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Two CFaR Studies Released

In a press conference held during the Campus of the Future conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i in July 2006, APPA announced the release of two major sponsored research projects. The Center for Facilities Research (CFaR) presented the findings from the projects to standing-room-only crowds and broad interest across all sectors of educational professionals in attendance at the conference. The two studies, *The Impact of Facilities on Recruitment and Retention of Students and Buildings... The Gifts that Keep on Taking* were both conducted by CFaR. Information on the studies and their principal investigators can be found on the APPA website at www.appa.org/news/index.cfm, or can be obtained by contacting Jill Amstutz at 703-684-1446 ext. 238, or Steve Glazner at ext. 236.

APPA and ASHRAE Agreement

This summer, during the Campus of the Future conference in Honolulu, Hawai'i, APPA and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning (ASHRAE) signed an agreement to support a Memorandum of Understanding to advance and promote the mutual interests of engineering and facility professionals. Some goals of the agreement include identifying opportunities for shared services, promotion, and sales of member products and services; creating and identifying new products and services; and encouraging collaborative and cooperative activities to promote continuing professional development. This partnership agreement provides the framework for action and guidelines for interaction between ASHRAE and APPA.

Jazz It Up!

Make plans to attend the *MACUHO-I Jazz It Up! Workshop Quintet*, **October 8-10, 2006** in Jacksonville, Florida. This workshop will be a great meeting of the minds as housing and facilities professionals will be able to share and exchange an abundance of ideas to enhance their own programs. If you have ever wanted to attend one of the other great ACUHO-I Committee Workshops and couldn't fit it in, now is your chance to double your development and attend all of them at once. A wide variety of program topics will be offered from all five areas, including facilities. Make sure to take advantage of sessions that interest you outside of your typical workshop. Visit the *Jazz It Up!* website at www.acuho-i-jazzit-up.org for more information.

Elevator and Escalator Safety

The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) will conduct its National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week November 12-18, 2006. EESF needs your help to celebrate "Safety Week" by promoting public safety awareness for the industry's equipment across the U.S. and Canada. Companies and organizations can spread the word about public safety as well as celebrate the contributions made by the industry to the quality of life. Contact EESF at 800-949-6442 to receive a free Planning Guide to help you organize and implement your own "Safety Week" celebration. The guide includes safety handouts, payroll stuffers, public displays, media tools, and local and state government proclamations. For more information, visit www.eesf.org.

Stewardship & Accountability

APPA recently published a new book, *Stewardship & Accountability in Campus Planning, Design & Construction*, edited by Donald J. Guckert. The 12 chapters in this book are from facilities PDC experts who offer the tools you can use to build your reputation as educational facilities professionals. Topics covered include the high cost of building a better university, design decisions and the campus image, facilities master-plans, building codes, making a business case for sustainability, paying for the architect's mistakes, green building design, design decision-making for total cost of ownership, and much more. To purchase this new publication, visit the APPA Bookstore at www.appa.org/applications/publications/index.cfm.

Structural Steel Projects Win Awards

Even structural steel building projects have earned national recognition in the 2006 Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel awards program (IDEAS2), including two higher education institutions. Conducted annually by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the IDEAS2 awards recognize outstanding achievements in engineering and architecture on structural steel projects around the country. **Williams College** '62 Center for Theatre and Dance in Williamstown, Massachusetts is the National Winner in the Projects \$15-75 million category. **San Bernardino Valley College**, Master Plan & New Buildings in San Bernardino, California was awarded a Presidential Award for Engineering Excellence. Congratulations to both of these award winners. 🏆