So Much Paving, So Little Time

When a job must be completed quickly, ROWE is there! ROWE provided construction engineering for 10.38 miles of hot-mix asphalt (HMA) cold milling and resurfacing on US-131 northbound and southbound, from the south Kent County line northerly to 76th Street, and from 44th Street northerly to 28th Street in the City of Wyoming last summer.

To minimize impacts to traffic, the project was on an expedited schedule in which 25,000 tons of HMA was placed in just 27 nights. One night, ROWE oversaw 4,000 tons of paving in a mere 10 hours. This was accomplished by paving multiple lanes at one time with side-by-side pavers.



For questions about these projects and more, contact Director of Corporate Marketing Jack Wheatley, PE, at JWheatley@rowepsc.com or (800) 837-9131.

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