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Benefits of IFMA Membership

Join the IFMA Community

IFMA membership gives you the industry information, professional interaction and essential resources necessary to remain competitive. IFMA represents the most connected community of facility managers in the industry, and our community grows stronger each year.

As a member of IFMA, you have access to benefits, contacts, resources and opportunities, all geared toward strengthening your knowledge, skills and confidence. IFMA is dedicated to supporting you throughout your career. The entire Association—from Headquarters to individual members—is ready to help you grow, both personally and professionally.

IFMA members have access to resources that help them solve job-related problems.

- A useful network of professional contacts
- Pose questions on an IFMA Council listserv for immediate answers
- Access to the FMJ, Membership Directory, FM publications, educational sessions, product and service providers
- Attend local chapter meetings and discuss work challenges with colleagues, many of whom have faced similar problems and may be able to offer guidance and insight
- Attend IFMA's World Workplace Conference and Expo—international gatherings of industry professionals seeking education, information and interaction
- Attend an IFMA Professional Development seminar, increasing your knowledge and skills as a competent practitioner
- Acquire a professional credential and a springboard for obtaining certification through the Facility Management Professional (FMP) program, a knowledge-based credential demonstrating a proven comprehension of the basics of facility management.
- Acquire professional certification through IFMA's Certified Facility Manager (CFM) program, a measure of proficiency for competent facility managers and an industry standard

IFMA provides the industry's practitioners and suppliers with Membership and More...

- Professional development
- Competency-based and FM Edge hot topic courses
- Self-study courses
- Leadership development
- Certified Facility Manager credential
- Facility Management Professional designation
- Recognized FM degree programs
- Audio Seminars
- Global presence
- Chapter and council meetings, events and activities
- World Workplace Conference & Expo in North America, Europe & Asia-Pacific
- Recognition for professional achievements
- Member Resource Center
- Online job referral service
- Online Membership Directory
- British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) members only section
- Facility Management Association of Australia, Ltd. members only section
- Benchmarking
- Best practices
- Legal and regulatory reports
- IFMA Foundation
- Corporate marketing and sponsorship opportunities
- IFMA Web site
- IFMA Insider
- Online Buyer's Directory
- Facility Management Journal
- IFMA News
- Publications, research reports and conference proceedings

How does membership in IFMA benefit me?

1. Representation

Strong professional communities are backed by associations that work year-round to meet the needs of the industry.

Recognized as the leading authority on facility management, IFMA has established a worldwide presence to monitor issues affecting the workplace globally, promoting awareness, impacting trends affecting the future of FM and delivering the most complete and current information to our members.

2. Networking with professionals locally and globally

Knowledge-sharing, exchanging ideas and information, is valuable to our development as better managers, better workers and as a better community of professionals.

IFMA's community of facility professionals encompasses 126 chapters, 15 councils and one Special Interest Group (SIG) in 60 countries worldwide.

3. Professional Credentials

IFMA's Certified Facility Manager (CFM) program promotes professional excellence, establishes global standards for professional practice, promotes the added value of the profession and helps to influence the future direction of facility operations worldwide.

A springboard for obtaining certification, the Facility Management Professional (FMP) program can be completed in about 12 months, and FMP candidates may customize and integrate their training to build the specific knowledge they need to meet individual goals.

4. Increased opportunities to broaden skills and knowledge in all FM-related areas

IFMA promotes and facilitates an FM "Career Path." By pursuing the educational curriculum necessary to obtaining the FMP designation, FMs from beginner to expert can acquire fundamental knowledge in all of the core competency areas, building their skills, broadening their knowledge and professional networks, ultimately leading to having the hands-on experience to successfully completing the CFM Exam and joining the elite circle of Certified Facility Managers.

5. Opportunities to grow both personally and professionally

IFMA membership offers professional insight, clarity and direction. The Association provides its members with a wealth of educational, career enhancement and personal development resources. Members have access to a multitude of resources and career opportunities.

How does membership in IFMA benefit my company?

- Increased efficiency and productivity in its facility management team
- Ability to identify strengths and weaknesses through benchmarking studies
- Reduced liability risks by keeping staff informed of important issues and legislation affecting the workplace
- Access to state-of-the-art, cost-effective product and service solutions to meet your diverse workplace needs

Members have access to:

- A valuable network of professional contacts
- IFMA Professional Development, the preeminent source for gathering core knowledge, addressing critical issues and attaining professional credentials throughout all stages of your career
- Competency-based, self-study, online and audio courses
- Leadership development
- Professional certification through IFMA's Certified Facility Manager (CFM) program, a measure of proficiency for competent facility managers and an industry standard Facility Management Professional (FMP) designation, achieved by following a professional development "Career Path"
- Recognized facility management degree programs
- Discounts on seminars, events and merchandise
- Global presence
- IFMA Council listservs
- Chapter and council meetings, events and activities
- World Workplace Conference and Expo, a world-class gathering of practitioners, companies, students and educators seeking education, information and interaction
- Recognition for professional achievements through IFMA's Awards of Excellence program
- Speaking opportunities
- Exhibitor, sponsorship and corporate marketing opportunities
- Member Resource Center
- IFMA Web site
- Online job referral service
- Online Membership Directory
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- *Facility Management Journal*
- *IFMA News*
- *IFMA Insider*
- Publications, research reports and conference proceedings
- IFMA Foundation, an instrument of information and opportunities for the profession and its representatives

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