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Laura Cruickshank, FAIA, the University of Connecticut's Master Planner and Chief Architect and Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design & Construction, is responsible for the immediate and long-range planning, design and construction of UConn's \$2B Capital Plan for Storrs, the Regional Campuses and Law School. Prior to UConn, Laura Cruickshank was the Yale University Planner and directed planning and design on the Yale central campus; and led Yale planning, design and construction for the Yale-NUS College in Singapore. Prior to Yale, she was in private practice for over twenty years. Cruickshank received a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College and Master of Architecture from the University of New Mexico School of Architecture & Planning. She holds architectural registration in Connecticut and is an elected member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects, the Society for College and University Planning, the Association of University Architects and the National Organization of Minority Architects.

James Kodman
Associate Director
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As Associate Director of Facilities Engineering and Construction at Pratt & Whitney, Jim Kodman is responsible for leading the execution of the company's building and real estate strategies and construction support for the constantly evolving jet engine business. Jim has held positions of increasing responsibility during his career at Pratt & Whitney and during that time has led and advised on construction projects at Pratt & Whitney sites across the United States. Jim's interest in the building trades started in high school when he attended HC Wilcox Regional Technical High School. Jim also served in the United States Air Force prior to starting his career at Pratt & Whitney almost 32 years ago. As part of the United Technologies Scholar Program, Jim continued his education earning his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and MBA. He continues his learning by attending courses at the UTC Leadership Center and other industry related events. Jim's focus and passion during his career has expanded from coaching and developing facilities and construction professionals to mentoring leaders and empowering them to coach the next generation of facilities and construction professionals. This has been key in creating a talent pipeline for the Pratt & Whitney Facilities Organization. Jim has been a tremendous mentor to women in the organization. He encourages colleagues to take advantage of all opportunities to learn and lead stretch assignments that historically have been reserved for men. He values the importance of leveraging work life balance and creating diversity in the industry to reap the benefits of having the voice of talented and engaged women participating at the highest levels of decision making. Jim's knowledge and experience in the industry allows him to challenge the team to move to the next level, looking beyond today and to a vision of what the future could be for our industry.