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NEWS RELEASE

Koester Recognized as a Top 40 Professional in St. Louis

St. Louis Business Journal names Murphy CFO to annual 40 Under 40 list

ST. LOUIS – Rob Koester, chief financial officer of Murphy Company, has been named to the St. Louis Business Journal’s annual 40 Under 40 list, which recognizes recipients for professional achievement and community service. The list was published in the Jan. 15 issue

(<http://stlouis.bizjournals.com/stlouis/stories/2010/01/18/focus40.html>).

“Rob has had a significant impact on Murphy Company since joining us in 2003,” said Pat Murphy Jr., president. “Rob is an extremely valuable member of our executive management team, overseeing our long-range strategic planning items for human resources and serving as an active participant in setting the long-term vision for the organization. We’ve improved operational excellence through running jobs more efficiently, communicating best practices, developing a crisis management team and several other initiatives supported by Rob.”



Murphy also cited Koester’s role in spearheading the company’s employee wellness program, which includes a partnership with St. Luke’s to come in for an annual health fair and conduct screenings for employees. In 2009, 83 percent of St. Louis and 67 percent of Denver employees participated. The program includes a monthly newsletter, a new fitness center and 35 employees who lost nearly 1,000 pounds in Weight Watchers last year. Koester also was able to bargain down Murphy’s health insurance costs due to improved employee well-being.

Outside of Murphy, Koester serves on the boards of St. Mary’s Health Center Foundation, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and American Contractors Insurance Group. He also coaches baseball and basketball for his son’s teams in O’Fallon, Ill. Koester is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Truman State University.

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. 13 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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