



Robert J. Palermo of GZA Elected to the Executive Committee of the Underground Construction Association

Robert J. Palermo, P.E. of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. has been elected to the executive committee of the Underground Construction Association of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration.

Palermo joined GZA in 1978 and is currently a Senior Principal. He has been involved in underground design and construction for 34 years. He is a licensed engineer in 13 states and has extensive experience in all aspects of geotechnical engineering and underground construction. His experience includes all aspects of complex projects involving geotechnical engineering and underground construction, including tunneling in soil and rock, cavern design, lateral support systems, risk assessment, geotechnical instrumentation, seismic design, underpinning, construction dewatering and blasting.

Palermo served as the Chief Geotechnical Engineer during the preliminary design of the \$17B Second Avenue Subway and is currently involved with work for the contractor on No. 7 Line extension, both in New York City. He has also worked on major underground transportation projects in Baltimore, Seattle, Miami and Boston. Palermo is an active member of the Underground Construction Association of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and was chairman of their George A. Fox conference on underground construction for the past two years. He is currently serving as a committee member for that conference as well as serving on the North America Tunneling Conference 2008 organizing committee. He is also a member of the Moles.

"We congratulate Bob on being elected to this important industry leadership position," said William R. Beloff, President and CEO of GZA. "His extensive expertise and experience have been invaluable to our many clients and we trust that his strong leadership skills bring great value to the Underground Construction Association."

About GZA

Founded in 1964, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. is a multi-disciplined firm providing environmental consulting, geotechnical and civil engineering, environmental remediation contracting, regulatory compliance, litigation support, air quality, solid waste services, specialty construction, occupational health and safety, and site development services. GZA maintains corporate offices at One Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. The firm has approximately 500 employees and operates 22 offices, in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes Regions of the United States. For additional information, please call William R. Beloff, CEO at 781-278-3801 or visit the company's website at www.gza.com.