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## **News Briefs from your Wichita IFMA Chapter:**

### **Welcome New Members!**

We are pleased to welcome the following new chapter members, all of whom have joined the Wichita Chapter within the last 60-90 days:

Ben Boesen, Boesen Plumb. Elevator Solutions  
Valerie Etheridge, Encompass Corp.  
Michelle Laffen, Koch Supply Company  
Steve Mankins, Building Controls and Services  
Gary Sessions, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

### **Check out our Wichita IFMA Web Site**

If you have not recently visited our Wichita IFMA web site, we encourage you to check it out at [www.ifmawichita.org](http://www.ifmawichita.org). Gary Fink, Facilities Manager with Royal Caribbean, is our highly paid (not so much – can you say, “strictly volunteer”?) and talented (very much) web site coordinator. He has been very busy making updates and revisions to help you gain more information about the Wichita Chapter events, calendar, meetings, etc. Thank you, Gary, for a very professional job!

### **IFMA Facility Management Staffing Report Released**

IFMA has released its new Facility Management Staffing Report, based on a survey they conducted this year.

Study respondents include 1,414 FM professionals working in 134,900 locations/unique buildings, managing 9.91 billion square feet of space. Based on these numbers, and by determining what proportion of the total FM universe these responses comprise, the report estimates that there are a total of 408,000 facility professionals working in the United States.

Among the study's findings:

- The majority of FMs work in a service industry, followed by institutional and manufacturing settings;
- More than half of FMs manage multiple buildings in multiple sites, and many manage a combination of owned and leased space;
- The majority of companies handle facility planning, project management, moves/additions/changes, space planning, and operations and maintenance in house;
- Services most often handled by a third-party provider are janitorial, roads and grounds, construction, food services and security;

- An average of 59.3 total staff work within each company's facilities department, including professional staff, skilled trade and non-skilled workers;
- In the past year, FMs report an annual pay increase of 2 percent for professionals, skilled trade and non-skilled workers; and

Four out of 10 respondents report that their total space managed has increased over the past year, indicating that FMs are doing more with less staff.

For more information or to purchase the report, go to [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org) bookstore.

## **2010 – The Year for a Surge in Energy Efficiency**

Energy efficiency was a central component of every one of the climate bills debated in Congress in 2009. And for good reason. With buildings responsible for 40 percent of the nation's energy consumption, the opportunity for significant savings is real. In fact, the USGBC estimates that greater building efficiency can meet 85 percent of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

The concept of energy efficiency stands apart from other cleantech and green building initiatives in a very important way: It's relatively cheap. If you think about it, the cleanest and cheapest kilowatt of energy is the one never used. So even if there is an upfront cost to put efficiency measures into place, the return is never-ending. That means within a few months or years, you're putting money back into your pocket. That's a form of green we can all agree on.

With the new-found awareness of the potential of energy efficiency, 2010 promises to be a year of action. There are three key factors that get people to take action: incentives, funding and solutions that are proven to work.

For these three factors and to read more, go to: <http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2010/01/06/2010-year-surge-energy-efficiency>

## **World Workplace 2010**

IFMA's annual conference will be held in Atlanta, GA this year, at The Georgia World Congress Center, October 27-29, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.worldworkplace.org/2010/index.cfm>

“The rung of the ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.”

- Thomas Henry Huxley

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