

8:30 a.m. Report Findings

Jeff Blodgett

Jeff is vice president of research at Connecticut Economic Research Center and is responsible for the company's business and economic research services. He has developed an extensive knowledge of Connecticut's economy through a variety of academic and government research positions including positions at Yale University, the Connecticut Department of Education and as the research director at the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. With 25 years of research experience, Jeff frequently presents at national and international economic development conferences. He is past president of the Hartford Area Business Economists and past president of ACCRA, *The Council for Community and Economic Research*, the national professional organization for economic development researchers. He is also on the board of the New England Economic Project, on the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Economic Development Research* and a member of the Connecticut Economic Development Association. Jeff holds a master's degree in research design and statistical methods.

Robert Tannenwald

Bob is vice president and economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston as well as director of the New England Public Policy Center. He has published extensively in the field of public finance, including topics such as devolution, unemployment insurance, business tax climate, and impacts of state and local tax policies. Bob has been with the Boston Fed since 1981. From 1984 to 1986, he served as executive director of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Tax Reform. In 1992 and 1993, he served as research director of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Business Tax Policy. He served as research director of the New Hampshire Commission on Education Funding during 2000 and is first vice president of the National Tax Association. Bob holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

10:30 a.m. Business Leaders Panel

William T. Bromage, Webster Bank

Since 2000, Bill has been the president, vice chairman and chief operating officer of Webster Financial Corporation and Webster Bank. He is responsible for all of Webster's business lines and for driving results from Webster's strategic plan. Prior to joining Webster in 1996, Bill was employed by the former Shawmut National Corporation, where he served as executive vice president for Commercial Banking. Following his years at Shawmut, he became a consultant at Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford where he focused on credit and risk issues for Aetna's national real estate portfolio. Bob serves on the executive boards of the MetroHartford Alliance, Connecticut Technology Council, Junior Achievement and Connecticut Public Broadcasting. He earned a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University.

Frank Marco, Wiggin & Dana

Frank is a partner in the firm's New Haven office and head of the Private Equity and Emerging Companies Practice Group in the Business Practice Department. With over 30 years of experience in corporate, finance and securities law, Frank regularly counsels institutional clients on corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisition, spin-offs and corporate ventures. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University (1969), and was awarded his J.D. cum laude from Fordham Law School (1972), where he was an editor of the *Fordham Law Review*.

R. Michael Goman, Konover Development Corporation

Michael is President and CEO of Konover Development Corporation in Farmington, Connecticut. Konover is one of New England's largest private retail real estate development companies. Michael has worked in the industry for more than 25 years, and has been involved with more than 50 million square feet of commercial real estate in the U.S. and Canada. He currently serves as ICSC government relations

chairman for the Eastern Division, is a certified SCSM and CLS, and co-founded the Connecticut Partnership for Balanced Growth. Michael is also a licensed real estate broker in four states. He is an active member of the Simsbury Board of Education and is past president of the Simsbury Main Street Partnership.

Jana Moak, Control Module

Jana is president and CEO of Control Module, where she is responsible for the strategic planning and execution of the company long-range growth plan. In addition to overseeing the quality and innovation of CMI's workforce management technology, she also serves on the Board of Trustees at Tri-State University, the Board of Directors for DeCorp, a leading manufacturer of wiring and interconnection technologies; and on the Board of Advisors for FITNIKS International, Inc., a children's exercise club based in Cameron, CA. Jana holds a Bachelor of Arts in physics from Northeastern University, and attended the Master of Science program in physics at Northeastern University and the MBA program at the University of Maryland.

Roger Joyce, The Bilco Company

Since 1987, Roger has been the vice president of engineering at The Bilco Company in West Haven. Roger first joined the family company in 1979. Bilco, founded by Roger's grandfather in 1926, is still owned and managed by the family and remains a market leader in its field. Bilco pioneered the development of steel basement doors, vault and sidewalk doors and roof access scuttles. Roger serves on the Connecticut Business and Industry Association board of directors, and is a member of the advisory board of the New Haven Inner City Business Strategy Initiative of the Governor's Council on Competitiveness, as well as the University of New Haven School of Business. He is past chairman of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Empower New Haven and Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority, and former president of Greater New Haven Personnel Association and the Manufacturers Association of New Haven County. Roger received his engineering degree from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

Douglas G. Fisher, Northeast Utilities (Moderator)

Doug directs the economic development and community relations function for Northeast Utilities, the largest utility in New England and parent company of Connecticut Light & Power, Yankee Gas Energy Services, Western Massachusetts Electric Co. and Public Service Co. of New Hampshire. Doug is responsible for NU's economic and community development and community giving programs, including the administration of the six-state "Discover New England for Business" marketing effort and the interstate Hartford-Springfield Economic Partnership. Previous to joining NU in 1995, Doug worked in media relations and served as the director of government compliance with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. Doug holds a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Connecticut.

12:00 p.m. Luncheon Keynote

Bruce Katz

Bruce Katz, vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding director of the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program, regularly advises national, state, regional and municipal leaders on policy reforms that advance the competitiveness of metropolitan areas. Bruce is the editor or co-editor of numerous books on transportation, demographics, and regionalism including *Taking the High Road* (Brookings Press, 2005), *Redefining Urban and Suburban America* (Brookings Press, 2003), and *Reflections on Regionalism* (Brookings Press, 2000). As a commentator on urban and metropolitan issues, Bruce frequently appears on TV and radio including National Public Radio Morning Edition, PBS's The Lehrer Newshour, and CNN. Bruce's op-eds and articles have appeared in a wide range of major national

and regional newspapers. He is also a visiting professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics. Before joining Brookings, Bruce served as chief of staff to Henry G. Cisneros, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as the staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs. Bruce is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School.

1:00 p.m. Regional and State Strategy Discussion

Rachel M. Deitch

As director of special projects at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Rachel focuses on overall corporate operations as well as coordination, implementation and oversight of a range of projects. Rachel first joined CERC as network administrator and continues in this capacity to sustain a secure and reliable technology infrastructure and provide software/system training and support to employees. Prior to joining CERC, Rachel was an information technology specialist for West Hartford Public Schools and was also an editor and circulation manager for an environmental trade publication. She is a current member of the Utility Economic Development Association (UEDA) and recently attended a course on Strategic Economic Development Leadership sponsored by the UEDA at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. Rachel earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Tufts University and a master's degree in information technology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.