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SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES CEO NAMED OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING ALUMNUS

University Park, Pa. – Theodore D. Lynch, chief executive officer of Southland Industries, a design-build mechanical engineering firm based in Garden Grove, Calif., has been named an Outstanding Engineering Alumnus by the Penn State College of Engineering.

Lynch received his award during a ceremony at Penn State's University Park campus on Apr. 25.

Established in 1966, the Outstanding Engineering Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by the College of Engineering. It recognizes graduates who have reached exceptional levels of professional achievement. Thirteen alumni were honored this year.

Lynch holds two degrees from Penn State: a bachelor of architectural engineering, received in 1992, and a doctorate in architectural engineering, received in 1996.

He joined Southland Industries in 1996 as a field engineer in Long Beach, Calif. His next assignment was in Las Vegas, Nev., where he served as project manager for several large casino projects, including the Sunset Station Hotel and Casino and the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino.

In the late 1990s, Lynch relocated to Southland's Mid-Atlantic Division in Washington, D.C., serving first as a contract executive and then as operations manager. He was promoted to division leader of the Mid-Atlantic Division in 2001. Under his guidance, the division's annual revenue grew from \$32 million to \$126 million.

In his next assignment, Lynch served as regional president with responsibility for Southland's Mid-Atlantic and Southwest Divisions. He was named chief executive officer in 2011.

Lynch is a co-founder of the Partnership for Achieving Construction Excellence (PACE), an industry-university alliance focused on education, research and interaction. He is a member of the Design-Build Institute of America, where he has served on the Education and Research Committee, and the Washington Building Congress.

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