



IFMA RDC

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IFMA International Facility Management Association

RDC Spring Conference 2008 - BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

8 Megatrends Under The Microscope

Due November 16, 2007

Call for Presentations

IFMA R&D Council Spring Conference

May 4-6th, 2008

BOSTON **Marriott**
CAMBRIDGE



IFMA continuously strives to provide its members with opportunities to interact, share information and best practices, and build relationships between industry colleagues. Next year the RDC council will be hosting its annual spring conference in Boston, Massachusetts minutes from the world renowned facilities of Harvard, MIT, and Kendall Square Biotech Cluster.

In 2007 IFMA published a Facility Management Forecast Report entitled; "Exploring the Current Trends and Future Outlook for Facility Management Professionals". In this report, eight major trends were identified that would impact Facility Managers in the next few years. Our goal for this conference is to look at these major trends specifically as they apply to Research & Development Facilities. **The 8 trends identified are:**

- **Linking facility management to strategy**
- **Emergency preparedness**
- **Change management**
- **Sustainability**
- **Emerging technology**
- **Globalization**
- **Broadening diversity in the workforce**
- **Aging buildings**

In developing presentations for submittal please bear in mind that the audience will consist of experienced professionals in the area of Facilities Management and they will be most interested in **highly detailed** presentations on **specific sub-topics** relating these 8 megatrends to the R&D environment. They **will not** be interested in presentations of a broad, generic, or general nature about these trends.

Further, specific case studies detailing solutions or processes that have been recently utilized will increase your chance of selection. Discussion of ground-breaking or novel approaches to solving problems related to these 8 trends is also actively sought.

Suggested Topics:

- Energy Saving Strategies for the Lab Environment
- Green Facilities opportunities (particularly small labs)
- Ductless and Low-flow fume hoods
- Lab Design & Safety
- Vivariums
- Lab Build-outs (shelf space, etc.)
- Conversion of Old Buildings to New Purposes
- Compression studies, utilization of space, collaborative space utilization
- Organizational approaches to space utilization
- Ergonomics
- Latest Trends in R&D Facilities
- Maximizing the Utilization of R&D Campus Facilities
- Planning for R&D Facility Renovations
- Wireless Technology
- Emergency Preparedness
- Master Planning
- Relocation
- Strategic Planning

Applications must be submitted by e-mail to Robert.Blakey@StrategicEquity.org no later than **November 16, 2007**, to be considered. To apply, please use the attached application form.

- If accepted, presenter agrees to present the designated educational session at the IFMA R&D Council Spring Meeting 2008, which will be held at the Marriot Cambridge Hotel in Cambridge, MA, USA, May 4-6, 2008.

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