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Design-build seminar deemed one of the most important learning and information sharing events by conference attendees

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West, LLC (PLDW), and the Design-Build Institute of America, New England Chapter, held "Navigating Design-Build: Best Practices and Principles from Owner Representatives and Process Experts" on Aug. 26, 2010, at the Officer's Club in Newport, R.I. Attendees at the day-long seminar, sponsored by AECOM, United Water, and TCM, learned valuable lessons and opportunities from owner representatives and process experts about design-build, one of the nation's most effective and efficient alternative delivery methods of construction that bridges the public and private sectors in partnership. The conference host was PLDW associate Robert Knychalski.

Keith Stokes, executive director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, presented welcoming remarks on behalf of the state of Rhode Island, and laid the foundation for the growing importance of design-build as a method for enhancing economic development. The first panel discussion, entitled "Lessons Learned From Owners' Representatives," featured:

- Commander Gregor Bo, naval station Newport public works officer
- Julia A. Forgue, P.E., director of utilities, city of Newport, R.I.
- David Guertin, director of public works, town of Provincetown, Mass.
- Steve Coutu, public works director, city of East Providence, R.I.



Each panelist discussed the challenges and opportunities of their ongoing or completed design-build project, how they were able to get their design-build project off the ground from contract development, procurement, and environmental and operational function areas, examples of issues or problems that arose in the use of design-build and the procurement process, and the role of design-build consultants in their projects, including engineers and legal advisors.

"After 50 years of residents voting 'no' and five special acts of legislation, the town of Provincetown finally had approval to use design-build as an alternative to construct its new sewer system," said David Guertin, director of public works and featured panelist. "The design-build-operate project delivery system worked, saving the town time, money, and effort. The design and construction

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