<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>

<configuration>

<configSections>

</configSections>

<connectionStrings>

<add name="GPS.Properties.Settings.ConnectionString"

connectionString="Data Source=CDCDW04;Initial Catalog=DCMdb;User Id=gpsapp;Password=gpsP@$$w0rd;Timeout=30"

providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />

</connectionStrings>

<startup>

<supportedRuntime version="v4.0" sku=".NETFramework,Version=v4.5.2" />

</startup>

</configuration>

Add in reference to System.Configuration

In the place you will retrieve add

Using System.Configuration

public static string StrConn = ConfigurationManager.ConnectionStrings["GPS.Properties.Settings.ConnectionString"].ConnectionString;