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## **CRE Message: Excelling at providing quality education**

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The Counselors excel at providing quality education and information programs at both local and national levels.

Here in New England, the local chapter is offering its first luncheon presentation of the year on March 12. Douglas Poutasse, CRE, executive vice president of Bentall Kennedy will provide a program related to the state of the economy and an outlook for commercial real estate investment. Nationally, the Counselors are hosting their mid-year meetings in Denver commencing on April 19. The two-day educational program will feature sessions on Transit Oriented Development Issues, Corporate Services, Public/Private Partnerships, Capital Markets and the Top Ten Issues Affecting Real Estate in 2015.

Finally, given the relevant venue in Colorado, a session on the growing trend towards the legalization of cannabis and its impact on the real estate market and the community will be a high point (sorry...couldn't help myself).

### **2015 CRE New England**

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