

## **Dr. Kashiwagi accepts the 2009 IFMA Excellence Educator Award**

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The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) has announced the winners of its prestigious Awards of Excellence, which recognize groups and individuals who have made significant contributions to the facility management profession and the association. Awards were presented at IFMA's annual Awards of Excellence banquet on Friday, Oct. 9, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., in a celebration that capped off IFMA's World Workplace 2009 Conference & Expo. IFMA is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,500 members in 60 countries. The association's members, represented in 125 chapters and 16 councils worldwide, manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than US\$100 billion in products and services. Formed in 1980, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the world's largest facility management conference and exposition.

"I am continually amazed and impressed with the caliber and accomplishments of our IFMA award winners," said Thomas L. Mitchell, Jr., CFM, CFMJ, chairman of IFMA's board of directors. "The Awards of Excellence program was created with them and many others in mind as an opportunity for the FM community to honor these leaders throughout the profession as well as positively recognize their successes with the goal of inspiring others to achieve the same level of excellence."

Winners were announced in 19 categories, with judging panels comprised of industry experts evaluating nominees individually and scoring them in a number of specific areas. IFMA recognizes companies and individuals for achievements that advance the facility management profession as well as chapters and councils for outstanding performance in key areas such as sustainability, research, education and participation.

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*Dr. Dean Kashiwagi with Rick Corea, President of the Greater Phoenix Chapter of IFMA 2006-2008.*

Other Greater Phoenix Chapter Award Recipients:

The Sheila Sheridan Award of Excellence for Sustainable Design and Energy Efficient Projects went to **Curtis Slife**, CFM, AIA, NCARB, president of FM Solutions. FM Solutions and Arizona Public Service Co. partnered to evaluate two sites for overall facility efficiency and to explore Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® certification. The three-phase implementation process developed by FM Solutions realized substantial energy, water and cost savings.



*Curtis and Vickie Slife and Dave Ramirez with FM Solutions*

The Chapter Award of Excellence for Membership Marketing, large chapter, went to the Greater Phoenix Chapter of IFMA. Receiving the award is Mark Nelson:



*Mark Nelson, Membership Chair*

The Chapter Award of Excellence for Web Communication, large chapter, was awarded to the Greater Phoenix Chapter of IFMA (Ted Ritter accepted the award).

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