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NASA Executive Joins IFMA through Continuing Development Program

HOUSTON — (Feb. 10, 2009) — The International Facility Management Association is pleased to announce that Patrick Pilola of the National Aeronautics & Space Administration has joined IFMA on a 90-day temporary assignment as part of the space agency's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. Pilola is currently the chief of the Avionic Systems Division at the [Johnson Space Center](#) in Houston, Texas, where he has worked since 1986.

Participants chosen for NASA's executive development program engage in temporary outside work assignments in order to broaden their knowledge and increase their leadership skills. NASA has identified IFMA as an opportunity for Pilola to gain insight and new perspectives on how executives in a non-aerospace, non-governmental organization implement concepts such as leading change, leading people, managing results, building coalitions and developing business acumen.

"Being a part of this initiative is an honor and a privilege. The program is allowing me to maximize my leadership potential not only through classroom training, but also by participating in rotational assignments outside of my home organization," said Pilola. "It's my hope that IFMA gains as much through our joint venture as I know I will."

In his new role, Pilola will serve as an executive assistant to IFMA's senior strategy team, where he will learn the methods and tools IFMA utilizes in its business practices and day-to-day operations at the senior, middle management and frontline employee levels. At the conclusion of the work assignment, Pilola will prepare a final report for NASA identifying best practices and potential applications to the space agency. Similarly, IFMA executives will also gain valuable insight from Pilola during his time with the association.

"Bringing in one of NASA's executives to work with our senior strategy team allows the association to benefit from the management expertise of a well established government agency known for its cutting-edge programs," said IFMA President and CEO David J. Brady. "World class space exploration requires world class people, and with Patrick Pilola joining us, we have an opportunity to learn from one of the best NASA has to offer."

To learn more about the federal government's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Programs, click [here](#). For more information about NASA, visit www.nasa.gov.

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

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