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**CTL | THOMPSON VETERAN RETURNS AS DIRECTOR OF ONE-OF-A-KIND LAB**

Structural engineering expert Chip Leadbetter rejoins CTL as Director of Helical Pier Testing



(FORT COLLINS, Colo. – June 11, 2015) [CTL | Thompson](#) (CTL), a full-service geotechnical, structural, environmental and materials engineering firm, announced today that Robert (Chip) Leadbetter will rejoin the firm to oversee its Helical Pier Lab, one of few facilities in the world accredited to test helical foundations as required by the International Accreditation Services (IAS).

Leadbetter's expertise will allow CTL to grow the Fort Collins lab and take on more challenging projects for which Leadbetter is uniquely qualified, including earth retention designs, a rapidly growing sector of CTL's services.

"This role is perfectly suited for Chip, as he played an integral part in the initial development of the lab," said Wayne Thompson, Branch Manager. "Chip's expertise in mining and earth retention systems will allow us to expand our services and serve a growing client base in the Rocky Mountain region."

Leadbetter has served as a geotechnical engineer and expert for more than 20 years, including six years as Northern Colorado Division Manager for CTL. He was most recently senior geotechnical engineer with Interralogic, Inc., where he managed geotechnical explorations, performed stability analyses, and designed foundations and geo-liners for new mining facilities, mining expansions and reclamation of complete mines.

Leadbetter's hire is part of an overall expansion for CTL's Northern Colorado division. In 2014, the firm moved into new offices at 400 N. Link Lane and expanded its laboratory and field operations, adding several engineers, technicians and administrative staff. CTL's Fort Collins office also expanded its IAS-accredited lab, which uses a high-capacity torque machine, capable of applying a torque of 1 million inch-pounds, to test helical piers, the structures that stabilize deep foundations for large buildings and transportation projects.

"CTL is on the leading edge of testing and geotechnical exploration," said Leadbetter. "With CTL's exclusive testing equipment and highly respected team, I see this as a real opportunity to provide needed solutions to a new set of clients and projects."

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