

QTS Group's Operations Director joins CECA board of directors

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Leading rail contractor, **QTS Group**, has announced its operations director, Andy Steel, has joined the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Scotland's board of directors.

The move follows Andy's 11-year career at QTS. He joined the firm in 2012 as Design Manager before progressing through the ranks and moving into the role of Civil and Geotechnical Operations Director in 2016.

This latest appointment sees Andy represent QTS on the CECA Scotland board after being nominated by his colleagues.

With over 30 years' experience working in the construction and rail industry, Andy has played a vital role in the success of QTS over the past decade.

He was instrumental in implementing many big frameworks for Network Rail during multiple control periods and has helped to deliver more than £200M of work for the transport infrastructure provider.

Andy also runs a team of 140 employees, and has brought about huge improvements to QTS' earthworks and drainage offering.

CECA Scotland is the sole trading body for Scotland's civil engineering contractors, representing 80% of the industry. They work to drive Scotland's economic growth by delivering the vital infrastructure that businesses and communities rely on.

His role with CECA will enable him to push for improvements across the wider industry, as well as to support and influence the government's pipeline of rail activity.

Andy Steel, operations director – Civil and Geotechnical at QTS, said: "It's a real honour to have been nominated to represent QTS on the CECA board and I look forward to using this position to benefit the industry and the company's progression. At QTS, we're well known across the industry for our commitment to innovation, training and delivering social value.

"I also welcome the opportunity to become more actively involved in recruitment, training and health and safety conversations across the industry. I hope to use my position to positively influence the rail sector, helping to futureproof operations for the next generation.

Grahame Barn, chief executive at CECA, said: "We are thrilled that Andy is taking on this new role with CECA Scotland representing QTS. We want to improve the rail industry any way that we can for our employees and customers and know that Andy's contribution to CECA will really help with this.

"At CECA, we are committed to training and development excellence and strive to improve the industry for those wanting to begin their career."

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