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Gilead R. Ziemba, EIT joins PDI as Associate Fire Protection Engineer

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Protection Development, Incorporated (PDI) is pleased to announce that Gilead R. Ziemba, EIT has joined the firm as an Associate Fire Protection Engineer.



Gilead comes to PDI from the City of San Antonio's Development Services Department where he worked as the Fire Protection Review Team Leader. While with the City, his primary job responsibilities included reviewing commercial building permit plans, automatic fire sprinkler plans, gaseous suppression system plans, and smoke control system designs for conformance with the International Fire Code, International Building Code, and applicable NFPA standards.

Gilead graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2005 with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering – Structural, and in 2006 with a M.S. Degree in Fire Protection Engineering. He is currently licensed as an Engineer-In-Training by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and is certified by the International Code Conference (ICC) as both a Fire Plans Examiner and a Building Plans Examiner.

His professional associates value Gilead's ability to clearly communicate technical information and appreciate his analytical and organizational skills. Gilead has a strong record of building and maintaining positive working relationships with clients and government officials. In his new role with PDI, Gilead will support his PDI clients with the following services:

- Structural Heat Transfer, Fire Growth, & Smoke Movement Modeling
- Intermediate-Scale & Full-Scale Fire Testing
- Failure/Root Cause Analysis
- Fire Investigations & Litigation Support
- Seminar Development & Training
- Building & Fire Code Consulting for Regulatory Compliance
- Loss Prevention & Risk Management
- Fire Protection Systems Design
- Water Distribution Systems Modeling
- Construction Administration & Project Management

Active within the Fire Protection Engineering community, Gilead is an Associate Member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), a member of the Austin/San Antonio Chapter of the SFPE, and a member of the International Code Council (ICC). He can be reached via e-mail at: gziemba@PDIFire.com.

About PDI:

Founded in 1985 as a fire protection engineering firm, PDI provides a full spectrum of fire protection engineering services including sprinkler and fire alarm design, smoke modeling, and performance-based designs offering innovative solutions to complex fire and life-safety challenges. In addition, PDI provides consulting services for fire, building, and life-safety codes, including plans review and the issuance of commodity letters. PDI also provides government third-party plan review services on behalf of local, state, and federal agencies. In addition to its engineering and consulting services, PDI, through its Permitting Section, assists its clients in negotiating the complex permitting process, managing that process from initial application, through all necessary inspections, to final certificate of occupancy. PDI is a Bob Andrews Group Company (www.BobAndrewsGroup.com).