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IFMA Joins Forces with Chemical Insights Research Institutes to Provide Educational Content for Facilities Professionals

HOUSTON - The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) has joined Chemical Insights Research Institute (CIRI) of UL Research Institutes, a renowned leader in chemical safety research and environmental health, in a strategic partnership to expand knowledge about healthy indoor environments. CIRI will provide content including research and educational resources such as eLearning, podcasts, articles, presentations, and webinars for IFMA's Knowledge Library that serves more than 24,000 facilities professionals. The two organizations are also considering joint marketing promotional opportunities and research collaborations.

"Both IFMA and CIRI recognize that elevated focus on sustainable practices to ensure healthy environments both inside and out is a now-or-never priority. Our organizations share a deep respect for industry research as an essential requirement for understanding existing and emerging expectations for the profession. CIRI's analyses and insights will help guide facility management professionals toward decisions that result in lower risk and higher safety for our facilities," said IFMA President and CEO Don Gilpin.

IFMA established its Strategic Partner Associations program in 2021 to provide built environment professionals with a single source of interdisciplinary skill-building training offered by the industry's most well-respected and influential organizations. The program offers specialized training opportunities that address a range of mission-critical roles and cover the entire operational life cycle of the built environment.

"The knowledge and research insights from CIRI will enable thousands of IFMA members to operate and maintain their facilities as top of class for occupant health and well-being," said

Marilyn Black, Ph.D., VP and Senior Technical Advisor for CIRI. "One of CIRI and IFMA's first partner collaborations will define actionable steps for healthy air during wildfires."

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About the International Facility Management Association (IFMA)

Founded in 1980, IFMA is the world's largest, most widely recognized association for facility management (FM) professionals. Supporting more than 24,000 members in over 130 countries, IFMA is a key contributor to the development of international FM standards and works with decision makers to inform FM-related policy. IFMA provides career resources and continuing education, offers three industry-respected credentials, maintains the largest repository of FM-related content on the web and hosts year-round global events. With a vision to lead the future of the built environment to make the world a better place, IFMA believes in the benefit of global diversity, inclusion and social equity, and recognizes that sustainability, resilience and responsible environmental stewardship are paramount. For more information, visit <u>ifma.org</u> and our <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>YouTube, Facebook</u>, <u>Threads</u>, <u>X</u> and <u>Flickr</u> pages. Follow IFMA's Connected FM <u>podcast</u> and <u>blog</u> for expert insights on trending industry topics.

About Chemical Insights Research Institute:

<u>Chemical Insights Research Institute</u> (CIRI) of UL Research Institutes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to scientific research, publication, education, and communication on environmental exposures resulting from technologies and practices, their impact on human health, and processes for reducing health risks. CIRI provides actionable data and resources to help manufacturers, educators, healthcare providers, and consumers make informed environmental health decisions and risk reduction strategies for the protection of human health.

About UL Research Institutes

<u>UL Research Institutes</u> is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to advancing public safety through scientific discovery. Since 1894, our research has advanced our mission toward a safer, more secure, and sustainable future. Focused on global risks from fire mitigation and air quality to safe energy storage and digital privacy, we conduct rigorous independent research, analyze safety data and partner with experts to uncover and act on existing and emerging risks to human safety.