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## **Kaplan recognized as Top 100 Women-led business in Mass. by TCI**

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Jane Kaplan Peck

Boston, MA Kaplan Construction has been named to the list of Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Mass. by The Commonwealth Institute (TCI) for the fifth year in a row. Finalists were honored during an event at the Boston Marriott Copley Hotel and Kaplan ranked number 65, up from 75 last year.

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. Past honorees have come from fields ranging from biotechnology to architecture to retail, illustrating the diversity of women-led organizations across the Commonwealth.

"We are honored to be once again acknowledged as a top woman-led business and congratulate the other women and companies recognized at this year's awards breakfast," said Jane Kaplan Peck, majority owner and chief operating officer (COO) at Kaplan. "According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only nine percent of construction workers are women. We are proud that over 50% of our project managers are women. I feel it is essential to our firm's future to recruit, train, and mentor women in the field of construction."

In October 2014, one of Peck'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% 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.

Recently, Peck was named a Women of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (FIRE) by Banking New England magazine. In 2016 she was recognized as an Outstanding Woman of Family Business by The Warren Group, and in 2018 she was chosen as Emerging Leader of the Year by the Associated General Contractors Massachusetts Chapter (AGC MA) in its first ever BWiC Inspire Awards. Both Jane and Senior Project Manager Rachael Montosi have been selected as Women in Construction by the editorial board at Constructech Magazine.

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 The Revolution Hotel in Boston, Powder House in Somerville, Mass., and renovations to Boston University's Case Athletic Center and Children's Center.

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