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IFMA NAMES 2008 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS

HOUSTON — (Oct. 23, 2008) — The International Facility Management Association has announced the winners of its prestigious Awards of Excellence, recognizing groups and individuals who have made significant contributions to the facility management profession and the association. Awards were presented at IFMA's annual Awards of Excellence banquet on Friday, Oct. 17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, Texas, in a celebration that capped off IFMA's [World Workplace 2008 Conference & Expo](#).

"This year's award winners represent the best-in-class in volunteer achievement and FM leadership," said John J. McGee, MBA, chairman of IFMA's board of directors, who presented at the awards banquet. "The Awards of Excellence provide continuous career support for the association's members and highlight the importance of advancing the facility management profession, raising the bar and setting examples for those who follow."

Winners were announced in 19 categories, with judging panels comprised of industry experts evaluating nominees individually and scoring them in a number of specific areas. IFMA recognizes companies and individuals for their achievements that advance the facility management profession as well as chapters and councils for their outstanding performance in key areas.

The Sheila Sheridan Award of Excellence for Sustainable Design and Energy Efficient Projects went to Adobe Systems and Cushman & Wakefield. In conjunction with Cushman & Wakefield, Adobe Systems developed and implemented a rigorous program to green its headquarters buildings.

Mark C. Horan, CFM, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City was this year's recipient of the George Graves Award for Facility Management Achievement. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has made significant improvements in the areas of design, security, efficient space planning, sustainability and furniture purchasing.

The Distinguished Author Award of Excellence for an Article was presented to Bill Conley, CFM, CFMJ, LEED®-AP, IFMA Fellow, for his article "Make Yourself at Home With an Alternate Workplace Strategy," which reinforces the necessity of taking a holistic view of actions and processes by evaluating the range of causes and effects, especially when dealing with culture shifts. Conley has been a contributing author to IFMA's "Facility Management Journal" for 13 years.

Diane C. Stegmeier was honored with the Distinguished Author Award of Excellence for a Book for her entry "Innovations in Office Design: The Critical Influence Approach to Effective Work

Environments,” the result of a 10-year research study surrounding the impact of physical space on workplace behavior. The study, which involved more than 140 organizations in 24 countries, resulted in her discovery of what is now known as the Critical Influence System™ — 15 tangible and intangible factors impacting workplace behavior.

The IFMA Associate Member Award went to Betty J. Friedrichs, LEED®-AP, for her active participation in governing and operating the Orange County Chapter of IFMA.

The Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of IFMA was honored with the Student Chapter of the Year Award.

The Council of the Year Award went to the Corporate Facilities Council of IFMA, which currently has more than 3,800 members worldwide and has placed professional development at the core of its strategic plan.

The Chapter of the Year Award, small chapter, went to the Sacramento Valley Chapter of IFMA for its ongoing commitment to sustainability and educational programming.

The Chapter of the Year Award, large chapter, was given to the Silicon Valley Chapter of IFMA, which has not only provided quality educational and networking programs to its members, but has also broadened its outreach to selected industry sectors such as life sciences to pursue new members.

The Chapter Award of Excellence for Membership Marketing, large chapter, went to both the Denver Chapter and Silicon Valley Chapter of IFMA, with the small chapter award going to the Delaware Chapter of IFMA.

The Boston Chapter of IFMA won the Chapter Award of Excellence for Newsletter Publishing, large chapter, with the small chapter award going to the Madison Chapter of IFMA.

The Chapter Award of Excellence for Web Communication, small chapter, was awarded to the West Michigan Chapter of IFMA.

The Denver Chapter of IFMA won the Chapter Award of Excellence for Professional Development, large chapter, with the small chapter award going to the Greater Triangle Chapter of IFMA.

The Banking Institutions and Credit Unions Council of IFMA received the Council Award for Excellence in Newsletter Publishing.

The Council Award of Excellence in Programs and Professional Development was awarded to the Health Care Council of IFMA.

For more information about IFMA Awards of Excellence categories, nomination procedures or judging, e-mail awards@ifma.org.

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 www.ifma.org.

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