



## 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](http://www.IFMA.org), Upstate SC [www.upstateifma.com](http://www.upstateifma.com).

### Chapter Meeting Recap:

In February we heard from Marsh about the top non-catastrophic building claims and some good advice about prevention. Thank you to our speakers, Alex McNair and Kevin Rogan.

Welcome New Member: Steve Stafford, Carolina Filters. Welcome Back: William Wasson, Retired. Thanks for supporting the Upstate SC Chapter!

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST:

May 7-8 *Sustain SC* – a conference and expo hosted by the US Green Building Council SC Chapter right here in Greenville! Our chapter is working to provide a FM Panel Discussion, and you'll be able to find us at a booth. Watch your email for more info. [www.usgbcsc.org](http://www.usgbcsc.org).

March 19 – Our own Sharon Hon will be presenting *Where LEED meets Lifecycle in Building O&M* for the USGBC-SC Upstate Branch at the Carolina First Center in Greenville. [www.usgbcsc.org](http://www.usgbcsc.org)

IFMA's **World Workplace** is hosted annually by the **International Facility Management Association (IFMA)**, the largest and most widely recognized professional association for facility management.

IFMA's World Workplace encompasses the vast educational, networking and buying opportunities available through IFMA year-round. The association's knowledge and resources are consolidated into a three-day, world-class gathering of facility professionals, educators, students and companies for the continued advancement of the profession.

The conference draws attendees from all over the world and from a variety of workplace-related industries, including technology, engineering, architecture, design, security, real estate and facility management.

IFMA's World Workplace has earned its reputation as the premier conference and exposition for those concerned with the work environment. Its enduring success is based both on IFMA's standing as the ultimate resource for the facility management profession. IFMA partners with other highly respected organizations and publications in order to bring attendees the most well-rounded educational experience available.

IFMA's World Workplace is not just a conference, it is a career-altering learning and networking experience focused on you and the challenges that are universal to your profession.

#### The Learning Experience

Two full days of courses and lectures addressing cutting-edge issues important to your profession.

#### The Networking Experience

One of the most powerful aspects of World Workplace, special events and activities provide you with invaluable opportunities to talk shop and make important business contacts.

#### The Expo Experience

The World Workplace exposition provides the latest, top-of-the-line solutions for every facet of the built environment.

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Mark your Calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month. Our next meeting will cover Asphalt Resurfacing April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Future meeting topics include Fire Alarms, LEED, OSHA Compliance, Building Codes and a very special membership reception. Watch your email box or visit [www.upstateifma.com](http://www.upstateifma.com).

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## The Facility Management Journal and Today's Facility Manager Launch FM Alert Blog

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The International Facility Management Association's Facility Management Journal and Today's Facility Manager magazine have partnered to produce [FM Alert](#), a blog for facility professionals that will serve as the industry's most comprehensive news vehicle.

Published daily with exclusive content provided by industry leaders Today's Facility Manager and the Facility Management Journal, FM Alert will keep industry professionals up to date on breaking news, emerging trends, and the latest innovations and insights.

The blog format is a convenient, efficient and environmentally-friendly way for facility management professionals to stay on top of this ever-changing industry. FM Alert articles will also be posted to social networking sites powered by Today's Facility Manager and IFMA. "We are excited about partnering with the FMJ to publish FM Alert," said Susan Coene, publisher of Today's Facility Manager. "This is the industry's first joint blog. Working together, Today's Facility Manager and the Facility Management Journal will bring FM Alert subscribers the up-to-the-minute information they need to keep their facilities running efficiently and safely, and give them an opportunity to interact with their peers."

"With FM Alert, facility professionals have the opportunity to get the latest FM news and information from two of the industry's leading organizations," said Donald Young, IFMA's vice president of communications. "Blogging creates conversation, and readers will have the ability to comment on FM Alert blog postings and make the dialog dynamic."

For more information or to read FM Alert, visit [www.fmjonline.com](http://www.fmjonline.com) or [www.todaysfacilitymanager.com](http://www.todaysfacilitymanager.com).

### About the Facility Management Journal

The Facility Management Journal (FMJ), the official publication of the International Facility Management Association, provides relevant coverage of worldwide industry trends that impact today's facility management professionals. FMJ is the leading source of current, credible news for industry professionals seeking to improve the productivity of their facilities. The publication is published bimonthly and is provided in print and/or electronic editions to each of IFMA's more than 19,500 members, as well as to additional nonmember subscribers. For more information, go to [www.fmjonline.com](http://www.fmjonline.com).

### About Today's Facility Manager

Since 1988, Today's Facility Manager has established itself as a leading media brand serving the facility management profession. A monthly magazine, Today's Facility Manager, e-Newsletters, Web site ([TodaysFacilityManager.com](http://TodaysFacilityManager.com)), FacilityBlog, and events (The TFM Forum, The TFM Forum: Education/Government) keep professionals up-to-date on the latest practices, products, and services in the field.

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## IFMA Joins Group to Advise Department of Energy on High-Performance Green Building

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The International Facility Management Association is pleased to announce it has joined the [High-Performance Commercial Green Building Partnership](#), a consortium of leading organizations from the building community that seeks to provide guidance and technical expertise on sustainability issues to the Department of Energy's [Building Technologies Program](#).

The partnership was formed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, along with a steering committee of nine other leading organizations, in response to a DOE request for consortia to advise the department on high-performance building issues. IFMA will serve as an advisory member in the group, where it will represent building owners and operators from the public and private sectors.

"IFMA is pleased to join this consortium and represent the facility management community in advancing the high-performance building issues at the core of every workplace professional's strategic facility plan," said IFMA President and CEO David J. Brady. "Our members are continually finding new ways to minimize their organization's carbon footprint, reduce energy consumption and increase productivity, and this collaboration will enable us to share these insights with the DOE and related agencies." The partnership intends to be recognized as a "Partnership Consortium" by the DOE as requested in response to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 421. This section deals with the formation of the Net-Zero Commercial Building Initiative, which is intended to establish a research, development and deployment strategy toward achieving net-zero energy performance levels in commercial buildings.

In addition to IFMA, other advisory members of the consortium represent groups such as design professionals; the construction and real estate industries; academic and research organizations; building code agencies; green building associations; indoor air quality experts; equipment providers; public transportation experts; and others. The partnership will also assemble a resource network beyond the steering committee and advisory members consisting of individual design professionals, construction companies, universities, utility companies, agencies, manufacturers and other parties that have demonstrated leadership in high-performance and sustainable building.

For more information, visit [www.hpcgbbp.org](http://www.hpcgbbp.org). To learn more about joining the partnership, contact Doug Read in ASHRAE's Washington, D.C., office at [dread@ashrae.org](mailto:dread@ashrae.org) or 202-833-1830.