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### **D.C. WORKSHOP TO SPOTLIGHT TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICES AFFECTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR FACILITIES**

HOUSTON — (Aug. 27, 2008) — Federal, military and private sector leaders from across the country are bringing their built environment expertise to the nation's capital for the second annual [Facilities Management Workshop](#), Sept. 9-10 at the Washington Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C.

A joint venture between the [Society of American Military Engineers](#), the National Academies of Sciences' [Federal Facilities Council](#) and the [International Facility Management Association](#), the two-day event will focus on issues facing senior facility managers in the public sector as well as the latest industry trends and best practices.

The workshop will include a keynote presentation on sustainable infrastructure and five expert panels focusing on recent developments in energy management, sustainability, facilities asset management and other topics. Representatives from ARAMARK, Booz Allen Hamilton, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, and the U.S. Air Force and Navy will speak. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to discuss facility management issues with the panelists.

Retired Lt. Gen. [Henry J. Hatch](#), former chair of the FFC and former chief of engineers and commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be the workshop's keynote speaker. Hatch will discuss the findings of the FFC's sustainable critical infrastructure study group.

"A number of us have wrestled with the issue of encouraging prudent public and private investment in our nation's infrastructure with the basic assumption that the quality of our infrastructure directly impacts our economy, international competitiveness and quality of life," said Hatch. "I assure you there is no single solution — no silver bullet. I'll be discussing the challenges we face. I'll offer a vision that one might consider for sustainable infrastructure in the United States."

The Facilities Management Workshop program will run from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The first day of the workshop will concentrate on energy and asset management, while the second day will focus on the facility management profession itself, specifically in regard to sustainability and best practices.

“The operation of commercial and industrial buildings across the U.S. accounts for nearly half of the nation’s energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions — at a cost of more than \$200 billion a year,” said Anna Stark, EPA ENERGY STAR commercial properties program manager and a presenter at the workshop. “Improving energy efficiency is the single largest and most cost-effective way to reduce a building’s carbon footprint. Facility managers are in a unique position to capture these environmental and financial savings and help their organizations demonstrate national leadership in sustainability.”

The Facilities Management Workshop has also been coordinated with IFMA and the FFC’s third annual Public Policy Forum on Capitol Hill, Sept. 11 in the U.S. Capitol, room HC-5. The forum will present policy makers with emerging sustainability issues and is open to the public. Facilities Management Workshop attendees are free to attend both events.

To register for the Facilities Management Workshop, click [here](#) or contact Kristin Duckworth, SAME continuing education manager, at 703-549-3800, ext. 151, or [kduckworth@same.org](mailto:kduckworth@same.org). Members of the media are invited to attend at no charge.

#### About SAME:

Founded in 1920, the mission of the Society of American Military Engineers is to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals. For more information, visit [www.same.org](http://www.same.org).

#### About IFMA:

IFMA is the world’s largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,000 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](http://www.ifma.org).

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