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Roundtable (Nov. 5) to Address Retention and Success of Women in STEM Fields

HARTFORD -- The unique challenges and opportunities for women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields will be examined on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the second of the “Women and Labor Issues Roundtable” series co-sponsored by the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF), the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), the Connecticut Department of Labor, and the U.S. Dept. of Labor (DOL) Women’s Bureau.

The four organizations are cooperating on these roundtable discussions, which are open to the public, to encourage constructive dialogue among stakeholders, legislators, advocates and members of the business community. Featured speakers for the STEM Roundtable are Linda Barrington, executive director of the Institute for Compensation Studies at Cornell Institute for Labor Relations; and Patrick Flaherty, an economist with the Connecticut Department of Labor. The discussion will be facilitated by Jacqueline Cooke, regional administrator for the U.S. DOL’s Women’s Bureau.

“We are holding these roundtables to inspire dialogue, share expertise, avoid duplication and explore possible legislative initiatives,” said Teresa Younger, executive director of the PCSW, which is a public policy arm of the Connecticut General Assembly. “All the participants are committed to a non-partisan, open forum in which many constructive ideas are put forth.”

“We dedicate significant resources to increasing the interest and awareness of girls in non-traditional and STEM fields,” said Dr. Alice Pritchard, executive director of the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF). “But what happens once women enter those fields? It is critical for us to hear directly from the women working in STEM about challenges they face, to ensure that businesses are retaining the best talent possible.”

Participants are asked to come prepared to discuss both obstacles to -- and solutions for -- the recruitment, retention and success of women in these male-dominated fields.

The STEM roundtable will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 1-A of the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

For more information click [HERE](#).

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