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**Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. Promotes
J. Patrick Klima, P.E., to President**

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Abingdon, MD - Geo-Technology Associates (GTA), a mid-Atlantic geotechnical engineering and environmental consulting firm has announced the promotion of Patrick Klima, P.E., to President.

Pat Klima, a 20-year veteran of GTA and Partner for the past 14 years, has been named as the new President of GTA. Since 2007, Pat has served as Sr. Vice President of GTA, responsible for GTA's Laurel office and GTA's Drilling operations, as well as providing management oversight for GTA's Frederick and Waldorf, MD; Georgetown, DE; Sterling, VA; and Charlotte, NC offices.

With more than 25 years of experience in the land development industry, Pat is a registered professional engineer specializing in geotechnical engineering and general building construction. He earned his Master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland.

Pat's experience and knowledge of GTA's business and client service culture positions him to successfully lead the firm. His mission will be to build upon the firm's 24-year tradition of dedication to technical distinction while providing excellent client service experiences.

Mark Grande, P.E., GTA's former President of 10 years, will continue as a Vice President of the firm. Mark will focus on providing regional business development and client management, in support of GTA's 11 office locations.

Founded in 1985, GTA along with their affiliate firm, Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc. (MRA), offer cost-efficient and creative solutions in the planning, design, and construction of commercial, residential, golf course, mining and reclamation, and infrastructure projects. GTA and MRA have a staff of over 300, with experience in nearly all areas of geotechnical and environmental consulting, drilling, construction observation and testing, engineering, architecture, land planning, landscape architecture, and surveying. Strategically placed offices in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and North Carolina allow for effective coverage throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

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