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Eli Ward, EIT Joins R&M's Construction Services Department

Eli Ward, EIT recently joined **R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. (R&M)** as Staff Engineer in the firm's Construction Services Department. In this role, Eli will support ongoing construction administration projects throughout Alaska. He will oversee day-to-day construction operations, including serving as the Owner's On-Site Representative, corresponding with construction contractors, issuing change orders and directives, processing pay estimates, performing field engineering and managing R&M field staff.

"Eli is a great fit for R&M," said Paul Hetzel, PE, R&M's Vice President of Construction Services. "He jumped right in and started making a difference day one. He brings an energy and understanding of the engineering and construction industry beyond typical of an EIT of his standing."

Eli has four years of experience in geotechnical engineering, materials inspection and construction services. He began his career working for the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, supporting horizontal construction projects and geotechnical investigations for highway and airport projects. He also spent about a year-and-a-half with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in the Alaska Dam Safety Program, and moved into the private sector last year, where he has completed geotechnical investigations and analysis in support of a variety of projects.

Since joining R&M, Eli has been involved with Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway Improvements and Glenn Highway Capacity Improvements, Phase II. He is currently working on the Crooked Creek Airport Improvements project, which has entailed field lab preparation, materials testing and inspections.

"R&M is a small Alaska company that provides great work for our clients," said Eli. "What I've come to enjoy the most is that the company has close connections between all levels that seem to get lost on the large company scale. All of my coworkers are awesome people to work with."

Eli has a B.S. in Geological Sciences from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and is Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC) certified in Aggregate, Concrete, Embankment and Density. Outside of work, you can usually find Eli working inside his house on remodels, landscaping outside or helping friends with any projects they have. He also enjoys hiking and biking with his significant other and their dog, as well as adventuring inside and outside of Alaska.

Founded in Alaska in 1969, R&M offers civil, structural, geotechnical and waterfront engineering; surveying and mapping; GIS services; geology; hydrology; environmental services; transportation and land use planning; public involvement; right of way and lands consulting services; construction administration; materials testing; and special inspection. R&M has offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

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