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Professional Women in Construction honored PANYNJ women during an awards reception: (l-r) Anthony Shorris, executive director; Lenore Janis, president, PWC; Susan Bass Levin, first deputy executive director; Virginia Bauer, board of commissioners; Gwendolyn Colbert Kushner, PWC board member and president GCK Consulting of NY, LLC. Photo: Howard Wechsler.

## **Agency's 'leading ladies' lauded**

Professional Women in Construction on March 26 rolled out the red carpet to pay tribute to a group of "leading ladies" from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The all-star cast, led by Susan Bass Levin, first deputy executive director of the Port Authority, are playing key roles in the agency's \$29.5 billion 10-year capital program. PWC National President Lenore Janis said: "We are proud to acknowledge and celebrate the decision and policy makers and the directors behind the rebuilding and expansion of our region's airports, bridges, ports, railways, tunnels and the WTC site." The event drew a broad spectrum of the industry that filled to capacity the Grand Ballroom of The Yale Club in New York City.

Accepting PWC's Leadership Award, Levin thanked those who preceded today's achieving women for "paving the way" in construction and allied fields, traditionally male bastions, and thanked PWC for recognizing the importance of the Port Authority: "We build grand things and think grand ideas," said Levin, noting that such creativity is a byproduct of "grand energy." She urged all to help "make our futures and our lives brighter."

PWC board member and event chair, Gwendolyn Colbert Kushner, whom Janis called "an untiring cheerleader for PWC," received a Special Recognition award for her ongoing support of the organization and dedication to the advancement of women and minorities. ■