



Legislators, investors, officials and others mark Alexin LLC's five years of production during a ceremony Thursday. Pictured are, left to right, Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne; David Apple, Archbrook Capital Management and a member of the Alexin board; President and CEO Tom Horter; Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle; Raymond Dee, chairman of the board; William Kramer, executive vice chairman; Vice President Todd Johnson; and Mayor Ted Ellis. (Photo by Jessica Williams)

## Alexin celebrates 5-year 'partnership'

By JESSICA WILLIAMS

After a period of uncertainty several years ago, Alexin's fifth-anniversary celebration Thursday was all the more rewarding, officials said.

"In 2007, how could you go wrong?" Raymond Dee, chairman of the board, said during the celebration.

Then came the recession. "Boom. Talk about the bubble bursting," he added.

Company employees,

community members and investors celebrated the success of Alexin Thursday during a luncheon.

With a \$58 million fundraising campaign for start-up in 2007, the company relied on the support of the community, employees and investors to make it through the economic slump, Dee said.

President and CEO Tom Horton said the time has gone by quickly.

"Alexin to me is a lesson

in partnership," he said.

State Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, and State Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, were also on hand for the event, as was Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis.

"Alexin really fits the mold and model of what Indiana desires," Lehman said, offering a statewide perspective on the company.

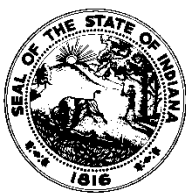
Holdman thanked Alexin staff members for their commitment, and he also read a

letter from Gov. Mike Pence.

"I firmly believe that this is Indiana's moment," Pence said in his letter. "Thanks to the steadfast commitment of Hoosiers like those at Alexin LLC, Indiana can seize this opportunity with resolve and leave our state a little brighter for the next generation to come."

Alexin employs 70. The company posted a payroll of about \$4 million last year.

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Dear Alexin Employees,

It is a pleasure to congratulate you on Alexin, LLC's fifth year of production. Please accept my sincerest apologies for being unable to join you for what is bound to be a tremendous event celebrating Alexin, LLC's growth, success, and contribution to the local community and the state as a whole.

In 2007, when then Governor Daniels attended the ground breaking ceremony for Alexin it was recognized that the success for Indiana business was centered in small-to medium-sized businesses. Alexin has been a great model of this success with 70 employees and a payroll of over \$3.9 million per year.

Alexin has contributed to the many area suppliers of goods and services such as metal fabrication, maintenance services and transportation services, among others. Alexin's purchase of utility services, natural gas, electricity, water, and sewer has helped the community to grow in providing better services to those of Wells County and Bluffton.

As a chamber member Alexin, has taken its community responsibility seriously by being a strong supporter of many of the area's nonprofit organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, the summer concert series, and the new YMCA. Illustrating your strength, Alexin has been recognized twice by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation as a Company to Watch Award Winner in 2009 and a Spotlight Awardee in 2010.

I firmly believe that this is Indiana's moment. Thanks to the steadfast commitment of Hoosiers like those at Alexin, LLC, Indiana can seize this opportunity with resolve and leave our state a little brighter for the next generation to come.

Over the course of the next four years, our goal is to make Indiana the state that works. Where opportunity knocks on every door, where young Hoosiers can realize their dreams, and where individuals from all walks of life can live, grow, work, and thrive. Your work is helping to make this goal a reality, and, for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pence  
Governor of Indiana