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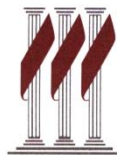
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**Wisconsin Women in Government and Wisconsin Women's Network  
Partner to Co-Host Women in Public Office Brownbag Panel**

MADISON – Wisconsin Women in Government (WWIG), a statewide, bipartisan, non-profit organization of professional women in government service, is co-hosting a brownbag lunch panel with the Wisconsin Women's Network (WWN), a coalition that promotes the advancement of women and girls in Wisconsin through communication, education, advocacy, and connections.

The brownbag lunch panel, to be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the DreamBank, will explore why more women do not run for elected office, what it is like to run for office, and various training and development opportunities that are available. Researchers from the UW-Extension Local Government Center will share their new findings about why more women are not running for elected office. Erin Forrest, Executive Director of Emerge Wisconsin and Michelle Litjens of LTD Fundraising & Campaign Consulting will discuss what it is like to run for office and the training opportunities for women seeking elected office on both sides of the aisle.

Anyone is welcome to attend, whether they are interested in running for office in the near or distant future, or just curious about some of the ways more equal representation in public office can be achieved. The panel will run from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Advance registration is encouraged at the following link:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ec98i484d8a2dbb0&oseq=&c=&ch=>

**WHAT:** Brownbag Panel: "Women – Are We Running for Office and How Do We Do It?"

**WHEN:** Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12:00 – 1:00pm

**WHERE:** DreamBank  
1 North Pinckney Street; Madison, WI 53703

**CONTACT:** WWIG Communications Co-Chairs, Teague Mawer & Kara Pennoyer

**About Wisconsin Women in Government**

Founded in 1987, Wisconsin Women in Government has grown into a statewide organization of professional women who work in government service and government relations. The organization is committed to empowering and advancing more women in government service through scholarship and professional development programs, including the WWIG Leadership Seminar conducted in collaboration with the LaFollette School of Public Affairs at UW-Madison. Since 1987, WWIG has raised more than \$1 million to support these programs that have benefitted more than 460 women at all levels of government service. Programs and events such as the annual spring gala are organized by an all-volunteer, bipartisan board of directors.