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The Northern Illinois Chapter of IFMA
June Monthly Meeting

Date: June 4, 2008
 Location: Aramark
 2300 Warrenville Rd
 Downers Grove, IL 60515
 Speaker: Kevin Tiernan and Tim Chimack
 Topic: Best Practices in Parking Lot Management

About our Speaker:

Kevin Tiernan, Regional Site Engineer and Tim Chimack, Regional Vice President both have combined industry experience of over 25 years. They both specialize in finding the proper customized solutions for facilities – both large and small and to meet every budgetary need, for any size organization. Since Rose Paving places great importance on continuing education, they both have certifications from the NPE, and participate in local chambers and associations. Always moving forward and a leader in its industry, Rose Paving just completed a ground-breaking permeable paver parking lot in Parking Lot L at US Cellular Field. This is the largest parking lot of its kind, and it coincides with Mayor Daly’s “Green Movement” sweeping Chicagoland, due to the fact that the permeable paver bricks are the environmentally-friendly alternative to a traditional parking lot.

About our Program:

Wear and tear, timelessness, curb appeal, and upkeep are huge considerations in the overall exterior appearance of your facilities. This interactive session will reveal the essentials of proactive parking lot management to help you project a consistent and positive image at your facilities. Pavement Management Planning (or PMP) will also be discussed. At the close of this presentation, attendees will be armed with cost-effective and time-saving tips concerning proactive exterior maintenance for a favorable and long-lasting impression for one or multiple properties.

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How you will benefit

- Determine the needs of your facilities
- Causes of deterioration of your parking lots
- Identify pavement defects
- Understand and rate the surface condition of your parking lot with S.C.A.L.E. Guide
- Develop a pavement management plan (PMP)
- Discuss liabilities that lurk in your parking lots
- Determine the right repair methods for structural repairs and maintenance of your lots.

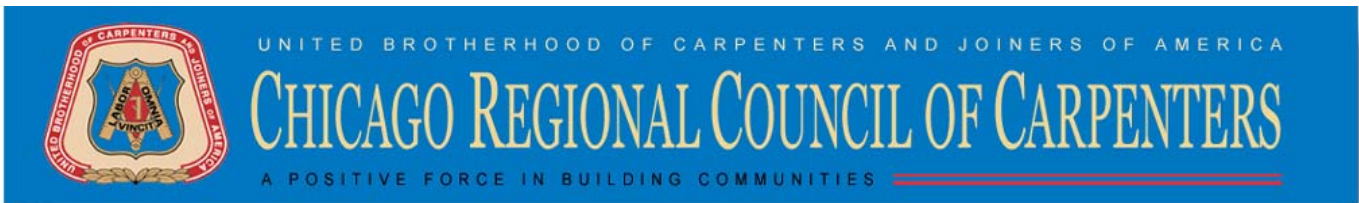
*It is our goal for you to become the “Resident Experts” in Proactive Parking Lot Management to maximize the life of your parking lots and protect your investments.

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President's Message—Dave Falls, CFM, CFMJ



By the time this newsletter reaches you, the 2008 IFMA Annual Golf Outing will be one for the record books and I am sure the meeting at Aramark on June 4th will include lots of stories of the frolicking and shenanigans that took place. Or maybe that's just my story. Klein Creek will probably take years to recover from my sorry excuse for a golf game, but thankfully, I don't participate often. But this year I had to. Certain other board members had already claimed rights to the beer cart!!

Well, with this being my last column as chapter president, I will lose my platform to keep fueling the Cubs versus White Sox rivalry. I can still heap abuse on Cub fans on request. No charge. Amazingly, it is almost June and they are both in first place in their respective divisions.

As most of you know, it has been an eventful year for yours truly, personally and professionally. And so far it still is. The good news of being "in transition" for the last few months is that I have been actually able to get to the monthly meetings and board meetings at a decent time and hopefully been able to contribute more meaningfully to the chapter operations. I really believe in the value of my IFMA membership and I am proud to be affiliated with the quality people who make up the membership of our chapter. People have made a point to share ideas and leads with me and even just a kind word to keep my spir-

its up. I appreciate that very much. I don't know yet where I will end up, but I thank all of you for the opportunity to gain the experience the chapter leadership position gave me. I hope I have served you well.

The Northern Illinois Chapter has a lot to be proud of. We made it 20 years of existence in 2007. Despite the economy, we still have over 300 members and we continue to draw new members to replace those who have left the profession or moved away. Thanks to enthusiastic efforts, particularly Julie Bizer's, we have nearly all the committees and committee chair positions filled, after having struggled to fill these spots the last couple years. The chapter also continues to be financially sound, as we have the support of our Platinum, Silver and Gold sponsors to help keep the costs of membership reasonable and meeting sponsors who help defray the cost of the monthly meetings. Our programs lately have been top notch, as evidenced by the excellent attendance we have enjoyed at the last several meetings. The new meeting registration system, called CVent, is designed both to help the members easily register and pay for the meeting fees and to give the chapter leadership some statistical data and *Continued on page 4....*

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reports to help manage chapter operations. I am sure we will discover even more uses and benefits as we get more familiar with the software. It is exciting that the volunteers making up the board and committees are looking for sources of continuous improvement like this. We have also been able to do some good things on the charitable front, such as the Players Pass golf coupon booklet and the donations collected for the Aspire residents recliners. Finally, our chapter continues to provide opportunities to assist any members who desire to pursue the IFMA CFM certification. We sponsored Mark Kischner's attendance at an IFMA conference this past spring to get his CFM Review sessions "officially endorsed" by IFMA. In addition, several of us, especially Mark, are actively participating in the CFM Certification Seminar Series co-sponsored with the IFMA Chicago chapter to be held at the Northern Illinois University Outreach Center in Naperville in Fall 2008. With the sponsorship money we have received, the cost per participant should be very affordable. Those of you considering obtaining this career enhancing credential should definitely consider this excellent opportunity.

Don't forget the Green Procurement Exposition and Neocon 2008 coming up in early June. There is also a Saturday, June 7th event at the Elk Grove training facility of one of our associate members and Platinum sponsors, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters that will have CEU credits available for those collecting recertification points.

I want to personally thank and recognize my favorite Barry Manilow fan (did you know they are called "fanilows?"), and that of course is Kathy Daloia, our chapter administrator. I will miss her gentle nudging to get my monthly president's letter to her so she can publish the newsletter. And kudos to her for figuring out the wrinkles of our new Cvent reservation system.

Lastly, I wish to thank the incoming board- Julie Bizer, Seaby Bess, Michelle Stone and Kim Murphy- for all their enthusiasm and efforts this past year and wish them continued success in the coming year. Along with the committee members and committee chairs, this is a very active and engaged group. I know I am leaving the chapter in the hands of a strong leadership team and wish them and you all the best.

One last time.....Go Sox!!

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About our Site:

The ARAMARK Downers Grove campus is a regional office for ARAMARK, which employs approximately 450 people on an 18.5 acre campus, in two separate buildings.

The 2300 building has approximately 163,000 sq. ft of gross building area on 3 floors, and has an auditorium, computer training lab, and 25 conference rooms of varying size, and house approximately 350 employees. It also has a large kitchen and cafeteria area, along with an employee fitness center on the third floor.

The 2500 building has approximately 102,000 sq. ft of gross building area on 1 floor, with 9 conference rooms and a training lab, and is evenly divided with a tenant occupying approximately one half of the building.

ARAMARK is a managed services company engaged in the food, facilities, and uniform business, and has annual revenue of approximately \$12 billion, and employs 250,000 people worldwide.

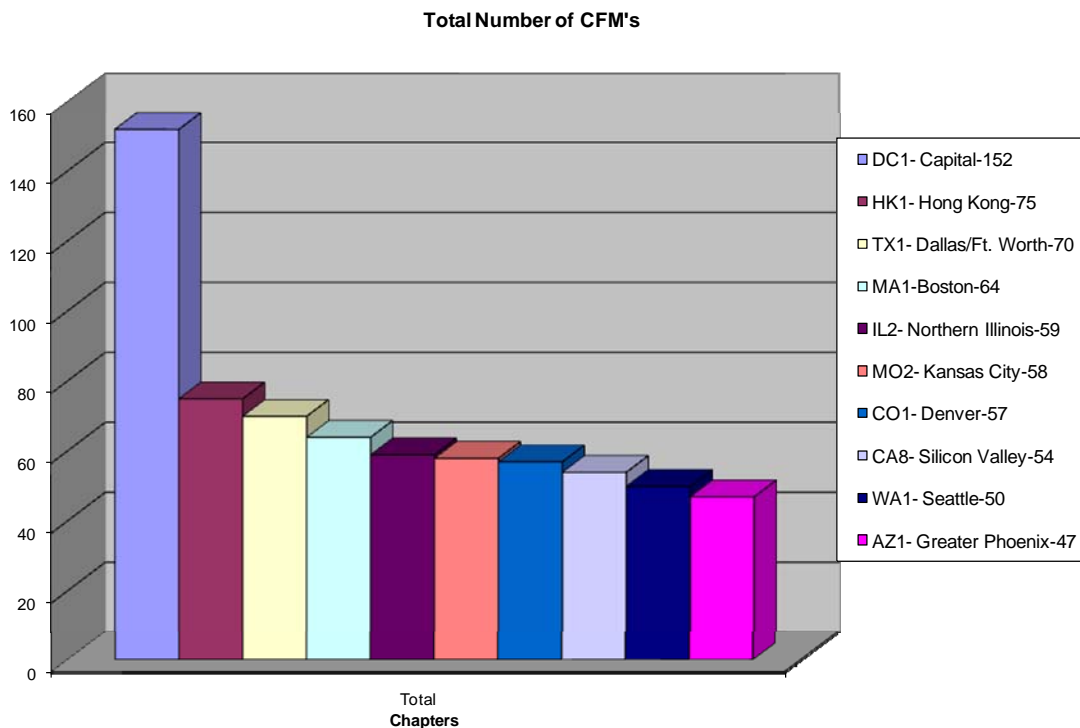
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, May 30!

Education News—Mark Kischner, CFM

Another month, another take on our Northern Illinois Certified Facility Managers. Let’s call this our State of NI CFM address.

First off, let’s start with the easy statistic. As of 12-31-07 our chapter has the fifth highest number of CFM’s of any chapter worldwide. As the *Total Number of CFM’s* chart shows, we have 59 CFM’s. The DC chapter tops the list with a staggering total of 152 CFM’s out of 910 total members. Hong Kong a much smaller chapter checks in at number two with a very impressive total of 75. We will explore why that is so impressive a bit later. But I will give you one hint now, they are the only small chapter on this chart.

To put where we rank in perspective, we rank a more than respectable number 5 out of 111 chapters. Over the past decade our chapter leadership has been consistent with their strong promotion and support of member certification. Without that backing there is no doubt we would not have as many members as we do enjoying and benefiting from the Certified Facility Manager designation.

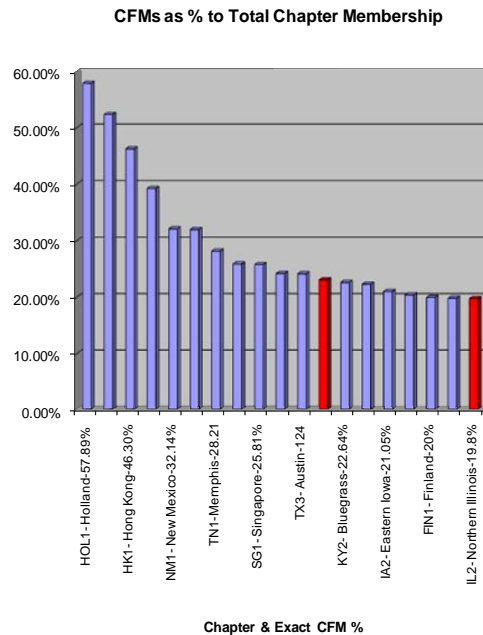


Let’s have a little more fun with statistics. When one looks at the “*CFM’s as % to Total Chapter Membership*” chart indicates the NI Chapter clocks in at number 19. The Holland chapter (that’s the country not the city of Holland Michigan) ranks at the top of the heap with 57.89% of their total membership being CFM’s. Now that is an amazing number. For perspective, we would need to have 172 CFM’s to equal that percentage. While Holland has only 57 members, it is still quite a feat.

Sweden’s 21 member chapter is next in line with just over 52% of their members being CFM’s. They are the only two chapters with more than 50%. Next in line is what I deem the most impressive chapter in the world. With 75 CFM’s out of 162 members the Hong Kong chapter is number three at 46.30%. Though still considered a small chapter, they are growing rapidly and are only 38 members short of becoming a large chapter. Chapters are currently listed as large or small. 200 members is considered large. What is so impressive about the Hong Kong chapter is they are the only small chapter in the top 22 chapters...and they have more CFM’s than chapters with hundreds more members! They are truly a chapter that understands the value of the CFM designation.

Education News...continued

Not to be outdone...OK we've been outdone, but not to be dismissed by any stretch, the NI chapter is one of only two large chapters (noted in red) in the top 25 of CFM's as a % to total membership. Only the Kansas City Chapter and our chapter reside on the chart below. Kansas City's CFM to membership ratio is 23.11% and we sit at a very well positioned 19.80%. The rest of the chapters are all small chapters and 15 of the 19 chapters on the % chart have fewer than 100 members. We are by far the largest chapter on the % chart.



What does this all mean? First, I'd say as a whole, our members definitely understand the importance of the Certified Facility Manager designation; second, as noted prior the numbers benchmark how well we stack up against our peer chapters around the world. Over the years with regard to the certification, the NI chapter has been viewed as a leader within the IFMA community. We have led and participated in best practice sessions with other chapters and led CFM Reviews for many other chapters. So you are probably wondering "yes, this is all well and good but what does this mean to me? Quite frankly none of the statistics really mean anything to anyone but me and the board! Though we can take pride as a chapter in how many CFM's we have, to this point this article is just me having fun with numbers (and learning how to convert spreadsheets into charts...with the help of my son).

Let's face it for those who are not CFM's, what really matters is what the CFM designation means to you personally. Have you seriously thought about becoming a CFM? Have you talked to a CFM and asked them if being a certified has helped them get a promotion, new job, better salary, more confidence, or increased stature within their company or within the FM community? Have you researched on-line at the IFMA website to see what benefits you may garner if you became a CFM? *Will becoming a CFM benefit your knowledge level and your career? That is what really matters!*

If you have not given serious consideration to becoming a certified facility manager, I am stumped as to why and can use your help to as find out. Why have you not chosen to pursue the designation? I am certainly not judging anyone as the CFM designation may not benefit everyone. One member told me he was retiring in 4 years so at this point it just did not make sense. That makes perfect sense. If you are retiring in the next few years becoming a CFM may not be at the top of your priority list.

However, for our other professional members I am very curious as to why you have not pursued the designation. Is it time? Money? Fear of failure? You don't see the value? Please contact me so I can pick your brain a bit. I really want to understand why you haven't pursued the CFM. I will keep your information private if you wish. For those giving it some thought, contact me. I offer my assistance.

CFM Review Forming

Contact Mark Kischner at mkischner@comcast.net or 630.571.2301x25 if you are interested in attending our next CFM Review. The material is all new. So even if you have attended a CFM Review in the past this session will be of benefit. We have not chosen a date yet. However if there is enough interest we will put one on the calendar.

Lastly, for those that haven't done so yet, please check out our [CFM Honor Roll](#) on the IFMA NI website.

Assistant Property Manager

Location : Oak Brook, IL
Date Posted : 05/08/2008
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Contact Email : victoria.king@rreef.com NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

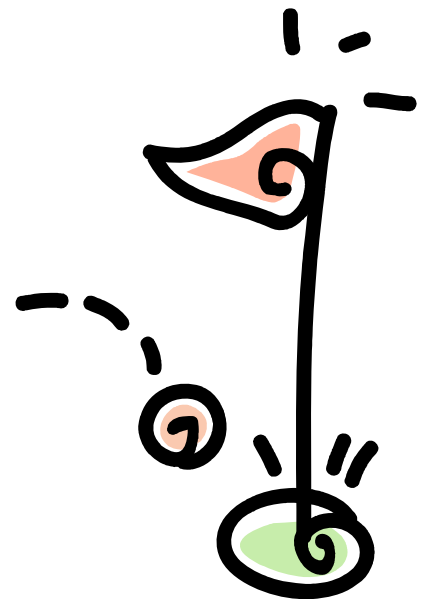
Position Responsibilities :

The Assistant Property Manager (APM), under the direct supervision of the Senior Property Manager is responsible for the day to day operations, management, reporting and administration for the assigned portfolio. The APM works with on site engineering and maintenance personnel, and 3rd party property management teams. The APM is responsible for tenant relations, vendor relations, and property administration tasks including report preparation, collection efforts for accounts receivable, review of vendor invoices, and property insurance certificate program. The APM with the Senior Property Manager will also be involved with broker interaction, as well as assist in budget preparation, perform property inspections, schedule and coordinate roof and environmental audits, bid and oversee tenant improvement contracts, coordinate tenant move in and move out activities, prepare and maintain property files and binders. The APM will be required to demonstrate the ability to work with others to achieve objectives as well as communicate consistently and effectively with management, co-workers, tenants and vendors. This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive and employees may perform other duties as directed. Employees are expected to perform any reasonable task or request that is consistent with fulfilling company goals and objectives.

Experience Required :

2 + years in commercial property management (retail management preferred)
BA/BS preferred
Salesperson license per state requirements
Working knowledge of Word, Excel, (CTI preferred)

Be sure to check next month's
newsletter for a complete wrap-up
of the Northern Illinois and Chicago
Golf Outing!!



Job Posting

Firm: JPMorganChase

Location: Chase Tower, Chicago IL

Description:

Position is responsible for processing Real Estate project requests that pertain to making changes to the physical work space which may involve everything from major construction to minor furniture reconfigurations to meet the needs of the requesting business unit. This position is responsible for representing the Corporate Real Estate department in communications with all levels of JPMC management. Project manager will be responsible for defining the project scope with the customer, preparing the required documentation for project funding approvals, and then engaging the needed vendors and coordinate all activities through project completion. Project manager must work within a rigid set of policies and procedures to carry out the requested task. Project manager will be managing multiple projects at the same time. Extended hours and some weekends will be required to oversee the completion of projects and keep up to date on required documentation. Some travel will be required as the project team is responsible for projects in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Kentucky.

Qualifications:

Minimum bachelor's degree in project management, Architecture, or engineering

Must have 5 years related project management experience.

Well organized with the ability to multi-task.

Must have excellent communication skills and be able to work well under the pressure of deadlines.

Excellent writing ability for funding documents.

Excellent PC skills including Microsoft Office, Lotus Notes, and Microsoft Project.

Autocad a plus

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Election Results!!!

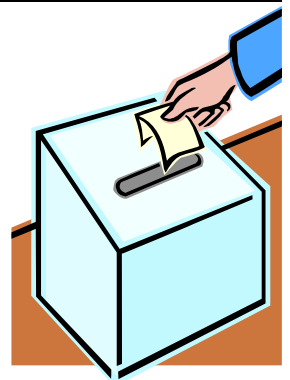
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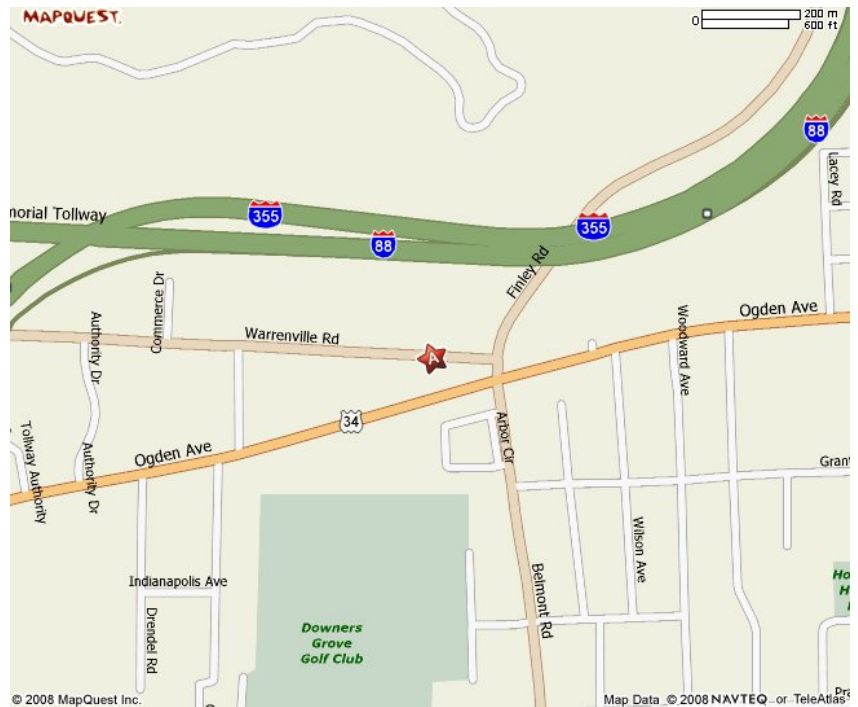
Congratulations to the 2008–2009 Executive Board!!



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Directions:

From Chicago: Take I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) to I-88 toward Indiana/Aurora. Take Highland Exit. Take ramp toward Chiropractic College. Turn right onto Highland. Turn slight left onto ramp. Merge onto Butterfield Rd. Turn left on Finley. Turn right on Warrenville Rd.



NI CALENDAR

June 4

NI Monthly General Meeting

Aramark

Downers Grove, IL

Topic: Best Practices in Parking Lot Management

July 8 (note: 2nd Tuesday!)

NI Monthly General Meeting/2008-2009 Officer Swearing-In and Annual Chapter Awards Ceremony

Bretford, Inc.

Franklin Park, IL

Topic: tba

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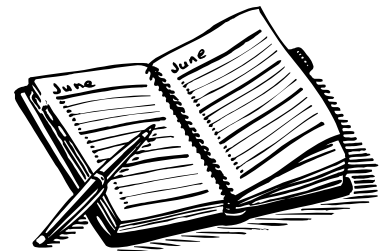
October 15-17, 2008

World Workplace 2008

Dallas Convention Center

Dallas, TX

www.worldworkplace.org/2008/



2007-08 IFMA/NI Board Meetings

June 11

July 16 - Strategic Planning

August 13

September 10

October 15

November 12

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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.

June 3-6

Construct2008

The Art and Science of Building
Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV

www.constructshow.com

June 4-5

Green Procurement Exposition*Conference Midwest

Navy Pier
Chicago, IL

<http://www.thegreenexposition.com/index.html>

June 5-6

Preventive Maintenance for Facilities

Department of Engineering Professional Development
The Pyle Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI

(800) 462-0876

<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/webJ756>

June 9-11

NeoCon World's Trade Fair 2008
The Merchandise Mart
Chicago, IL

www.neocon.com

June 9-11

Realcomm2008
San Diego, CA

www.realcomm.com

June 13

Current Issues in Stormwater Regulation in Illinois

Itasca Country Club
Itasca, IL

Lorman Education Services

(866) 352-9539

www.lorman.com

June 16-20

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration/Heating Applications

Elk Grove, IL

National Technology Transfer, Inc.

(800) 922-2820

www.nttinc.com

June 19-20 Medical Office Buildings and Healthcare Facilities Conference

Hyatt Regency Denver
Denver, CO

InSite Medical Properties, Inc.

(202) 326-6326

June 22-24

The BOMA International Conference & The Every Building Show

Colorado Convention Center
Denver, CO

(202) 326-6331

www.bomaconvention.org

June 23-27

2008 National Electrical Code with Safety Awareness and Grounding

Elgin, IL

National Technology Transfer, Inc.

(800) 922-2820

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July 22

OSHA Compliance 2008

Cliffbreakers Conference Center
Rockford, IL

Fred Pryor Seminars

(800) 556-2998

www.pryor.com

July 23

OSHA Compliance 2008

Holiday Inn

Joliet, IL

Fred Pryor Seminars

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July 25

OSHA Compliance 2008

MCHC Conference Center

Chicago, IL

Fred Pryor Seminars

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September 15-16

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

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September 18-19

Sustainable Facility Management

Chicago, IL

FM Collaborative

(540) 751-2023

www.fmcollaborative.com

October 15-17

World Workplace 2008

Dallas Convention Center

Dallas, TX

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