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POWER PLAYERS

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The Two Sides Of Power

Ask someone to define the word “power” and you’re bound to get a mix of descriptions. Power can clearly be used for good or for ill; it just depends on the intentions of the person wielding it.

Indeed, as Leo Tolstoy wrote in *War and Peace*, “Power is a word the meaning of which we do not understand.”

Our business community has many power players — people who have the leadership position, the money or the artful ability to persuade others. Some have a combination of all three attributes, which can make their influence quite potent. As we approach our 25th year of publishing the Worcester Business Journal in 2014, we are pleased to present our first-ever list of 25 top “power players” from Central Massachusetts.

Have we included everyone? Hardly — there are clearly more than 25 power players in our region, and our cutting-room floor has plenty of qualified bigwigs who don’t appear on the pages of this issue. Give the list a read and let us know what you think. In fact, we welcome your feedback on who we might have missed. After all, there’s always next year’s list.

~ Rick Saia, Editor

Anthony Consigli

President, Consigli Construction Inc., Milford



Anthony Consigli has not just maintained his 98-year-old family-owned business, but led it through incredible growth and right to national recognition.

Consigli took over as president in 1994. Overall, the firm is now being run by the fourth generation of Consiglis, opening new offices in three other states in the last decade.

In March, the company won AGC America’s Alliant Build America Award for Building Renovation for its work on the New York State capitol building. The project was completed 22 months early, saving \$2.4 million.

The Worcester Business Journal honored the firm in 2009 with a Family Business Award. The Boston Globe selected the company as a top “large employer” in its annual list of Top Places to Work in Massachusetts. And Engineering News-Record magazine ranked the \$436-million firm No. 31 in 2013 among its Top 100 Green Contractors in the U.S.

Meanwhile, the Consigli Foundation, the firm’s charitable arm, has donated more than \$1 million to Central Mass. charities since its founding 12 years ago. ■