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**BOMI International and *Building Operating Management Magazine*
Provide Career-Advancing Tips During Facilities Professional Leadership Series**

Annapolis, MD—BOMI International and *Building Operating Management* magazine are jointly offering the Facilities Professional Leadership Series (FPLS)—a six-week, online educational program specifically designed to give facilities professionals the proper tools, skills, and knowledge to move forward in the field.

“I have already begun applying knowledge gained from the course,” said Donald Crawford, a student in the August 2009 session of FPLS. Crawford continued, “I found all the weeks’ sessions provided me with some information that was new and useful.”

FPLS, which begins January 25 and runs through March 1, includes six Web-based seminars, each featuring a 60-minute presentation led by a facility-industry expert; supplemental reading materials; and an online discussion board moderated by international speaker, trainer, consultant, and IFMA Fellow Stormy Friday.

Each seminar addresses current and relevant information on aspects of facility management as a means toward career advancement. Topics include:

- The Business of the Bottom Line
- The Art of Negotiations
- Working with the C-Suite
- Lead and They Will Follow
- Legal Responsibilities for the Facility Manager
- Facilities Management in Any Economy

Vincent Usuriello and Judson Leverette also participated in the August 2009 FPLS session. Usuriello said he will apply what he learned “by utilizing this knowledge in an effective manner and having the confidence to achieve greater results in the facilities industry.” Leverette is using what he learned to handle the effects that the economy is

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having on his everyday duties. “The economy forced me to look long and hard at every expenditure. I must manage not just my facilities, but also be mindful of other managers and their responsibilities as well. This program has helped me understand how to do that and continue to achieve my goals as well,” he said.

FPLS is structured to facilitate online discussions and networking between students and the instructors to establish long-lasting professional relationships. Students will learn to speak the language of finance fluently, understand the art of winning negotiations, know their department’s role within the company, master effective communication, and understand the legal responsibilities of a facility manager.

Students who take the Facilities Professional Leadership Series are eligible for 0.6 CEUs from IACET and nine CPD points from BOMI.

There are no prerequisites for this online educational program. Property and facility managers from any level are invited to join. To see a detailed description of the six seminars and to register, visit www.fplseries.com.

About *Building Operating Management* magazine

Building Operating Management is the leading magazine for building owners and facility executives in commercial and institutional buildings. Editorial coverage explores timely topics such as: energy efficiency and strategies, facility technology, executive management, safety and security, facility management, and “green” buildings. *Building Operating Management* has a circulation of 73,000. For more information, visit <http://www.bomkit.com>.

About BOMI International

Founded in 1970 and located in Annapolis, Maryland, BOMI International is a 501©(3) not-for-profit educational organization. As the primary educational resource for today’s top corporations, government agencies, property management firms, unions, and trade associations, BOMI’s goal is to work across industry sectors to improve the skills of professionals at many levels with property, facility, and systems responsibilities. BOMI is known for industry-standard designations—the Real Property Administrator (**RPA**®), the Facilities Management Administrator (**FMA**®), the Systems Maintenance Administrator (**SMA**®), and the Systems Maintenance Technician (**SMT**®). More than 20,000 building professionals hold one or more BOMI designations, and over 80,000 students have turned to BOMI for premier education and training. For more information, or to register with BOMI International, e-mail service@bomi.org, visit www.bomi.org, or call 800-235-BOMI (2664).

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