



CHAPTER AND NATIONAL NEWS

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Facility management: A profession that encompasses multiple disciplines to ensure functionality of the built environment by integrating people, place, process and technology. Websites: National www.IFMA.org, Upstate SC www.upstateifma.com.

1st Quarter Chapter Membership Drive: Bring a facility management professional as your guest and receive lunch vouchers for you and for the guest if they join our chapter by March 31, 2009! No limit, but the guest must be a professional facility manager or facility engineer, property manager, building owner, etc.

January Chapter Meeting Recap: What a terrific program on indoor air quality and testing for IAQ presented by *GEL Engineering*. It was great to learn that often there are simple remedies to what we thought were big problems, and important to know that little issues shouldn't be ignored. For more info, visit www.gel.com.

Welcome to Our New Upstate SC Chapter Members!

Brandon Davis – Aramark FM Greenville Ford Credit
Faye Riddle – Spectrum Interiors
Gregg Fandrich – St. Jude Medical

Thanks to Renewing Members: Steven Moore, Jay Hamilton, Sharon Hon, Steve Hoover, Bennie Deese.

Local Event of Interest to IFMA Members and Guests:

The Upstate SC Supply Chain Coalition invites you to attend the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, February 17th in Greenville on the CU-ICAR Campus, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Graduate Engineering Center, AT&T Auditorium.

What: Joining us as the keynote speaker is Alan L. Boeckmann, Chairman and CEO of Fluor Corporation, one of the world's leading and largest engineering, procurement, construction and maintenance services companies. The evening will begin with a social. Light appetizers will be served; cash bar. Following the social, we will hear from our speakers. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

When: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: [Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Graduate Center, AT&T Auditorium on the CU-ICAR Campus in Greenville, SC](http://www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/cu-icar/campus/directions.html)
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Cost: Register after February 2nd or Pay at Door: Members \$32; Non-Members \$35 Clemson Students \$10

RSVP's are required. Please **RSVP** <http://www.apics-sc.org/rsvp.htm> today.

You can pay with PayPal online or at the door with cash or check.

Chapter Benefits

Top Five Reasons to Join an IFMA Chapter:

- Local networking with professional peers**
A unique forum for FM professionals to network locally with their peers, chapters provide many avenues for professional and personal development through monthly meetings, educational courses, social functions and facility tours.
- Chapter-specific member resources**
In addition to information and tools available through your IFMA membership, chapters offer resources specific to your local interests. Many chapters maintain their own Web sites, publish newsletters and local membership directories, and provide employment referral services. Chapter resources are important to your career growth, industry knowledge and networking.
- Best practice sharing with local peers**
Through chapter Web sites, meetings and events, you have the opportunity to talk with peers about workplace challenges and pose industry-related questions, receiving timely answers.
- Local professional development programs**
Chapters sponsor IFMA educational seminars, offer round table and panel discussions, and present "hot topic" speakers to members. Chapters also organize certification study groups designed for members planning to take IFMA's CFM exam. Peer support and knowledge sharing contribute to enhancing your professional development.
- Leadership opportunities**
Chapter committees and leadership positions allow members to contribute in areas such as program and event planning, marketing, Web development and member recruitment. As a source of personal development, participation as a chapter leader or organizer is highly rewarding. Chapter involvement is a source of pride, accomplishment and honor.

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