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CoreNet Global Launches New Pittsburgh Chapter

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PITTSBURGH, PA (January 4, 2011) -- CoreNet Global, the world's leading corporate real estate association, today announced the launching of a new CoreNet Global Pittsburgh chapter, which will serve all of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Pittsburgh Chapter is now one of more than 55 local groups representing CoreNet Global in major cities worldwide.

The organization has also confirmed that Kim Ford, LEED AP, managing principal of the Pittsburgh office of CresaPartners, will become president of the new chapter.

Ford comments, "We see a growing need for corporate real estate strategizing and leadership development in the region. CoreNet Global has an excellent global platform with cutting-edge research, education and channels of opportunity. Pittsburgh is home to many large corporation,s and corporate real estate executives that can significantly benefit from a local chapter."

CoreNet Global is the world's leading professional association for corporate real estate (CRE) and workplace executives, service providers and economic developers. CoreNet Global's 6,800 members, who include 70% of the top 100 U.S. companies and nearly half of the Global 2000, meet locally, globally and virtually to develop networks, share knowledge, learn and thrive professionally. In times of industry change and economic challenge, CoreNet Global responds with leading-edge research, timely case studies, knowledge sharing and innovation.

Lee R. Utke, Director, Global Corporate Real Estate for Whirlpool Corporation and Chairman of CoreNet Global, comments, "CoreNet Global's promise is that through our network, professional development, leading-edge research and other benefits, corporate real estate executives will learn how to more effectively influence, or even change, major C-Suite and business drivers."

The new Pittsburgh chapter board will consist of seven additional members and will hold its kickoff general membership event March 1, 2011 at noon at the Duquesne Club.

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The additional board members are:

- Dennis M. Bailey, PPG
- Mary J. Guinee, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
- Dani J. Kazienko, JD/MBA, CresaPartners
- Daniel S. Pauletich, Specialty Consultants Inc.
- Donald F. Smith, Jr., PhD, Regional Industrial Development Corporation
- M. Michele "Shelly" Sponholz, MCR, Giant Eagle
- Sandra M. Wise, Dollar Bank

To register for the March 1 event or for more information on joining CoreNet Global, visit the chapter's website at <http://pittsburgh.corenetglobal.org> or contact the Membership Chair, Dan Pauletich, at danielpauletich@gmail.com or (724) 594-3443.

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