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### **FMA Australia Adopts IFMA's CFM, FMP Credentials**

HOUSTON — (Jan. 8, 2009) — The International Facility Management Association is pleased to announce that the Facility Management Association of Australia has replaced its accreditation system with IFMA's Certified Facility Manager<sup>®</sup> and Facility Management Professional credentialing programs.

The change, which took effect Jan. 1, 2009, revises the credentials FMA Australia has had in place since 2000 and is in line with the collaborative goals outlined in the two associations' Partners in FM Excellence agreement.

Transitory arrangements for those who received credentials through FMA Australia's accreditation system have been negotiated with IFMA and the International Credentials Committee, the governing body that oversees the CFM<sup>®</sup> and FMP programs.

"Our organizations have been working together for many years, and FMA Australia's decision to adopt our credentials is one of the fruits of that partnership," said IFMA President and CEO David J. Brady. "We think this says a lot about the strength and validity of our credentials in the global marketplace and is the next step forward in expanding our Partners in FM Excellence agreement."

"FMA Australia is very pleased to be adopting IFMA's credentialing programs within the Australian marketplace," said David Duncan, CEO of FMA Australia. "The currency, international recognition, rigor and continuous professional development requirements make the CFM and FMP programs highly relevant in Australia. FMA Australia is looking forward to working closely with IFMA and the ICC to ensure that these programs maintain their relevance and value in Australia and across the globe."

For more information on the CFM and FMP programs, click [here](#).

IFMA is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,500 members in 60 countries. The association's members, represented in 125 chapters and 15 councils worldwide, manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than US\$100 billion in products and services. Formed in 1980, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the world's largest facility management conference and exposition. For more information, visit the [IFMA press room](#) or [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org).

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