



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Q. How did you learn about ATL to become employed here? (Recruiting event, ad, friend, etc.)

A. In 1999, I worked for a competitor as a lab and field technician. In 2006, I heard that a few of my co-workers were leaving to work for ATL. I did the same thing shortly after they did, and have been here ever since.

Q. What technical skills did you acquire that helped make you an expert in your position?

A. I started out working in the lab. I learned how to perform lab tests, and went through training and became ASTM and NICET certified. The more you do these tests, the better you will get over time. Having good systems in place to process samples in an efficient manner is also critical. It's also very important to pay attention to detail. I also attended Masonry Special Inspection training outside of ATL, and was on the ICC exam development committee for soil a few years ago. Taking advantage of training that is offered.

Q. What goals have you set for yourself to help you become more knowledgeable in your position?

A. My goal always is to be a good Technician, and to represent ATL the best that I can. When I'm out on a jobsite, my goal is to provide our clients and owners with a good end-product that meets their requirements. There is always room for growth in what you do already, and new methods of construction to learn.

Q. How did you become an effective marketer out in the field?

A. At the start of a job, I make sure I know our Scope of Services and what the objectives are of the contractor and/or owner. You need to have a good understanding of the project from their perspective. If a contractor calls for concrete testing, I ask them who is doing the SWPPP. If I'm on a concrete job with footings, I ask if a bearing capacity inspection is required. I also have learned that out of state contractors aren't always familiar with NYS Building Codes. Having knowledge that can help them, and can lead to more work in the future.

Q. What projects that you worked on are the most memorable?

A. Broad Street Tunnel in Rochester - This was part of the old Broad Street Aqueduct. The subway system was built with concrete. There was supposed to be a rehabilitation project for Broad Street Station that would have a library and patio area above. The project was shut down, in part, because our testing determined that it would have waffled due to the unreinforced concrete slab.

Cabela – This is a memorable project because of the big challenge it was. There were large masonry lintels, and large clear spans with load bearing steel supporting on them. There was a shale formation in the middle, and an old train trussell that used to run through the property. It was interesting to get around that.

Q. What do you like the most about the path your ATL career has taken?

A. I enjoy being in the field and seeing the different projects out there. I like seeing the different types of construction practices, and changes in the industry. There's always room for growth in whatever position you have, and new methods of construction to learn, which I really like.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add that would help others in their current positions get to the next level?

A. People need to pay attention to what is going on at project sites. Know the objective of each contractor and client, and learn the methodologies.

Broad Street Tunnel in Rochester

