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(OS1) Users Benchmark the One Best Way to Clean: Web Site Launched, 'Revolution of Cleaning' Symposium Announced

When the best tools and techniques have been distilled into a powerful process with consistent results, people talk. This was the origin of the (OS1) Users Group representing thousands of cleaning workers and a plethora of respected facilities nationwide whose delegates meet annually as part of the (OS1) Users Symposium to benchmark and improve results.

The non-profit (OS1) Users Symposium is the first multi-organization best practices benchmarking group in the cleaning industry (according to the Carlyle University, Ottawa Canada benchmarking team that participated in the (OS1) Symposium at the University of Massachusetts).

"The (OS1) Users Symposium brings together a unique group of cleaning organizations dedicated to advancing the science and professionalism of the industry through standardization," said John Walker, president of ManageMen and founder of Janitor University and the (OS1) program. "It was started by cleaning organizations for cleaning organizations, and functions in a cooperative and consensus fashion. Not too many groups can say that—it's a revolutionary concept."

In response to frequent requests for more information, the (OS1) Users Symposium has launched a Web site located at www.os1userssymposium.org. The site provides information on the history of (OS1), how it has grown to have the largest installed base of any cleaning operating system in the world, and details about the upcoming (OS1) Users Symposium, themed the "Revolution of Cleaning," July 29-31, 2007, Williamsburg, Va. Persons with serious interest in benchmarking cleaning systems, and the media are invited to attend the July event.

The first (OS1) Users Symposium in 2002 was sponsored by The Boeing Company and was held in the largest building in the world (according to the Guinness Book of World Records), the Everett, Wash. airplane factory that utilizes (OS1) as its cleaning program, and in several other Boeing facilities.

At the Boeing symposium, the (OS1) Users voted to make the symposium an annual event. Subsequent symposiums were sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Massachusetts, and GMI Services Inc. In 2006, the 5th symposium was held at the Homestead in Midway, Utah.

The symposium program consists of presentations by a wide variety of (OS1) users detailing and explaining benchmarked best practice data and reports, plus discourses by other thought leaders with relevance to the (OS1) system. Past presenters include: Ernest Hunter, Director of Physical Plant, University of Texas-Austin; Jim Alty, Director of Facilities Services, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Ashoke Ganguli, Director of Auxiliary Services, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Mary Vosevich, Director of Physical Plant, University of New Mexico; Pam Tanner, Sr. Manager, The Boeing Company, St. Louis; Tim Rueben, CEO-USSI; Jim Rush, Operations Manager, Sandia National Labs div. Lockheed Martin; Jim Ginnaty, Southeast Alaska Regional Healthcare Consortium; and others.

Past speakers include: Dr. Michael Berry; Jeff Campbell, Ph.D., BYU; Joe Jimenez, Washington State Ecology Building Reauthorizing Project; Carey Mitchell, Technical Services, Shaw Carpet; Dale Peery, Technical Services, Lees Carpet; Arthur Weissman, CEO-Green Seal, and others.

Speakers and topics for the (OS1) Users Symposium, "The Revolution of Cleaning," July 29-31, 2007, Williamsburg, Va. will be announced in April. For more information and to register online go to: www.os1userssymposium.org.

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