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#### Antonette Huell, Marketing Coordinator | Bellevue, WA (1 Alliance Geomatics)



As a marketing professional, Antonette Huell helps build and promote Atlas' brand and attracts new business opportunities by preparing extensive qualification packages and proposals and establishing relationships with new and existing clients. She led the adoption of a customer relationship management (CRM) system to improve workflow. After excelling at Winthrop University, Huell anticipated a career in traditional product marketing. But after developing a talent for distilling complex services into easy-to-understand language, she quickly rooted herself in the AEC industry. She is a member of the Society of Marketing Professional Services Seattle Chapter and actively participates in Tabor 100, an organization that aims to achieve economic equality within underserved communities. She also works in close liaison with the Oregon Food Bank, West Seattle Clothesline, and Feeding America.

#### Brice Sanders, General Manager North Texas Region | Fort Worth, TX



Brice Sanders began his civil engineering career as an entry-level technician during college, where the bulk of his work consisted of sweeping floors and general upkeep around the office. But after quietly studying complex industry nuances and improving his portfolio, he quickly established himself as a key company asset. Now, as the North Texas Regional General Manager, he runs a multidisciplinary office of 30 team members. Committed to his craft, Sanders follows the latest industry trends, test methods, specifications, and keeps his hot mix and soils certifications current. Meeting regularly with city officials, Sanders discusses upcoming changes that directly influence his operations and has experience managing contracts on some of the largest design-build projects in the country (e.g., IH-635 LBJ, IH-35W 3A, IH-35W 3C) worth over \$3 billion in construction costs. Outside of work, you can find him mowing lawns and pulling weeds as part of a church initiative that helps single mothers and widows maintain their homes.

#### Chelsea Helm, Project Manager | New York, NY



After graduating from Stony Brook University, Chelsea Helm helped the New York City School Construction Authority conduct drinking-water lead sampling throughout the state. Helm is involved in Atlas' Environmental Sector, with 90 percent of her work focused on Environmental Department collaboration. Helm has known the industry long before launching her professional career:

*"Prior to my time at Atlas, I spent a few seasons with my father's residential construction company in Westchester County, NY, which provided me with a background of building systems, construction safety, teamwork, and tough days in the field. I also had the fortunate experience of attending client meetings and learning the finances aspect of the construction industry."*

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#### Corinne Lally, GIT, Staff Scientist | Raleigh, NC



Whether in the field logging core and dodging bears in Alaska or at her desk developing groundwater monitoring systems in North Carolina, Corinne Lally is constantly looking for ways to leave things better than she found them. While her industry contributions are stellar (field mapping a National Monument, conducting mold and asbestos surveys for a variety of buildings, and guiding a team of six through an abandoned hotel moisture map), it's her ability to lead that stands out. But the Carolina-licensed Asbestos Building Inspector/EPA-certified Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessor is far from satisfied; she wants to streamline basic training.

*"I have made plans with a coworker in Raleigh to create training material for installing and testing sub-slab vapor pins in December 2022. We will create a detailed manual complete with photos and descriptions. We are looking to improve training and allow for less-experienced technicians to feel more comfortable conducting these sampling events."*

#### Dan Marino, Senior Client Services Manager | San Diego, CA



Although Dan Marino's official title reads Senior Client Services Manager, he's a business development strategist. From day to day, Marino nurtures existing relationships by leaving an open line of communication between Atlas and our clients, to adapt to their needs and make necessary adjustments. This level of service puts Atlas in a category of its own, but to capture new business opportunities and increase market share, he conducts deep market analyses to move in on untapped demand.

*"In a business development position, I work to assist Atlas in identifying opportunities and reaching out to current and new clients in order to maintain a consistent workflow and to meet or exceed sales goals. As such, I often coordinate meetings between professional staff and potential clients, cultivate new and existing relationships, research target markets by monitoring economic trends and identifying key people, trends, and prospective projects."*

#### David McKenney, PE, Project Manager Site Development | Atlanta, GA (Long)



As a hydrological engineer in Dallas, David McKenney would find solutions to make land development projects less susceptible to flooding. As a project manager in Atlanta, he has helped develop Westside Park (the city's largest), baseball stadiums for Georgia Tech and Georgia State, and numerous affordable housing communities. As design technical lead for Atlas' new market in renewable energy, he has provided the civil design for five solar facilities, each over 1,300 acres long, in Georgia, Arizona, and California. While McKenney believes it's important to educate his colleagues on solar design, he also devotes time to upskill Georgia Tech seniors.

*"As a capstone adviser to the civil and environmental engineering department at GT, I review senior project initial proposals and meet with students to help develop their ideas. This opportunity enables me to teach students and provide guidance for the same industry questions I had as a graduating student."*

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#### Elizabeth Brown, PE, Geotechnical Services Manager | Boise, ID



When Elizabeth Brown took over the Geotechnical Engineering Department, it represented the culmination of her 12-year journey from intern to manager. She excelled at Boise State University, where she obtained a Civil Engineering degree and performed basic project setup duties for Atlas, outside of class. After earning her Professional Engineering license, she had an opportunity to mentor younger engineers and nurture client relationships which led to a Quality Manager promotion. She's consistently proven her ability to inspire those around her, deliver good work, and enhance workflows. What's more, her contributions are measurable: with four engineers, she helped produce \$864,000 in revenue. In just four years and with a larger staff, however, she's increased revenue to \$12.3 million. But business growth aside, Brown loves where tech is headed.

*"I am constantly looking for new ways to improve efficiency and quality in our industry. With the help of my team, we have developed google earth overlays to assist with many aspects of the services we provide, an electronic groundwater data collection system, mapping and modeling abilities, and use of drone imagery. For example, we have Google Earth overlays that show our projects since 2004, property boundaries, geology maps, fault locations, mapped landslide locations, USGS wells, LiDAR imagery, slope gradients, and more. These overlays help to provide needed data quickly and efficiently for geotechnical investigations."*

#### Emily Fuller, PG, Project Manager | Raleigh, NC



Emily Fuller began her career performing Phase I Environmental Site Assessments at a small firm in North Virginia. Once she had two years of experience, Fuller accepted a Staff Scientist position back home in Raleigh and set out to pass the Association of State Boards of Geology exams. Many study hours and 250 questions later, Fuller earned her North Carolina Geologist license and was promoted to Project Manager. Her day-to-day consists of juggling due diligence projects across a variety of sites within the state dry-cleaning and petroleum regulatory programs.

*"In our local office, I began managing the due diligence projects after the Senior PM moved to another firm. During that transition, I improved report tracking within our team in order to manage workloads, prioritize deadlines, and track projects/clients. I also became more involved with business development and outreach opportunities. In May, I attended a conference to learn more about higher education facilities management and network with potential clients. This experience allowed me to hone my communication skills and showed me alternative growth opportunities I had not considered."*



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#### Ian Broddrick, PE, Project Manager | Sacramento, CA (Alta Vista)



If you find yourself working on Ian Broddrick's team, you're bound to become a better professional. With nearly a decade of experience leading people through highly technical projects, Broddrick continues to build a reputable name for both himself and the company at large. He provides material engineering and quality assurance services for roadway and structures projects throughout California. He keeps a pulse on numerous Internal Process Assessments and After Actions Reviews to refine Atlas' processes and performance metrics. While joint ventures might seem like a gray area to some, Broddrick frequently collaborates with the California DOT.

*"Leading a diverse team means that my team span a spectrum of competency levels, and each person has their own unique needs. I customize my leadership approach for the individual so that it can be as effective as possible. In one example, I have a smart employee whose personal challenge is attention to detail. So, in reviewing their work, I've helped them understand what I'm looking for and developed tools (like checklists) that help guard against this particular weakness. Over time the quality of their executive briefs, presentations, etc., grew substantially and they earned praise from the client on their marked improvement."*

#### Isabel Mendoza, Environmental Scientist, CESCL | Redmond, WA (OSG)



If you ask Isabel Mendoza to describe her career in environmental science, she'd tell you it's been challenging yet rewarding. Her humble industry beginnings as an Environmental Scientist with no previous experience drove her to seize every opportunity that came her way. Since then, she's become exceedingly technically competent and helps improve national landmarks. She's experienced in soil sampling and contamination analysis and developing Environmental Plans for initial project start-ups such as Water Management Plans (WMP), In-Water Work Plans, Health and Safety Plans (HASP), and others. Her versatility has allowed her to participate in multiple projects in the Pacific Northwest. As a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) on a Washington State expressway project, Mendoza will play a major role in enhancing roadway mobility.

*"I am responsible for day-to-day environmental inspections, water sampling, and making sure the contractor and subcontractors maintain permit compliance during construction activities. Essentially, I work with the Washington State DOT and the Department of Ecology to reduce pollution to national waters by directing the installation of best management controls and conducting daily site inspections."*

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#### Jacob Schlador, PE, Geotechnical Engineer | Boise, ID



After graduating from Gonzaga University with a Civil Engineering degree, Jacob Schlador landed a Construction Technician job at Atlas. After a year, he joined the Geotechnical Services Division and conducted fieldwork for geotechnical engineering reports. Over time, Jacob grew well versed in deep foundation design, forensic investigations, and other miscellaneous projects and obtained professional engineering licenses in Idaho and Washington. The bulk of his work revolves around Geotechnical Engineering Reporting, but his industry knowledge extends well beyond that. When his colleagues face highly technical obstacles, Schlador is the first they call for counsel.

*“I like to make sure that we position ourselves to deliver work that either meets or exceeds our baseline standards. I also help ensure that when writing our technical reports, we strive to limit Atlas’ liability. In addition, I have worked with contractors to find solutions to challenging problems during construction. I have also mentored our junior staff to help improve the quality of reports and efficiency.”*

#### Joshua Samson, Project Geologist | Grand Rapids, MI



Joshua Samson began his professional career working in the oil and gas industry, where he conducted geological logging and geo-steering evaluations during active drilling operations. The demands of the job, compounded by the massive scale and degree of complexity, molded the foundation of his technical confidence and professional expertise. It was an intense work environment that allowed him to hone his craft as a geologist, develop personal independence, and propel his professional mindset. Eventually, however, he made the decision to transition to environmental consulting. With over eight years of experience in the petroleum and environmental consulting service industries, he focuses on the management and assessment of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites in Michigan. This role includes compiling technical reports and data analytics, conducting remedial site investigations and project management, and implementing new-hire field training and oversight.

*“Having the opportunity to work with new employees and guide them as they learn technical skills and industry has rewarded me with valuable leadership skills. Working closely with others has helped me understand the value of communication, adaptability, and teamwork. Everyone thinks differently, works at different paces, and has different strengths and weaknesses. Because of this, everyone learns differently. I believe the foundation to being a leader is built on the understanding that you can always learn and improve more. Anytime I can help or teach something to another employee, I look at this as an opportunity to continue learning myself.”*

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#### Kari Paritz, Project Scientist | Williston, VT



The Burlington School District selected Kari Paritz to manage the development of a \$181 million high school renovation project. Along with project delivery support, she was tasked with collecting thousands of substrate, soil, and air samples which had to be systematically stored and organized to keep the project on schedule. With a strategic plan and an amazing team in place, not one sample was lost or damaged. She stepped into a leadership role for this project only months after starting with Atlas and stuck the landing. Her work ethic on the job earned her recognition among her fellow branch managers, but she's only just begun.

*"I have proven skills in project management and attention to detail from initial client communication, project planning, fieldwork, technical review all the way through final reporting and billing. While conducting services, I have demonstrated Atlas' values of Trust, Heart, Mastery, and Life. I have worked and built working relations while being a transformational and empathic leader. I take great pride in my work, providing high quality results in an efficient manner, all while maintaining great relationships with clients and contractors, and supporting my team and community."*

#### Ken Windsand, EIT, Project Manager | Charlotte, NC



Kenneth Windsand started his professional career as a Field Technician for Arcadis, where he developed skills in groundwater, soil sampling, and the general basics of consulting out of Michigan and parts of the Midwest. He then moved to Charlotte to work for Veolia Environmental Services as an Environmental Specialist to assist in handling, packaging (including lab packs), and transporting hazardous waste for disposal on behalf of various clients across North and South Carolina. Later, Windsand returned to consulting and worked for Hart & Hickman, PC. It was at this time that he became field lead for larger excavation and drilling projects and started to manage smaller Phase II assessment projects. Finally, at Atlas, he joined the due diligence group, and took over one of the larger due diligence clients in the region (Lennar Carolinas). He has managed over 80 projects since and continues to learn and shape his leadership style.

*"For over 10 years, I have been consistently recognized for my professionalism, and maintained great work relationships with my co-workers, peers, and clients. I have an open-door policy with co-workers and try to work/train new staff when opportunities are available. I prioritize project deadlines, and delegate work so that projects can be completed ahead of time, and I talk with management to distribute work to others when my workload is bigger than what one person can handle."*

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#### Kristopher Beard, Senior Project Manager | Beaumont, TX



Kristopher Beard joined Atlas after eight years of service in the Air Force. He started his career as an entry-level Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Technician and began applying himself to climb a new set of ranks. Eventually, Beard attained Senior Project Manager status, where he oversees the provision of LDAR field inspection services, Benzene Waste Organic NESHAPS (BWON) Sampling and Inspection services, maintenance and repair services, Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) services, and a multitude of other Environmental Field Services within the petrochemical industry. He follows industry trends, studies the processes and procedures associated with this type of field work, and maintains a thorough understanding of applicable federal, state, and local regulations governing each sector.

*“My focus as a leader is to provide mentorship to my project coordinators and field technicians so they can perform their duties independently. I act as a source of information for them to solve issues, improve processes, and ultimately advance their own careers in the Petrochemical Industry.”*

#### Maria Kurniati, PE Transportation Engineer | Milwaukee, WI (TranSmart)



To Maria Kurniati, land development and public outreach go hand in hand. She started her career in construction as part of the traffic mitigation and public information service team on the WisDOT Zoo Interchange Freeway Project. Kurniati would meet with stakeholders who were directly impacted by the project to ensure their safe mobility through active construction zones. She attributes her ability to empathize and communicate with different groups of people to her graduate school training.

*“A few years ago, I was a project controller on a data center relocation project. I held weekly check-in meetings with all parties involved and kept the project moving forward. One of the challenges was how to balance a tight schedule with limited resources. I also co-led a software upgrade project where I collaborated with a handful of other departments to ensure a successful deployment.”*

#### Matt Burges, Project Manager | Lubbock, TX



Matt Burges knows the Texas transportation and construction industry. Before accumulating 14 years of professional experience, he walked the stage at Texas Tech University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He then obtained his Engineer in Training certification and worked for two years as a design engineer in San Antonio. His portfolio began with a variety of small city projects, leading to larger TXDOT jobs. As a Project Manager in the San Antonio and Central Texas area, Burges continued to expand his breadth of knowledge by working on infrastructure and transportation projects. Programs consisted of underground utilities, large and small diameter waterlines, sanitary sewers, and more. He would oversee all project management phases and day-to-day field operations. In 2019, Burges joined the Atlas team and hasn't looked back.

*“I am currently working as Project Manager overseeing multiple TxDOT CE&I projects in the Lubbock and Odessa Districts. I am also involved with several City and County projects in Amarillo and Lubbock as well as Construction Materials Testing work. I work daily to maintain good relationships with our clients and provide the best service and quality possible.”*

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#### Matt McCormack, Director of FP&A | Austin, TX



Matt McCormack has accountancy experience in bustling Washington, D.C. But before coming to Atlas, he worked for a private equity firm that owned and operated a network of hotels and resorts in Arizona.

When he accepted the Director of Financial Planning and Analysis position, his switch to bookkeeping for a public company was official. In this role, he manages financial reporting, variance analysis, and forecasting. He oversees and maintains the company's financial reporting software (which he deployed in 2019) and collaborates with leadership to help prepare board materials and business presentations. McCormack offers financial guidance to all financial directors and is chiefly a numbers guy with a strong financial background.

*"I bring 200% to my job every day. There is never a task too large or too challenging that I am not willing to take on. Being one of the first corporate employees, I was able contribute to Atlas' smooth transition over to public trade. From public filings to due-diligence, I was involved in every aspect of our sale."*

#### Maureen Logan, PG, Project Geologist | Virginia Beach, VA



Since the age of 13, Maureen knew she wanted to be a geologist. Now she is living out her dream, providing valuable environmental perspective during property transactions and essential regulatory compliance insight for commercial and industrial operations.

Every year, Logan seeks an opportunity to expand knowledge in her field. In 2018, she earned a professional geologist license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. In the past few years, she has been focused on expanding her knowledge in air permitting and geology fundamentals. Now looking into 2023, she seeks leadership certification opportunities.

Logan has served two years on the Board of Directors for the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Coastal Virginia chapter. In 2022, she collaborated with two other members to publish an industry brief on Brownfields redevelopment. In 2023 & 2024, Logan will serve as Treasurer. Logan also volunteers for the Elizabeth River Project (ERP) based in Norfolk, Virginia. The organization has been working tirelessly to revitalize the heavily industrialized Elizabeth River and has achieved remarkable gains.

#### Michaela Simpson, Industrial Hygiene Project Manager | Houston, TX



Michaela Simpson began her career in 2004 with the Air Force as part of the Industrial Hygiene/Bioenvironmental Engineering group in Oklahoma City. In 2008, she joined Atlas with Indoor Air Quality and Rapid Response experience and supports our disaster rapid response team. An expert in water intrusion surveys, she has aided restoration activities following pipe and sprinkler system breaks for notable storms, including Winter Storm Uri and Viola (2021), Hurricane Laura (2020), Hurricane Delta (2020), Hurricane Irene (2011), and Hurricane Ike (2008) in Texas and Louisiana; and Hurricane Irene (2011) in Puerto Rico.

Simpson also manages national client programs such as Industrial Hygiene for Lifetime Fitness and the Aerospace sector both in the States and Germany. She holds licensure as a Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) asbestos inspector, and a Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Mold Assessment Consultant. She also helps update Atlas reports templates with the most current standards.



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#### Mike Barrera, PE, Civil Engineer IV | Chicago, IL (TranSmart)



Mike Barrera led utility coordination, civil design on permanent stations, and ESDC items for the \$2.1 billion Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Red-Purple Modernization (RPM) design-build project. In 2022, Barrera also began work on the Illinois Department of Transportation's (DOT) Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program, applying for grants and project funding for various projects.

*"The most satisfying part about the civil engineering industry is having the opportunity to create a design, see it constructed, and then witness the positive impact it has on the public for decades to come,"* Barrera said.

To generate a healthy work-life balance, Barrera says exercise is key. Playing basketball or lifting weights allows him to clear his mind and reset for a couple hours a day. Barrera says, *"When I work out, I typically have more focus and I am in a better mood, both at-work and outside of work."*

#### Morgan Mullins, Project Geologist | Duluth, GA



Passionate about protecting water resources, Morgan Mullins earned her Hydrogeology Masters at Clemson University. During her graduate program, she performed nearly 400 experiments with a team of students to evaluate if injecting garlic oil, lactate, vegetable oil, and yeasts into slurries sped up the reduction of accelerated chlorinated solvent in soils and groundwater. The results were positive! She won "Best Student Presentation" at the 2018 Clemson University Hydrogeology Symposium, presenting her findings which supported that additions of lactate and vegetable oil indeed accelerate chlorinated solvent bio-degradation.

*"I bring my strong work ethic, positive attitude, and willingness to learn and grow to each project, being willing to go above and beyond to assist others and work to meet client demands and deadlines,"* says Mullins.

Mullins joined Engineers Without Borders (EWB) to help build a permanent bridge in the remote village of Dumangbe, Sierra Leon, Africa. While temporary crossings are constructed annually, they don't make it past the heavy wet season; no bridge in place leads to an uptick in local drownings, as community members attempt to reach the other side of the river by their own means. But Mullins believes building the bridge will enhance the quality of life in Dumangbe by improving safety, increasing access to medical care and educational opportunities, and connecting a remote community with larger cities in the region.

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#### Quyen Liu, EIT, Project Manager | Lakewood, CO (WesTest)



Quyen Liu, EIT, thrives on a good challenge. He says, *“Every project that I have worked on is special, distinctive, and singular. Each project has its own challenge and requires a certain level of knowledge and appropriate techniques.”*

With over 10 years of experience in project management, construction materials testing, concrete and asphalt mix design, Liu continues to value lifelong learning and strive for refinement. He has AASHTO accreditation and is currently working on his Professional Engineering licensure. Stepping up to the plate as needed, Liu mentors and challenges staff to be the best they can be. In 2016, he created a training binder that is now used to train new employees. When there was a shortage of staff, Liu worked overtime to support his team and ensure client’s needs were met.

*“To maintain my work-life balance, I have learned to recalibrate my expectations and end work at a certain time. I would take lunch on time and take time off when my mind is out of balance.”*

#### Rami Boundouki, PE, Executive Vice President | New York, NY (Alta Vista Solutions)



Dedicated to the success of the company, Rami Boundouki helped grow Alta Vista Solutions in New York City to 25 people in five years. He’s known for working on notable projects, including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in California and Mario Cuomo (Tappan Zee) Bridge in New York. An expert in his field, Boundouki is the Deputy Project Director for the \$2 Billion Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (MTA) Penn Station Access Project as part of Atlas’ Project Management Consultant Services Contract.

Boundouki serves as a Member of the American Council of Engineering Companies’ (ACEC) MTA Committee. He was recognized by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), Transportation Research Board (TRB), and the NYC Bridge Conference as an expert in his field performing both publications and presentations.

#### Sally Betz, Project Manager | Columbus, OH



Sally Betz has over 15 years of experience specializing in Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs). She worked on a former landfill project that won the 2010 Region 5 Phoenix Award for Excellence in Brownfield Development.

Always looking to expand her breadth of knowledge, she underwent training in Asbestos Hazard Evaluation, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Inspection and Maintenance of Stormwater Control Measures in Ohio, Vapor Intrusion, and Groundwater and Soil Sampling offered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Betz was an active member of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Columbus from 2016 to 2019. She served as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for CREW in 2019, and was involved in their Community Outreach Program.

Betz says she has a blessed life and chooses to use her flexible work schedule to give back to her community. In her spare time, she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, Kindred Hospice, and Dreams on Horseback. She also mentors for Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Ohio.

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#### Samadhi Lee, GIT, Staff Geologist | Murfreesboro, TN



Samadhi Lee began his career out of college with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as an Industrial and Hazardous Waste Investigator and volunteered on the TCEQ's Disaster Response Strike Team. He joined Atlas as a staff environmental scientist performing environmental remediation and quickly moved his way into industrial hygiene, where he performed disaster response for the 2021 Texas Winter Storm and Hurricane Ida. Lee is a Geologist In Training, aspiring to become a PG in Spring 2023. He enjoys interacting with different offices throughout the country and finding areas where we can work together and improve workflow.

*"Because I have had the fortune to work with several different offices throughout the country, I have gotten the chance to see where we excel at certain tasks and where we can improve. I then take these points and try to implement them into our work."*

In his spare time, Lee is involved in professional organizations such as American Geoscience Institute (AGI) and the Associate of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG). He also maintains membership as a National Eagle Scout Associate (NESA).

#### Taylor Kennedy, CAPM, Project Manager | Indianapolis, IN



Taylor Kennedy didn't develop her leadership style overnight. It came from the conversations she'd have with her grandfather, a former Indianapolis Chapter President of the NAACP, who fought to desegregate public schools. It came from four years of managing up to 14 technicians at any given time to produce their best work as a Field Operations Supervisor. It came from her conviction to invest in her education; she's a Certified Associate in Project Management and will earn her Project Management Professional accreditation this winter. As Branch Safety Officer Assistant and part of the Manager & Leader Essentials at Atlas (MLEA) program, Kennedy continues to use her platform for the development and empowerment of others.

*"As a minority female, I have striven to set a positive example and make space and opportunity for those who wish to make STEM sciences more a diverse and inclusive field. I instill confidence in my employees and allow them to lead." — Taylor Kennedy, PM at Atlas*

#### Zach King, Staff Manager | Idaho Falls, ID



When the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) began vetting candidates for the I-15/I-86 System Interchange program, Zach King became the topic of conversation. With nine years of materials, testing, and inspection (MT&I) experience, and three years of managing DOT projects, the board felt they were moving in the right direction. A 2017 recipient of the Eastern Idaho Employee of the Year Award, King also brought with him the peer recognition the ITD was looking for. He's accumulated over 20 certifications from the American Concrete Institute, the Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction, and others, and finds time to fund raise for Relay for Life and his local animal shelter. His recent job? A bridge construction to make Yellowstone National Park more navigable.