

Project-management and moving firms promise stress-free business relocations

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Whether large or small, moving a company is a huge undertaking.

Project management and traditional moving companies have created corporate relocation services to assist companies in successfully completing their moves.

Bill Morgan is president and CEO of Eastern PCM, a construction and project management company based in Lemoyne. Eastern also has a relocation management division to assist a company's move from start to finish.

When devising a move management plan, Morgan said, several factors need to be considered: size of the new locations, number of personnel, type of business, services requested, budget and schedule for the move. Companies can request a variety of services, ranging from lease analysis and construction inspections to technology requirements and furniture procurement.

Once a plan is under way, Eastern will arrange for a moving company to complete the actual move and obtain a telecom contractor, if necessary. It also will handle submitting request for proposals for rebranding and new furniture, and coordinate moving efforts with an architect and contractors if renovations and permits are required.

While the economic climate might suggest companies are downsizing when considering alternative space, Morgan isn't convinced that more companies are moving to smaller locations.

"Companies are looking for better deals on rent, parking fees, utilities, etc. There are many other factors to consider other than simply square-footage," he said.

Harrisburg Area Community College used Eastern for a construction management project in 2010. Professor Bradley A. Leidich said that this was the most organized move he has been through in his 30-plus years of experience in community college education. Leidich is department chairman of allied health and human services at HACC.

In 2010, Women's Healthcare utilized Eastern for its Harrisburg relocation. It moved out of its old facility on a Thursday, into a new facility on a Friday and was able to see patients the following Monday without having to work on the weekend.

"Not only did you (Eastern) save us money on various projects, but also time by having everyone follow the task lists, making it a smooth transition," practice administrator Karen Kissinger said...