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## **The Connecticut Chapter of Professional Woman in Construction to host discussion/meeting March 6th**

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The Connecticut Chapter of Professional Woman in Construction (PWC-CT) has rescheduled their meeting, which was canceled due to the October 2011 snowstorm. The panel discussion/meeting is entitled "Issues and Impacts: Southern New England Historic Preservation," to be held on March 6th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Hartford Marriott. The meeting - open to the public - is one in a series of educational and networking programs hosted by PWC-CT, tailored to professionals in the architectural, engineering and construction fields as well others who may be interested in those subjects.

The rise of sustainable design and the subsequent greening of the construction industry have breathed new life into historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects. Re-use of existing building sites is more sustainable than building new, and preserves the materials and human capital already expended in the buildings' construction. Preserving a historic structure can range from an exacting restoration to the transformation of an older building into a new, modern and eco-conscious facility. All attendees must pre-register online by March 2nd. Cost: PWC members \$50; nonmembers \$75. Attend this program to meet and learn from the panel of experts about effective planning, funding, education, preservation and building at notable historic locations in Southern N.E.

And in a year that has brought an unusual number of severe weather occurrences (including the one which forced cancellation of this meeting originally!), the panel will also be discussing restoration following natural disasters.

The panelists are Kathy Maher of The Barnum Museum, Bridgeport, Conn., executive director and curator (an F1 Tornado damaged the museum in June 2010); Helen Post Curry of Look, LLC, great-granddaughter of Cass Gilbert, Architect for Waterbury's Historic City Hall; Bruce Bockstael FAIA of State of CT Department of Construction Services, chief architect; Sheryl Hack of Connecticut Landmarks, executive director; Sally Katz of Yale University, director of facilities planning and management for the Long Walk Project at Trinity College; Mark Pilotte of The Matos Group, vice president and director of development. The moderator is Vance Freymann of Consigli Construction Company, Inc., president, Providence Preservation Society

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 latest in industry topics, and provide 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, and 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.

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