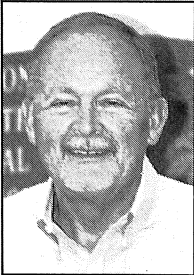


People in the News

Sprig Electric Names Rod Beckmen Group Executive for SF Office

Sprig Electric announced July 26 the appointment of Rod Beckmen as the new Group Executive to lead the daily operations of their San Francisco office. Beckmen brings more than 40 years of leadership experience in the construction industry to Sprig.



Rod Beckmen

“As a team, we selected Rod as our new Group Executive because we believe in his skillsets, ethics and strategic intuition required to successfully lead our San Francisco office into the future,” says Matt Nelson, chief project management officer for Sprig. “In addition to his career accomplishments, his genuine personality and approach align well with our culture. We are excited to see great things happen under Rod’s leadership.”

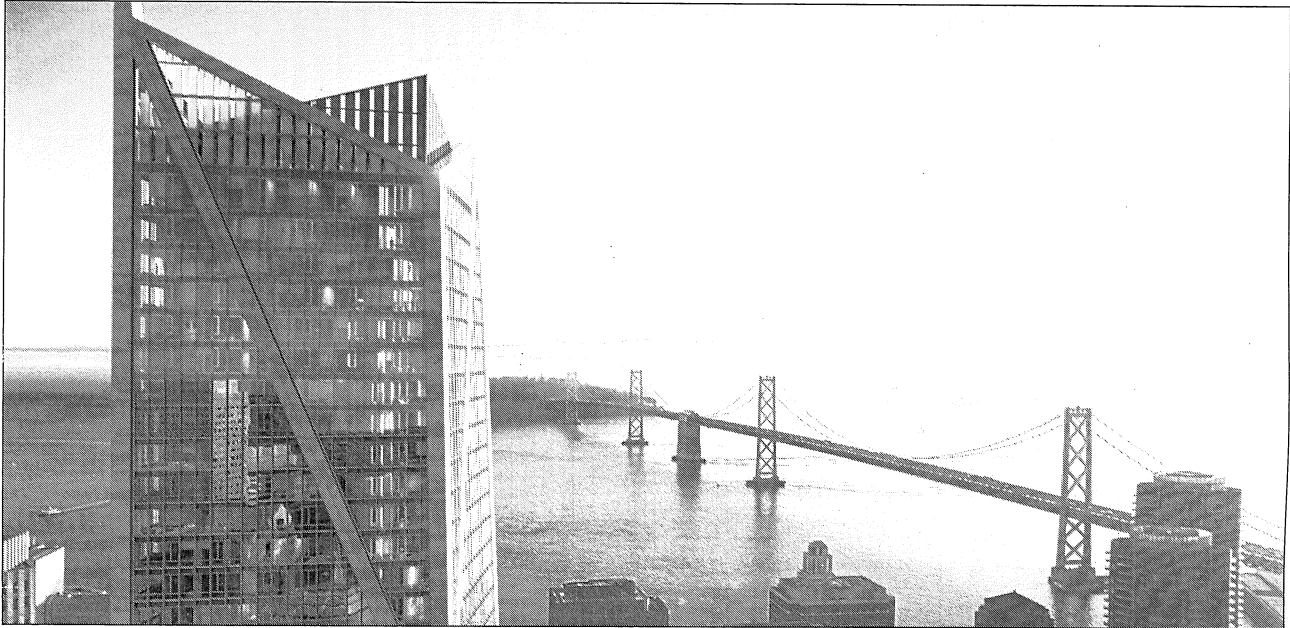
Rick Clinton, who has been the interim group executive for Sprig in San Francisco, will now focus his efforts on the company’s overall marketing and business development strategy as their Executive Vice President. Starting immediately, Beckmen will be the primary contact for the San Francisco office and assume full operational duties. Clinton and Beckmen will continue working together in a marketing and business development capacity for the San Francisco office.

Rod Beckmen possesses over 40 years of construction experience and has a successful track record in the many roles he has held over the course of his career; ranging from estimating and project management roles to supervisory and executive level positions. Beckmen holds a bachelor of science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the University of Washington and is a U.S. Army Veteran. Beckmen’s industry experience and knowledge combined with his emphasis on personal service gives him the necessary tools for success in the highly competitive San Francisco market.

About Sprig Electric

Sprig Electric is a Silicon Valley-based electrical contractor specializing in design-build services for electrical, low voltage, controls, fire & life safety and energy solution systems. Sprig was founded in 1970 and is ranked 25th in the U.S. by EC&M for 2017. For more information, visit www.sprigelectric.com

181 Fremont Tower Wins DFI 2018 Outstanding Project Award



The 2018 Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Outstanding Project Award (OPA) is being awarded to the team of Malcolm Drilling (specialty contractor), Arup (structural and geotechnical engineer) and Brierley Associates (support of excavation designer) for 181 Fremont Tower, a mixed-use high-rise building under construction in the dense urban core of the South of Market District of San Francisco.

The award will be presented at the DFI 43rd Annual Deep Foundations on Deep Foundations in Anaheim, CA, October 24 - 27, 2018.

The tower consists of 56 above-ground floors with the roof level at approximately 700 ft above street level. An architectural spire tops the building out at just over 800 ft, which makes it the second tallest building in San Francisco. This tower is squeezed into a limited site measuring about 130 ft by 140 ft and facilitates an open floor plan by incorporating exterior mega-cross-braces to provide the lateral stability against seismic and wind loading.

The structural design created a challenge for the building’s foundations because the seismic loads are concentrated in the building corners. Drilled shafts with a diameter of five

and six ft were constructed as deep as 260 ft and socketed as much as 25 ft into the Franciscan Complex bedrock.

An additional challenge was the variability of the bedrock. Depth to the bedrock on the east and west ends of the site differed by as much as 14 ft and the composition of the Franciscan Complex is very irregular, say project officials. In addition, a watertight, stiff temporary support of excavation system was required to allow the excavation and construction of a five-level basement that extends to about 60 ft below the surface without adversely affecting adjacent structures, including a 27-floor tower to the east, a 3-story masonry building to the south, and the deep excavation for the Transbay Transit Center to the north.

The OPA was established in 1997 to recognize the superior work of DFI members. The projects were selected by a committee based on size, scope and challenges of the project; degree of innovation and ingenuity exercised; and the uniqueness of the solution to the difficulties of the job.

About Deep Foundations Institute (DFI)

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in the deep foundations industry. The organization’s multidisciplinary membership creates a consensus voice and a common vision for continual improvement in the planning, design and construction of deep foundations and excavations.

DFI bring together members for networking, education, communication and collaboration. Their members promote the advancement of the deep foundations industry through technical committees, educational programs and conferences, publications, research, government relations and outreach. DFI has more than 3,300 members worldwide. For more information, visit: www.dfi.org

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