ST. LOUIS CHAPTER OF IFMA HONORS INDUSTRY LEADERS, PROJECT
AS PART OF WORLD FM DAY CELEBRATION

St. Louis, MO – June 19, 2014 – Members of the St. Louis Chapter of IFMA (International Facility Managers Association) gathered to recognize two industry members and the facility of the year. Held on Wednesday, June 18, at the Kemp Auto Museum, the awards were presented during the chapter’s celebration of World FM Day. Initiated in 2008, World FM Day showcases the important role that facility managers play in influencing the health, safety, productivity and well-being of those who work in commercial buildings.

Award recipients were:

Distinguished Member Award: Jennifer Tichacek, C&R Mechanical

Tichacek was lauded for her contributions to the chapter and to the facility management industry. She has spearheaded the chapter’s golf tournament, raising funds to support the chapter’s programs and fostering awareness of the industry.

Achievement in Facility Management Award: Gene McCoskey, Nestle Purina PetCare

The award recognized McCoskey’s accomplishments as Managing Director, Site Services North America for the pet food company. He’s been involved in the company’s sustainability efforts, which includes recognition by the St. Louis Business Journal in 2012 as a “Hero of the Planet.” A member of IFMA St. Louis for nearly two decades, McCoskey has served on the chapter’s board.

Facility of the Year: Webster University, East Academic Building

Opened in 2012, the East Academic Building on the Webster University campus earned LEED Gold certification for its innovative construction. The 94,323 square-foot building features an impermeable membrane vapor barrier, low emittance glass and vegetative green roofs. Three-fourths of the construction waste was recycled, and low VOC adhesives and paints were used. Several St. Louis companies contributed to the project, including, Mackey Mitchell Architects (lead architect), Paric Corp. (construction management), Robert AM Stern Architects (design architect) and William Tao & Associates (engineering for mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and
technology). The building houses the George Herbert Walker School of Business Technology.

(Editor’s Note: Photos available upon request.)

About IFMA St. Louis
IFMA St. Louis offers its members a learning and networking environment among its diverse membership, and supplies its members with the tools to achieve their professional goals. Celebrating nearly 30 years, IFMA St. Louis has more than 250 members representing small and Fortune 500 companies throughout the region. Considered a leader among local chapters, IFMA St. Louis holds monthly programs to enhance members’ knowledge and provide networking opportunities. IFMA members also value their membership as a way to build their careers, seek counsel and advice from other facility management professionals, access a variety of resources and achieve professional certification. Represented in 130 chapters and 17 councils worldwide, IFMA members manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than $100 billion in products and services. For more information, visit www.ifmastl.org.