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## **Pennsylvania Business Central Selects Magent for 2009 “Top 100 People”**

State College, PA, February 5, 2010 . . . Dr. Chris Magent, General Manager of Alexander Building Construction Co.’s State College office, has been honored by Pennsylvania Business Central with selection for its annual “Top 100 People” list for 2009. Per Editor, Harry Zimble, “Pennsylvania Business Central’s annual list is designed to capture the breadth of experience and wealth of entrepreneurial spirit found in our 16-county region.” It is comprised of individuals across the entire spectrum of business and industry; some are recognized for their business expertise, while others for their contributions to their communities.

In 2005, Chris earned his Ph.D. in Architectural Engineering from Penn State University. Since then, he has taught several architectural engineering and construction management classes at Penn State in addition to his full time position at Alexander. Chris first took on the role of Director of Business Development at Alexander, which made him responsible for the development and maintenance of key client relationships in Central and Western PA. In January 2008, Chris became General Manager. As General Manager, he is responsible for the development and execution of the corporate strategic plan and State College operations. In addition to his management role, Chris is the project executive on all State College based projects and leads several task forces within the organization working towards the goals of the company’s strategic plan. Outside of Alexander Building Construction, Chris serves on several community boards, such as the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County, Leadership Centre County, Clearwater Conservancy, and Heritage I. Chris also actively participates in the Partnership Achieving Construction Excellence program, serving on the advisory board, and in the Centre County United Way, as a Loaned Executive and is a member of the United States Green Building Council and Construction Management Association of America. In 2001 Chris became a LEED Accredited Professional and since

has coauthored several papers and presentations on sustainability, including “A Design Process Evaluation Method for Sustainable Buildings” and “Delivering Green Buildings: Process Improvements for Sustainable Construction” and has coordinated and moderated symposiums such as the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Green Symposium. When Chris isn’t busy at work or participating in a community event, he enjoys any outdoor or athletic activity and spending time with his wife, April, and their two dogs, Sunshine and Rayne. When notified of his selection Magent said, “I am very humbled and honored to be recognized with the others who make up this year’s list of top 100 people.”

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