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**GLOBAL FM TO HOST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
FACILITY MANAGEMENT EDUCATION & TRAINING IN OXFORD, ENGLAND**

BRUSSELS, Belgium — (Nov. 12, 2007) — The Global Facility Management Association (Global FM) will bring public and private sector representatives together from countries around the world to focus on issues affecting the global facility management community during its International Workshop on Education & Training, March 17, 2008, in Oxford, England.

Through a series of International Workshops in the U.S., U.K. and Australia, Global FM identified six strategic issues common to the international facility management community. Known as Global FM International Hot Topics, the issues are Education & Training; Sustainability; Facility Management Now & in the Future; Economy & Culture Across Borders; Innovation; and Risk Management.

Global FM workshops have featured attendees from the U.S., U.K., Australia, France, China, South Africa, Brazil, Hungary and Ireland. Representatives from organizations such as Dalkia, Shell, ISS, Sprint, Nationwide Building Society, RBS and Ernst & Young — as well as people in government and the educational sector — contributed to the identification of the International Hot Topics. The educational workshop in Oxford will be Global FM's fifth workshop since its inception in 2006.

"We want to focus on education because it's an area of vital importance to facility management professionals and one where Global FM members' experience is of great value," said Global FM Chairman Stan Mitchell. "What better place to hold this International Workshop than Oxford, one of the most internationally recognized cities for education?"

In the past four months, Global FM has established position statements on each of its International Hot Topics and is currently developing projects in association with them. Global FM hopes to launch projects based on the Education & Training and Sustainability Hot Topics by the end of 2007.

Global FM's International Workshop on Sustainability — held in New Orleans, La., during the International Facility Management Association's World Workplace 2007 — gathered participants from the Alliance for Sustainable Built Environments, the Association for Facilities Engineering and the Bulgarian Facility Management Association, the Brazilian Facility Management Association (ABRAFAC), the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM), Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia), and the French Facility Management Association (ARSEG), among others, to focus on the role sustainability plays in facility management.

"Global FM considers sustainability in facility management to be a key element of the business management framework," Mitchell said. "It is incumbent that facility management practitioners rate sustainability as a necessary and universal management function. In doing so, they can ensure positive outcomes for shareholders, stakeholders and consumers alike."



NOTE FOR EDITORS:

Global FM is an international not-for-profit organization based in Brussels, Belgium. It represents a worldwide community of organizations that provide leadership in facility management. Global FM's mission is, using one voice, to collaborate on the development and promotion of the strategic value of facility management. For more information, visit www.globalfm.org.

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