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## **Professional Women in Construction/CT hosts panel of experts February 7th**

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The Connecticut Chapter of Professional Woman in Construction (PWC-CT) will host a panel discussion and meeting entitled "Issues and Impacts: New England Commercial Real Estate," on February 7th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Hartford Marriott. This meeting, which is open to the public, is one in a series of educational and networking programs hosted by PWC-CT. The programs are tailored to professionals in the architectural, engineering and construction fields, as well others interested in those subjects.

Commercial real estate market indicators show some improvement for 2012. However, even during this "recovery phase," new construction outlooks require prudence. How should your firm proceed in the next 12 -24 months? What are the emerging and long term outlooks for the commercial real estate market? Which areas are showing improvement, and which still require caution? A panel of experts will discuss recent market trends and economic indicators, and offer ideas about what to expect in this key market sector during 2012 and 2013.

The topics of discussion will include "Critical Issues for Commercial Real Estate", "Adjustments to Contend with Current Market Conditions", "Sector Predictions - Where will we be one year from now?"

The panel moderator will be Tom Hill III, CCIM/SIOR, principal at Tom Hill Realty & Investment, LLC;

Joel Grieco, executive director of Cushman & Wakefield of Connecticut; Michael Algiere, executive V.P./national director of Jones Lang LaSalle; Anthony Giorgio, Ph.D., managing director of The Keystone Companies, LLC; Colleen Sheridan, commercial properties, sales and leasing of OR&L Commercial, LLC; and David Glissman, Esq., partner at MacDermid, Reynolds & Glissman, P.C.

Founded in 1980, Professional Women in Construction is a national non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization committed to advancing professional, entrepreneurial and managerial opportunities for women and other "non-traditional" populations in construction and related industries. Members of the Connecticut Chapter of PWC represent all major disciplines within our industry, and are drawn from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. PWC programs in Connecticut present the very latest in current industry topics, and provide exceptional networking and business development opportunities for members and guests. Membership is open to women and men, private companies and public agencies actively engaged in the design / construction / real estate development fields as well as businesses supplying goods and services to the industry. PWC-CT supports education for in fields of architecture, construction and engineering, and recognizes ongoing professional excellence with two annual awards: the "Woman on the Rise" award, given to a promising young professional, and the "Woman of Accomplishment" award, given to a women working in the A/E/C professions who has made a significant and valuable contribution in her field of endeavor.

All attendees must pre-register online by Friday, February 3, at [www.pwcusa.org/CT](http://www.pwcusa.org/CT). Cost: PWC members \$50; nonmembers \$75. Registration and networking begin at 5:30 p.m.; cash bar; dinner and program at 6:30.

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