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Working group consults global FM industry on new guidance

An RICS led working group, consisting of representatives from RICS, the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) and CoreNet Global's UK Chapter, is calling on Facilities Management (FM) professionals worldwide to help shape a Strategic Facilities Management Guidance Note.

Once established, the note will help drive professionalism and enable benchmarking across the sector by creating greater consistency in the delivery of FM services. The guidance forms a key part of RICS' wider campaign to improve understanding and recognition from businesses for the performance efficiencies that strategic FM can deliver.

The call for global feedback follows RICS' initial UK consultation last year and demonstrates a commitment to ensuring the final guidance directly represents the views and requirements of the entire FM sector.

The development of the note is being led by RICS' Strategic Guidance Working Group, which includes representatives from both the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) and CoreNet Global's UK Chapter. The FMA and CIBSE have also said they will contribute during the consultation, along with other international organisations.

Johnny Dunford, Global Commercial Property Director at RICS said: "There is an appetite from the property sector and RICS membership to have strategic guidance for facilities managers, which our note will seek to address. We have received a good level of response from the sector in the UK and look forward to hearing the views of global FM practitioners.

"The involvement of all other industry bodies is testament to the relevance of the guidance in terms of the sector's future success as a strategic discipline. Moreover, this pan-industry organisational unity will enhance the awareness and eventual use of the guidance."

Gareth Tancred, Chief Executive Officer, British Institute of Facilities Management said: "Working together with key partners across the built environment is an essential part of our strategy; building awareness of the strategic importance of facilities management and the best practice principles that govern it.

"This guidance note will be an important resource for property professionals to access and utilise when undertaking facilities management activities, to ensure understanding and insight. Those whose roles require expert facilities management knowledge can also look to our qualifications suite for formal qualifications in facilities management."

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Steve Probert, President of CoreNet Global’s UK Chapter, said: “Developing this note is an important move for the industry, giving the strategic element of facilities management greater importance and helping to share best practice. We’re hoping that as many organisations as possible will contribute to the consultation.”

The Guidance Notes open for consultation is provisionally titled ‘Managing facilities to enhance organisational performance’.

To contribute to the consultation please follow the links below and make comments directly on the documents.

- RICS facilities management paper – https://consultations.rics.org/consult.ti/Facilities_Management_Guidance/consultationHome

The consultation closes on 8 July.

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Notes to editors:

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About the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM)

The British Institute of Facilities Management is Europe’s largest professional body for facilities management (FM). Founded in 1993, the Institute represents and promotes the interest of members and the wider facilities management community.

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The Institute delivers a range of services and benefits, including professional membership knowledge resources, qualifications, continuing professional development, training and networking for over 13,500 individual and corporate members.

The professional standards that BIFM has established in facilities management range from the entry level right through to strategic facilities management and are disseminated through our qualifications in facilities management suite, professional membership grades, resources and events. Our associated guidance material and resources are dedicated to communicating and ensuring best practice in the sector.

Our strategy is to increase participation and collaboration, promote professional standards, support career development and build an effective relationship with stakeholders, including Government. The Institute is inclusive, working across related disciplines and forming alliances with like-minded professional bodies.

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CoreNet Global is the world's leading association for corporate real estate (CRE) and workplace professionals, service providers and economic developers. The Network has active chapters in the EMEA region including Benelux, Central Europe, the Middle East and the United Kingdom.

The UK Chapter of CoreNet Global is the second largest worldwide, and as the 'Voice of the Occupier' highlights occupancy issues across all property types. Members meet locally, globally and virtually to develop networks, share knowledge, learn and thrive professionally, benefiting from an extensive programme of Chapter events, educational courses, research, annual UK awards and a UK Summit.

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