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IFMA Joins Group to Advise Department of Energy on High-Performance Green Building

HOUSTON — (Feb. 18, 2009) — The International Facility Management Association is pleased to announce it has joined the [High-Performance Commercial Green Building Partnership](#), a consortium of leading organizations from the building community that seeks to provide guidance and technical expertise on sustainability issues to the Department of Energy's [Building Technologies Program](#).

The partnership was formed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, along with a steering committee of nine other leading organizations, in response to a DOE request for consortia to advise the department on high-performance building issues. IFMA will serve as an advisory member in the group, where it will represent building owners and operators from the public and private sectors.

"IFMA is pleased to join this consortium and represent the facility management community in advancing the high-performance building issues at the core of every workplace professional's strategic facility plan," said IFMA President and CEO David J. Brady. "Our members are continually finding new ways to minimize their organization's carbon footprint, reduce energy consumption and increase productivity, and this collaboration will enable us to share these insights with the DOE and related agencies."

The partnership intends to be recognized as a "Partnership Consortium" by the DOE as requested in response to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 421. This section deals with the formation of the Net-Zero Commercial Building Initiative, which is intended to establish a research, development and deployment strategy toward achieving net-zero energy performance levels in commercial buildings.

In addition to IFMA, other advisory members of the consortium represent groups such as design professionals; the construction and real estate industries; academic and research organizations; building code agencies; green building associations; indoor air quality experts; equipment providers; public transportation experts; and others.

The partnership will also assemble a resource network beyond the steering committee and advisory members consisting of individual design professionals, construction companies, universities, utility companies, agencies, manufacturers and other parties that have demonstrated leadership in high-performance and sustainable building.

For more information, visit www.hpcgpb.org. To learn more about joining the partnership, contact Doug Read in ASHRAE's Washington, D.C., office at dread@ashrae.org or 202-833-1830.

IFMA is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,500 members in 60 countries. The association's members, represented in 125 chapters and 15 councils worldwide, manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than US\$100 billion in products and services. Formed in 1980, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the world's largest facility management conference and exposition. For more information, visit the [IFMA press room](#) or www.ifma.org.

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