

February 9, 2006 Firm expands, opens downtown office

For Immediate Release

Feb. 9, 2006

Firm expands, opens downtown office

Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced that a McKeesport-based company that provides technology solutions is opening an office in Johnstown to take advantage of opportunities available in the region's growing economy.

AEC Group will open an office at 239 Main St. With three business units, the company offers technology, electrical and data infrastructure, and staffing solutions nationally.

"It's a pleasure to welcome AEC Group to the growing ranks of companies that are setting up shop in Greater Johnstown because they want to tap into the potential created by our expanded, diversified economy," Murtha said. "With its longtime partnerships with Microsoft, Citrix, Avaya, Cisco and other business giants, AEC will add to the ties this region has formed with globally recognized companies."

Returning to lead the local office will be Johnstown native Christopher Marshall, who sees an untapped market in his hometown.

"We were attracted by Congressman Murtha's success at revitalizing and expanding the 12th Congressional District's economy," said Marshall, AEC's Johnstown regional director of business development. "We're excited about the dynamic growth we see in the Greater Johnstown area. We'll have an opportunity to hire and train people for skilled high-tech positions, and we hope to outgrow our startup office quickly."

With about 100 employees and \$20 million in revenue, AEC Group has been recognized twice by the Pittsburgh Technology Council as one of the 50 fastest-growing technology companies in the region. The company is Western Pennsylvania's largest women-owned business offering AEC's level of production and technology solutions to be certified by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council.