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## Global FM - Economy and Culture Across Borders Position Statement

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### Description:

This document defines the Global FM Position Statement on the effect globalization and economies without borders will have on facilities management practitioners

### Purpose:

The impact of globalism has become a key issue as facilities managers will be asked to provide a seamless workflow across a wider range of environments while dealing with geographic barriers, cultural differences, and changing regulatory environments.

### Impact on Organizational Strategy:

As companies are increasingly becoming involved in the global production and distribution of their goods and services the role of the facilities manager in responding to the need to provide productive workplaces across various geographic locales and address differences in mobility, communication tools, languages, regulations, and measurements has become more and more of a strategic function.

### Content:

Global FM's position in terms of Economy and Culture Across Borders is that facilities management provides the strategic and tactical components to assure success as world markets continue to evolve and expand and the competitive field for companies becomes more difficult. The profession's practitioners and suppliers must proactively increase their level of knowledge related to cultural differences, differing workplace expectations, unusual regulatory environments, demographics issues, and the 24/7 facility's need for responsiveness to ensure efficiency and productivity.