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Hess Promoted to Division Manager

KANSAS CITY, MO., January 1, 2011 — Chris Hess has been promoted to division manager for the McCownGordon team. Focusing on the markets of healthcare, hospitality, higher education and corporate, Chris will oversee all aspects of project construction, from preconstruction through project closeout. He will serve as the executive level client contact for his projects and ensure all goals are achieved.

Chris has been with the company for more than six years and in the construction industry for more than 12. His genuine approach and significant experience in managing some of the region's most significant projects, provide him the necessary tools to serve as an excellent leader. His most recent projects include the Kiowa County Schools in Greensburg, Kan. and the Lawrence-Douglas County Biosciences Authority Bioscience and Technology Business Center at the University of Kansas.

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