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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Partner Teno A. West will host a DBIA/RI Chapter 'Showcase Event' of Award-Winning Student Design-Build Projects**

***Roger Williams University Student Projects To Be Featured***

Providence, RI (November 22, 2011) - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Partner Teno A. West, who is also Chair of the Design-Build Institute of America, Rhode Island Chapter, will host a 'meet and mentor' showcase event on December 1 for local professionals in the construction industry and Roger Williams University (RWU) students who were recognized in November for their innovative design-build construction projects by the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC), Region 1. PLDW and Gilbane Construction are co-sponsors of the event, which is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and will feature RWU's six-member student team presentation of its award-winning construction projects, and provide a chance for students and professionals to meet and discuss industry best practices and the trends and future of the design-build construction industry. The ASC competition for Region I include construction projects from students enrolled in schools from Maine to Virginia.

The event will be held in RWU's Shawmut Design and Construction Management Project Center, located in the School of Engineering. RWU's address is One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809. Parking is available in Lot I on the campus and the event will take place in room SE-125. Registration before or at the event is required and a fee of \$20 will be charged. There is no fee for students. People can pre-register with the DBIA at [www.dbiane.org](http://www.dbiane.org).

“We are all energized by the tremendous work of these students as the next generation of professionals in the design-build industry,” said Mr. West, who leads the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team. “The DBIA’s members are among the most qualified professionals in the business, and this event provides an opportunity for the students to meet and be mentored by highly skilled men and women, and for our members to gain insight into what their future employees and colleagues are producing in the evolving industry of design-build.”

Mr. West has held leadership positions in the DBIA/New England Chapter for the past five years. His law practice focuses primarily on representing municipal governments in the areas of administrative law, public contracts, water law, solid waste management, municipal law, and construction law. He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of his practice and is a leader in the field of alternative delivery approaches, including design-build, design-build-operate, and public-private partnerships. Mr. West has served as the lead negotiator for the development of several cutting-edge environmental and civic municipal infrastructure projects throughout the United States.

For more information about the event, contact PLDW at 401-824-5100, or RWU Professor Frederick Gould at 401-254-3725. To learn more about PLDW, please visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).

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