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## **KAREN KELLY APPOINTED AS EVENT MANAGER AT CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER**

**HARTFORD, CT (April 24, 2012)** --- Karen Kelly will be joining the [Connecticut Convention Center](#) as Event Manager. The Connecticut Convention Center, located in Hartford, is managed by Waterford Venue Services. Karen will report to Jaime Testa, Director of Events. For the past six years, Karen has been associated with LIVE NATION, a worldwide music promoter whose CT division operates Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford and the Comcast Theatre in Hartford. She worked in the capacity of Event Coordinator initially and then as Event Manager.

As Event Manager, Karen will be responsible for working with clients to provide professional client services support in the planning, organization, and management of events within the facility, monitoring the logistics of these events and all event related tasks after events are concluded. Karen will work under the direction of the Director of Events in her new role.

“It’s great that Karen, who has experience in the theater environment, has joined our team of diverse backgrounds. We are happy to have her and know that the knowledge she has gained at a performance venue will enhance our team and the service we provide to our clients,” says Michael Costelli, General Manager at the Connecticut Convention Center.

### **About the Connecticut Convention Center**

The Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford is the state’s premier meeting venue and the largest full-service convention facility between New York and Boston. Overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River, it features 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 40,000-square-foot ballroom and 25,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as ample sheltered parking. The facility is served by more than 6,500 local area hotel rooms, including the 22-story Marriott Hartford Downtown, adjacent to the Convention Center. The venue is professionally managed for the State of Connecticut by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group. For more information, please visit [www.ctconventions.com](http://www.ctconventions.com).