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**KLOTZ ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCES NEW TEAM MEMBER  
TOLL ROAD TRANSIT & RAIL DEPARTMENT MANAGER, RICK LIESSE, PE, RPLS**

Houston - Klotz Associates is pleased to welcome Rick Liesse, PE, RPLS, to the firm. Liesse brings with him 30 years of highway and transportation engineering experience. In his position as Toll Road Transit & Rail Department Manager, Liesse's primary focus will be on Klotz Associates' work with the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA), Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) and other transit agencies statewide. Liesse has managed over 40 projects for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"Throughout the state, and in Houston specifically, we are seeing ambitious transit plans," noted D. Wayne Klotz, PE, D.WRE, and President of Klotz Associates. "There is an ever-growing demand for new transportation infrastructure. Rick will lead our Toll Road Transit & Rail Department to take these new challenges head-on."

Liesse is a Licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Texas, as well as the State of Illinois, where he worked early in his career for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He is also a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS). Liesse received his BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and the Houston Engineering & Scientific Society (HESS). Liesse is a graduate of Leadership Houston.

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