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KATHLEEN CULHANE NAMED PRESIDENT OF NONTRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN (NEW)

NEW YORK – November 4, 2014 – After a formal search, the Board of Directors of **Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW)** announced today the appointment of **Kathleen Culhane** as President.

“Kathleen Culhane has long been dedicated to improving peoples’ lives and helping them become independent, active members of their communities,” stated Joseph A. Ienuso, Chair of the NEW Board of Directors and Executive Vice President of Facilities and Operations at Columbia University. “Kathleen’s leadership and commitment to expanding opportunities for women in the building and construction trades and her knowledge of the industry makes her the ideal choice for our President.”

Working with NEW for the past seven years, Kathleen Culhane has been instrumental in the creation of many innovative programs, securing NEW as a national model for advancing women in the building and construction trades.

“NEW has been a vital partner of the unionized construction industry, helping to provide a well-qualified, diverse workforce that is building a strong New York. Over the years, Kathleen has developed key relationships with prospective employers, contractors, government partners and, of course, labor unions,” said Gary La Barbera, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York, which consists of local affiliates of 15 national and international unions representing 100,000 members in New York City. “We look forward to continuing our work with Kathleen and NEW so that women have the opportunity to establish a viable career where they can earn a living wage and essential benefits.”

Prior to joining NEW, Kathleen Culhane spent 10 years immersed in housing and homelessness issues with the Bowery Residents’ Committee (BRC), among other organizations. Culhane earned a Master’s degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

“I am honored to have been chosen as NEW’s President,” said Kathleen Culhane. “I am excited about leading this organization at a time of tremendous potential. NEW’s programs and unique partnerships with real estate industry leaders and construction unions in New York City provide women real opportunities for a secure future for themselves and their families.

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ABOUT NONTRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN (NEW): Hard Hats, Strong Women, Building the Future

Founded in 1978, NEW prepares, trains, and places women in careers in the skilled construction, utility, and maintenance trades. NEW graduates start their careers earning over \$17/hour and by their third year they are earning \$25/hour. NEW provides a pipeline of qualified workers to the industries that build, move, power, green, and maintain New York. NEW has placed thousands of women in careers in the construction, energy, transportation, and facilities maintenance industries.