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Gnanadesikan (Ram) Ramanujam is President and CEO of Somat Engineering, Inc. (Somat), a full-services infrastructure solution provider. As President and CEO, he is responsible for the leadership, planning, and strategic direction of Somat. As a Geotechnical Engineer licensed in four states, Ram also serves as the Principal Project Consultant on several large Water-Wastewater, Transportation/Heavy Highway, International and Regional Aviation projects.

Ram was raised in the diverse environments of Libya (Africa), and India, before deciding to come to the ultimate melting pot that is the USA. He earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree in civil engineering from Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli, India, and a M.S. from Vanderbilt University. Upon receipt of his M.S., Ram began his career as a geotechnical field engineer at Somat and has remained at and grown with Somat ever since.

“Do the Right Thing.” Ram’s philosophy to “do the right thing” has allowed him to successfully oversee operations and expand into new markets and service areas since assuming the duties and responsibilities of President and CEO of Somat in 2000. In fact, this philosophy has become the umbrella under which Somat’s Corporate Values are founded, encouraging all at the Company to Take Responsibility, of Integrity and Quality, that People Matter and to Enjoy the Journey.

Ram is a dedicated member of the engineering and multi-modal transportation community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Michigan. Earlier this year Ram won the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Michigan 2018 Private Firm Executive of the Year award for his active participation and support. In 2017, Ram was also honored with the Joe Manns Black Wall Street Award from the BWI -Thurgood Marshall Airport.

In his “spare time”, a term used loosely, Ram teaches Sunday school at the Chinmaya Mission, where he enjoys watching young minds at work.

Ram currently lives in Canton, Michigan with his wife, two sons and a myriad of guests, as his home is always open to many visiting family and friends. Ram is also an avid fan of Detroit Pistons basketball and enjoys watching the games with his sons.