



Global FM - FM Now & the Future Position Statement

Description:

This document defines the Global FM Position Statement on the identification of the major issues facing Facilities Management (FM) today and the major trends impacting its future.

Purpose:

Through a series of workshops in 2007 and 2008 the need to understand the major issues and the forecasted trends impacting FM has been identified by the members of Global FM as a key issue for the FM industry and profession.

Impact on Organizational Strategy:

The increasing pace of globalization, rapid advances in technology, aging building stock and broadening diversity in the workforce place Facilities Managers in a unique position to add strategic value to the companies that they work for. The return from the effective management of a company's building stock is no longer confined to operational efficiencies and effectiveness but directly impacts the ability of any business to achieve its business mission.

Content

Global FM's goal is to identify the major emerging trends impacting the future of FM and to provide a series of white papers that government, business, academia and FM professionals can use as they optimize the life cycle of the building stock under their influence or control.

Global FM will conduct a series of forecasting workshops globally (beginning with Australia, Great Britain, France and the United States) and the subsequent reports will present the identified regional and global trends. Following this, Global FM aims to develop guideline white papers for each of the major trends (in order of priority).

The first workshop has been completed in the U.S. with the following major trends for North America identified:

- Ø The need to more strongly link FM strategy to the overall business strategy.
- Ø Emergency Preparedness to ensure business continuity.
- Ø Change Management including operational, construction and regulatory changes
- Ø Sustainability.
- Ø Leveraging emerging technology.
- Ø Impact of globalization.
- Ø Managing broadening diversity in the workforce.
- Ø Aging building stock.