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## **Kaplan Construction recognized as top 100 women-led business in Mass.**

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Boston, MA Kaplan Construction, a WBE general contractor and construction management firm providing comprehensive building programs across Greater Boston, has been named to the list of Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts by The Commonwealth Institute (TCI) for the fourth year in a row. Finalists were honored during an event at the Marriott Copley Hotel in Boston.

TCI was founded in 1997 to help women-led businesses in Massachusetts become and stay successful. TCI's membership includes CEOs, senior corporate executives, entrepreneurs, executive directors of nonprofits and solo professionals who are committed to building successful businesses, organizations and careers. Since 2002, TCI has created a list of the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses to highlight the achievements of these women throughout the state.

"Women-led businesses are one of the fastest-growing sectors in our country, breaking down barriers and serving as a powerful driving force behind our economy. It is essential we keep lifting each other up and supporting each other in business," said Jane Kaplan Peck, majority owner and chief operating officer (COO) at Kaplan.

"It is a tremendous honor to be included again among so many successful and impressive women-led businesses, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the other companies who were honored by TCI."

In October 2014, one of Jane's first undertakings as newly appointed COO was spearheading the effort to be certified as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. WBEs are entities that are at least 51 percent owned and/or controlled by women. Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and women owned businesses provide ever increasing value to the Massachusetts economy, making up the state's fastest growing business sector in the Commonwealth. Kaplan also frequently performs on projects requiring Boston Resident Jobs Policy (BRJP) compliance and has employed a significant number of women and minority-owned subcontractors in doing so.

Kaplan's services include preconstruction, general contracting, construction management, and design/build. Kaplan serves a variety of clients, including commercial, healthcare, historic rehab, institutional, recreational, and worship. Recent projects include Congregation Kehillath Israel; The Revolution Hotel; various renovations for Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Northeastern University; and Powder House, the adaptive re-use of a 91,000 s/f school to create 48 apartment units, commercial space, and over 50,000 s/f of outdoor space.

