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October Monthly Meeting

Date: October 2, 2007

Location: Morton Arboretum
4100 Illinois Rt 53
Lisle, IL

Speaker: **John Wills, PE, CPESC**

Topic: Green Infrastructure

About our Program and Speaker:

The newest rules and regulations aimed at reducing water pollution leave all infrastructure managers looking for new ways to make infrastructure construction dollars do more. The practical and social benefits of "Green Infrastructure" not only support this trend, but demand new strategies. Parking is often one of the largest exterior infrastructure "footprints" on a site, and a system incorporating Permeable pavement with "bioswales" is one way of meeting the combined requirements of pollution reduction and stormwater management. It is also potentially one of the most costly alternatives available, and unless the Engineering community becomes more educated on how these systems work, the long term benefits to the environment of the use of such systems will not be realized. Join John Wills, PE, CPESC, Principal at Christopher B. Burke Engineering West for a "peek under the bricks" of the permeable pavement demonstration project at the Morton Arboretum. We will talk about the design and construction of the pavement, and the results of the ongoing runoff monitoring program and how that may change the way such systems are treated in the "regulatory world", possibly making them more cost effective.

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About our Host Site:

The Morton Arboretum is a magnificent outdoor museum with a mission to collect and study trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world, to display them across naturally beautiful landscapes for people to study and enjoy, and to learn how to grow them in ways that enhance our environment. The Arboretum grows a rich diversity of trees, shrubs and other plants that are displayed and evaluated for their suitability for the Midwestern states. These collections include 182,000 plant specimens, representing 4,100 different kinds of plants.

As part of the Arboretum's strategic goal to reach out to the community, a children's garden was constructed to provide an opportunity to engage children (ages 2 to 10), their families, as well as school groups, on a more informal level. This \$10 million garden is designed primarily for children where they can play, explore, learn, and enjoy nature and where we hope to communicate the value of plants and the importance of trees in their lives. The site – approximately 4 acres – has a small program building for restrooms, storage, shelter, and resources to support the outdoor experiences. The landscape reflects many of the habitats currently experienced at the Arboretum. Developers of children's activities were engaged to create discovery and hands-on activities within the garden. As of September, nearly 750,000 visitors of all ages have experienced the garden after two years of operation.

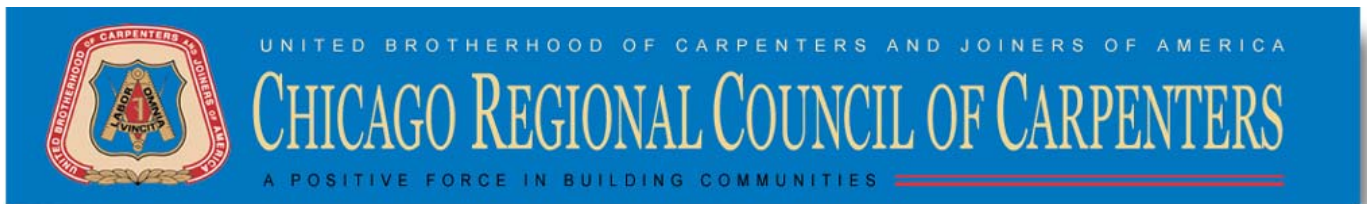
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President's Message—Dave Falls, CFM, CFMJ



Well as of this writing, the Cubs haven't blown it yet, but there are still a few days left in the season. And for the White Sox, we have taken the Cubs perennial motto of "Wait till next year". The Bears are struggling, but we are hopeful that they overcome that soon. We can remind our World Work Place host in New Orleans who won the NFC title last year if it comes up.

We had a great turnout at the September monthly meeting at Grainger-Northbrook..71 people attended. I hope you all enjoyed the tour, the food, the program and most of all embarrassing me with the cake and your rendition of "Happy Birthday".

The membership committee suggested a new idea for the monthly meeting which had board members and committee chairs calling new members to personally invite them to our meetings. I think we had positive results. At our October meeting, Kim Murphy and Mary Mannucci, our membership committee, will also unveil a new program called "IFMA Bucks" that has been used very successfully by other chapters to encourage professional members to interact with associate members. I will let them provide the details.

World Workplace is just a few weeks away. We have a great networking event at Pat O'Brien's that we are co-sponsoring with IFMA Chicago. I look forward to seeing all of you attending WWP there for what is always a worthwhile event.

I was privileged to attend a Real Estate Association Leadership breakfast meeting with IFMA Chicago leaders and others on September 27 sponsored by Crain's Chicago Business. The pur-

pose was to bring together a disparate number of specialty organizations all operating in the facilities management and real estate industry, foster cooperation and enhance coordination. It will also raise awareness of associations among the broader business community. The first step will be to create a unified industry calendar, at no cost to the associations involved. This will reduce attendance competition and conflicting events. Each organization gets its own calendar page- with just its events. What a great idea!

There was also an event this past week called "Green Pays, Green Saves" at Merchandise Mart sponsored by US Green Building Council, BOMA Chicago and IFMA Chicago which I found very worthwhile. That makes the topic for our speaker for this month's meeting at the beautiful Morton Arboretum, "Green Infrastructure " even more timely and informative. Let's have a great turnout for this one as well.

Last but not least, a quick reminder that our 20th Anniversary Holiday Gala is set for December 5th at the Medinah Banquets in Addison , IL. Mark your calendars now.

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So You Want To Choose A Sound Masking System?

In business we need to be able to communicate, and this communication creates noise and noisy offices can be distracting and unproductive. As our office environments must often support both heads down work and interaction simultaneously we must incorporate acoustical and design solutions to make this possible.

Facility Managers often turn to sound masking providers to incorporate sound masking systems into their facilities in order to achieve the dual objectives of providing speech privacy and supporting communication and collaborative work. But the product offering today is much different than it was even just a few years ago. Today, there are a number of system types and manufacturers but not a lot of information on how to decide which system to use or what criteria to set for each system.

The most important criterion for a Facility Manager to consider when choosing a sound masking system is the quality of the sound that is being purchased. Most sound masking companies can demo their product and provide you access to a client walk through. Masking sound is the easy part, maintaining speech privacy and having a comfortable environment to listen to are the more nuanced aspects of a quality sound masking system. Case in point, a working lawn mower in your space could easily provide speech privacy but is certainly not a comfortable sound to listen to. Since the "sound" is your consumable, be certain to make sure that you listen to it. Look for a sound masking system that has a smooth, non-directional, uniform sound with no recognizable repeats.

Once you've got a quality sound, consider how you want to access the system, have it tuned, and control it. The rarely spoken fact is that most sound masking systems, when done right, do not require any on-going maintenance or tuning. The beauty of the product is that it blends with your environment and makes the space more comfortable. Constant adjustments to the system, similarly to turning up and down the lights in the space, would fatigue occupants. Best to adopt a "set it and forget it" mentality when using a masking system. One of the best types of systems for these applications are in-plenum, decentralized systems.

However, if you are interested in a masking system that you can manage, adjust, and tie into your building systems, look for a networked sound masking system. This type of system will enable you to access the sound masking adjustment features via a network connection. Some systems even provide you with both on-site and off-site adjustment capabilities. When looking at networked systems, make sure that the system does not require any proprietary software or equipment. You never want to be "locked in" to a sole vendor or supplier when it comes to the ability to change your system.

Lastly, there are direct-field sound masking systems. These systems deliver sound directly into a space much like paging systems have done for decades. These systems are most useful when ceiling or site conditions prevent you from using an in-plenum speaker, or for spot treatments, or when a gypsum ceiling is present. The sound is more directional with this type of system and the speakers must be placed closer together than when using an in-plenum system. The sound quality of direct field speakers can not match an in-plenum system. Therefore, when comparing systems understand that direct field and in-plenum systems are worlds apart in their sound quality and tuning capabilities, so an apples to apples comparison will be difficult.

Finally, whenever incorporating sound masking into an environment it is important to manage the expectations for your sound masking solution. Understanding the difference between achieving proper "speech privacy" and "speech confidentiality" in your environment are important considerations. It is helpful to manage your occupant's expectations when it comes to what masking can and can not do within a particular space.

When the right system is chosen, sound masking, will reduce distractions and create a more productive and acoustically comfortable space in which to work.

For more information, please visit www.lencore.com or we invite you to attend Lencore's presentation on "Selecting and Specifying the Right Sound Masking System for Your Facility" at IFMA's World Workplace in New Orleans, on Thursday, October 25, 2007.

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World Work Place Networking Event

We have secured Pat O'Briens for the WWP reception in New Orleans. See website below.

<http://www.patobriens.com/tour.html>

Location: The Briar's Suite

The Briars Suite, located on the second floor above [Pat O's Courtyard Restaurant](#), is an elegant double parlor decorated in French-European style with a complete bar, copper topped grand piano, and private Bourbon Street balcony.

624 Bourbon Street

Date: October 25th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm, Appetizers/drinks

To sponsor this event, please contact our chapter office.



Position Opening

Graebel Companies, a leading provider of moving, warehousing and workplace solutions seeks a Commercial Account Representative for the Chicago service center, located in Buffalo Grove, IL.

Successful candidate will have a proven track record in business to business sales and customer service. Experience in the areas of facilities services, management and furniture installation helpful but not required.

We provide big company benefits with small company comforts and unparalleled support – including a competitive sales commissions program, 401k, health plan and auto allowance.

Please send resume (including references) to Ben Ivory @ bivory@graebel.com

Position Opening

Maintenance technician turned maintenance project coordinator needed to make a global difference!

Have you risen through the ranks from general maintenance repairs to facilities supervisor? Do you like to travel? Do you wonder how you can use your skills to make a difference in the world?

100 Million people count on us to be fed worldwide. 1,200 employees in multiple locations nationwide work towards this goal. They count on our buildings to be safe and well maintained.

In this position you will:

- * Oversee and perform maintenance, repair and security projects for multiple facilities within assigned geographic region to ensure compliance with relevant federal, state and local building, engineering, fire, safety and environmental codes.
- * Create and oversee facility project schedules, budgets and resources, including developing preventative maintenance schedules.
- * Implement the Corporate Facilities Operations Plan for assigned geographic region and oversee large maintenance projects, working with appropriate staff and contractors.
- * Develop and interface with local vendor support network.
- * Maintain burglar and fire security systems, including installation, maintenance and repair of all electrical and mechanical security devices, keys, key logs, locks and detection equipment and ensure all security systems operate correctly.
- * Monitor and maintain heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, and security system computer software, including hands-on repairs as needed.
- * Ensure that emergency repairs to HVAC, lighting, and security systems are performed and respond to weather and power-related problems promptly.

Who we are: World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

Required experience and skills

- * Two-year technical or junior college degree or equivalent experience.
- * 5-8 years broad experience in facilities maintenance and repair, including experience managing facilities projects.
- * Large project management experience, including budget.
- * Vendor coordination experience.
- * Multiple site facilities experience preferred.
- * In depth knowledge of general building maintenance including heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting, electrical, plumbing, cosmetics, painting, burglar and security systems, etc. Certificates a plus.
- * Proficient in federal, state and local regulations.
- * Customer-focused and Servant's Heart
- * Problem-solver and can-do attitude. Willing to perform maintenance.
- * Excellent communications and negotiation skills. Team player.
- * Sound judgment in prioritizing and delegating projects, including budgetary.
- * Proficient in computer softwares
- * Flexible and able to travel at a moment's notice (up to 1/3 time)
- * Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Job requires bending, reaching, manual dexterity, and occasional work outdoors.

To apply, please visit our website at www.worldvision.org, Tracking code 1484 and 1485

Morton Arboretum

Directions:

Located 25 miles west of Chicago, The Morton Arboretum—4100 Illinois Route 53 in Lisle, IL—is just west of Interstate 355 and north of I-88 on Illinois Route 53 (formerly known Lincoln Highway).

Westbound I-88: Exit north onto Route 53. Proceed north ½ mile to entrance

Eastbound I-88: Follow signs onto southbound I-355 and exit immediately to westbound Ogden Avenue (Route 34). Continue west on Ogden Avenue to Route 53 north. Proceed north one mile to entrance.

I-355: Follow signs and exit onto westbound I-88. Exit north onto Route 53; Proceed north ½ mile to entrance.



NI CALENDAR

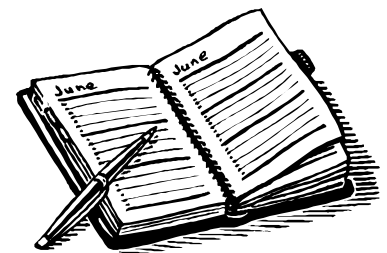
October 24-26, 2007
World Workplace 2007
 Morial Convention Center
 New Orleans, LA

January 8, 2008 (2nd Tuesday)
 Tasty Catering
 Addison, IL

November 6
Monthly General Meeting
College of American Pathologists
 Northfield, IL

February 5, 2008
 Mars Inc.
 Burr Ridge, IL

Wednesday, December 5
IFMA/NI 20th Anniversary
Holiday Gala
 Medinah Banquets
 Addison, IL



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 15, 2008
 IFMA Annual Golf Outing
 Klein Creek Golf Club
 Winfield, IL

2007-08 IFMA/NI Board Meetings
 October 10
 November 14

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note: the following information is provided solely as a convenient listing for IFMA/NI members. Further details may be learned by contacting each group as listed below.

October 9-10

Energy Modeling for High Performance Buildings

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

College of Engineering-
Department of Engineering Professional Development

The Pyle Center

Madison, WI

(800) 462-0876

<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/>

October 11-12

The Green Building Process: Real-world Strategies and Tools

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

College of Engineering-
Department of Engineering Professional Development

The Pyle Center

Madison, WI

(800) 462-0876

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October 12-19

National Safety Council Congress & Expo

Chicago, IL

www.congress.nsc.org

October 16-17

Hazardous Waste Management: The Complete Course

Four Points by Sheraton

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October 23-25

Mechanical System Design for Green Buildings

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October 29-30

Understanding Variable Frequency Drives

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November 6

Commercial Real Estate Financing in Illinois

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November 7-8

Electrical PM & Best Practices for Facility/Industrial Maintenance

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November 12-14

Preventive Maintenance and Repair of Buildings and Grounds

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November 13-14

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