Dear Colleague,

Plant Academy is now accepting applications for participants in the 2014-2015 U-M Facilities Professional Certificate Program (FPCP). The deadline to apply for admittance into the program is August 15th, 2014.

The award-winning program advances professional knowledge and skills related to building technologies, health and safety, business operations and construction/space management. Three different levels of certification will be awarded to U-M facilities professionals. Business administrators with oversight of facilities operations are also encouraged to apply. The range of contact hours by certificate level are:

- **Level One** will equip the facility professional with a broad-based foundation for core roles and responsibilities (17.5 core hours).
- **Level Two** will equip the facility manager with advanced skills to optimize performance of the facility professional role (28 core hours).
- **Level Three** includes a practicum project: collaborative, hands-on learning opportunity with other advanced facilities professionals. (28 core hours, plus two elective courses and a practicum project).

This program is supported by Plant Academy and the donation of teaching development and training by subject matter experts from Facilities and Operations, Financial Operations and the Provost’s Office.

- There is no cost for core coursework
- Level Three participants will self-select two elective courses from a wide menu of training across campus. Some may involve nominal charges. Therefore, participants should agree with the unit budget for training and development.

A thorough review of the Program and Calendar Guide will answer most questions about this future opportunity. After reviewing the program, interested parties should:

- Secure the required department endorsement and identify which level of certificate most aligns with their role and career development plan
- Submit their completed application by email to ApplicationFPCP@umich.edu by August 15th
- Place temporary “holds” on their calendar for all related coursework and dates

In assembling the 2014-2015 cohort, the FPCP program team will consider diversity of experience, representation across University units, and the balancing of class size across the three tiers of certification. Candidates will be notified of their selection via email by Friday, August 22nd.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact Chris Riggs at 647-0831. Thank you.

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