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Murphy Company Opens Illinois Office

Fairview Heights location to hold grand opening Wednesday, July 8

ST. LOUIS – In response to significant growth in the Illinois market, Murphy Company has opened a new office at 13 Executive Drive, Suite 7, Fairview Heights, IL 62208. Tom Hegger, vice president of the Quick Response Group, currently heads up the new office.

"As an Illinois native, I've been excited to see the growth in the region over the past few years," said Hegger. "Murphy has made a commitment to become part of this community by establishing an office rather than working in Illinois as a Missouri contractor. We look forward to being part of continued growth in Illinois."

Hegger said the office currently focuses on smaller to medium-sized projects but has capabilities to handle larger projects and can offer the full spectrum of Murphy services. Murphy's recent Illinois work includes projects for Alton Memorial Hospital, Ameren, Ameritech, Collinsville and East Alton-Wood River High Schools, Cerro Copper, Gateway Regional Hospital, KUNA, Greenville and St. Elizabeth Hospitals, St. Clair County, SBC, Scott Air Force Base, Solutia and U.S. Steel. An open house is scheduled for July 8 at 3 p.m.

Westerheide

Blandford

Murphy has hired two Illinois natives – Thomas C. Westerheide and Jeff Blandford – as project managers. Westerheide brings more than 25 years of experience to Murphy. He has managed projects at American Steel Foundries, Belleville Memorial Hospital, the Columbia and Granite City, Ill., school districts, Trinity United Methodist Church and multiple banking facilities. A member of the Southern Illinois Builders Association and the Great Southwestern Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling and Mechanical Contractors (GSW-PHCC), he attended Southwestern Illinois College and earned an associate degree in HVAC from Ranken Technical College. Westerheide also holds the CFC certification from the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society.

Blandford's 15 years in the mechanical construction industry include a wide-ranging list of projects, including work for Scott Air Force Base, the Belleville School District, St. Clair County, Dynegy Power Plant, Southern Illinois University, St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the state of Illinois. He is a member of SIBA, GSW-PHCC and Southern Illinois Critical Hospital Engineers. Blandford completed Project Management Development training at the Johnson Controls Institute. He also holds an associate degree in air conditioning, heating and refrigeration from Belleville Area College and graduated from Ranken Technical College in industrial electronics technology.

Murphy's CFO, Rob Koester, CPA, is a board member for the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois. Murphy Company is a member of SIBA, GSW-PHCC, the Council of Owners and Construction Associates Inc., the Southern Illinois Chapter for Healthcare Engineering, the Illinois Hospital Association, the Small and Rural Hospital Association, and Critical Access Hospitals.

Murphy Company delivers mechanical solutions to the industrial, commercial, institutional and heavy industrial markets. With corporate offices in St. Louis and Denver, Colo., and regional offices in Fairview Heights, Ill., and Colorado Springs, Colo., the firm offers process piping, HVAC, refrigeration, plumbing, design-build, piping fabrication, energy solutions and 24-hour service. Murphy currently is ranked No. 11 on Engineering News-Record's list of top mechanical contractors in the United States. Founded in 1907, the firm employs more than 1,000 people nationwide. For more information, visit www.murphynet.com.

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