

ULI Philadelphia: Unpacking Cold Storage

A Project-Level Look at Regional Growth and National Trends

April 23, 2026 | 8:30AM – 11:30AM EST | Stateside Live! 1100 Pattison Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19148

About the Event: In the United States, cold storage is one of the most critically important and technically complex sectors in commercial industrial real estate. Our dependence on e-commerce, grocery distribution, and life sciences is evolving supply chains and driving demand for temperature-controlled facilities. But these buildings come with unique challenges, from thoughtful energy consumption and specialized building systems to operational logistics and site selection – and they require experienced teams with proven track records to deliver them.

Join the ULI Philadelphia Industrial Product Council for a discussion with industry leaders exploring national and regional cold storage trends, investment drivers, and the complexities of developing and operating these highly specialized facilities.

Following the panel, attendees will take a shuttle to tour a nearby cold storage project. While the core and shell have recently been completed, the operator will be actively installing advanced automation systems, offering a rare opportunity to see the technology that powers modern cold chain logistics.

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Speakers include:

- Moderator: Adam Bortz, Industrial Practice Strategy Leader, National, NELSON Worldwide
- Keiran Flannigan, Principal, Saxum Real Estate
- Dave Aschenbrand, Executive Managing Director, Cold Chain Practice, Newmark
- Kristin Westover, National Account Manager, Cold Storage, GAF
- Fran Baylis, President, A&E Construction
- Will Nelson, Managing Director, BGO Cold Chain
- Mike Cunniff, VP of Logistics, Holt Logistics

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