

# Perspective

World Contracting News, Views & Comments

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## AUSTRALIA-VICTORIA

### Ian Barker Of Consolidated Is Winner

The Building Service Contractors' Association of Australia's Neil Gordon Jackson Memorial Young Manager Award winner is Ian Barker, Consolidated Property Services, Victoria. Other state finalists were South Australia's Justin Scripps (Prime One), Queensland's Mark Nipper (SPS Cleaning), Western Australia's Steve Sotiroski (Cleandustrial) and New South Wales' Tome Stefanovski (Spotless).

## AUSTRALIA-VICTORIA

### New Regulations Will Be Enforced

The Office of Workplace Services (OWS) has pledged to rigorously enforce new regulations, in effect as of September 27, 2006, which require employers to keep time records for employees earning less than \$A55,000 in base salary. The first to be affected will be the meat, contract cleaning, agriculture, security, retail and clothing industries. Fines will range up to to \$A2,750 for each offense.

## BRAZIL-BRASILIA

### Bold Plan For Economic Growth

Newly re-elected President, Lula has asked his financial advisors to develop a bold plan to stimulate growth of the Brazilian economy. He hopes to grow it by at least 5% annually. The plan will include such things as tax reductions, spending caps and

increased government spending on the country's infrastructure. Lula was criticized heavily for the lack of economic growth, Brazil's economy is expected to grow less than 3% for 2006, while growth in other Latin American countries such as Mexico and Chile will reach 5%.

## CANADA-MONTREAL

### Green Movement Going Commercial

Canada's 2.5-million residential homes and about 500,000 commercial buildings account for one-third of all energy use, produce about one-third of all carbon dioxide emissions and thirty percent of new buildings are considered sick. Previously, green or sustainable design was pursued by schools, libraries, government buildings and private residences. Green commercial buildings have been hard to find mainly because of cost, as the increase in capital cost typically ranges from one percent to 30 percent. It has also been difficult to quantify the benefits to building green. However, with prices dropping (according to the Green Building Council, the consensus is that green buildings cost about two percent more to design and construct) and the introduction of LEED in Canada in 2003, in Montreal, retail stores, supermarkets and corporate headquarters are among the commercial buildings that have been built with sustainability in mind. To date, 53 buildings have been certified by LEED in Canada and 310 projects are registered with the intention of seeking LEED certification.

## FRANCE-PARIS

### Cleaners At Airport Suspected Of Terrorist Ties

After Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport was pinpointed as a hot bed of Islamic extremism, France's anti-terror unit terminated 72 workers. The workers are baggage handlers or aircraft

cleaners at the airport who had access to thousands of jets travelling all over the world. While the workers' security clearance has been withdrawn, some are still being allowed into work after appealing against dismissal.

## IRELAND-ULSTER

### Provider Expands Its Presence

**M**aybin, a Ballymena-based company, has acquired Limerick-headquartered Corporate Cleaning Services, which has eight offices in Ireland, serving a range of blue-chip clients and specializing in micron and clean-room environments - a feature of a growing number of high-tech Irish-based businesses. Maybin's workforce now totals some 7,000.

## NEW ZEALAND-AUCKLAND

### 2007 Show Announced

**C**lean NZ, the equivalent of Ausclean (now the BSM exhibition), is held every second year. The 2007 event will be the 5th anniversary of the introduction of the show. The event is sponsored by the Building Service Contractors of New Zealand, Inc. The show will be held May 3-4, 2007 at the Ellerslie Event Centre, 80-100 Ascot Avenue, Greenlane, Auckland, New Zealand.

## SOUTH KOREA-SEOUL

### 16<sup>th</sup> Congress Of World Federation A Success

**D**ear Delegates,  
On behalf of the World Federation of Building Service Contractors, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Federation of Building Service Contractors Global held in Seoul from October 16~19.

As witnessed by the international community, the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of WFBSC was a huge success, with over 700 participants from more than 21 nations. There were plenty of opportunities to improve and elevate building service management. I thank you once again for your tireless efforts in making this Congress the most diverse and productive of its series.

I am confident that the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WFBSC made a considerable contribution in promoting innovation in all sectors of building service industry and will broaden your social and business networking.

Looking forward to future opportunities for closer cooperation, I offer you my sincere wishes for continued success.  
*Mr. Yoo Ki Kim, President, WFBSC/KABM*

To see pictures from the Congress, go to [www.wfbsc2006.org](http://www.wfbsc2006.org). Click on News and then on Photo Gallery.

## THE NETHERLANDS-AMSTERDAM

### Record Number Of Job Vacancies

**T**he job vacancy rate has increased each year for thirty months now, which shows the degree of tightness in the labor market. In the third quarter of 2006, the number of job vacancies increased by thirty thousand, Twenty-nine vacancies for every one thousand jobs, for a record high. The labor market was also very active with two hundred and sixty-four thousand new vacancies registered, and filled vacancies came in at an unprecedented two hundred and seventy-four thousand. The highest demand was in manufacturing industry and construction, where vacancies rose by one third to forty thousand and business services, where the vacancy rate increased by over twenty percent.

## UAE-DUBAI

### Gulf Region Offers Large FM Market

**A**ccording to the Middle East Strategy Advisors (MESA) the facilities management (FM) market in the Gulf region will be worth an estimated US\$892 billion over the next 25 years. The figures released show the FM market in the UAE alone is potentially worth US\$704 billion, Saudi Arabia is worth US\$96 billion and Qatar worth US\$92 billion. As a result, organizers of the FM EXPO, now plan to double the size of the event in 2007. FM EXPO will take place from June 3-5, 2007 at the Dubai International Exhibition Centre and over 12,000 visitors are expected to attend.

## UK-LONDON

### Demand For Space Causing Rents To Rise

According to Colliers CRE, a property firm, the net of new office space occupied in the Square Mile was 893,000 sq. ft. for the first 6 months of 2006, a large increase over the 10,000 sq. ft. occupied in all of 2005. Vacancy rates have fallen to under 8 percent with Grade A space as low as 4 percent.

## UK-LONDON

### Emergency Information For Employees

MITIE has offered a multi-lingual 'Lifeline card' which allows all of its 20,000 cleaning employees 24-hour access to emergency telephone numbers for a variety of accidents and incidents. The accident hotlines are manned on a 24/7 basis by MITIE itself and by its out-of-hours partner in the UK. The cards are available in 12 languages.

## UK-LONDON

### New Non-Executive Director Joins Board At OCS

OCS, the £600 million international property support services group, has appointed a new non-executive director to help further strengthen the board at a time of continuing major expansion. Michael Medlicott (63) joins the board to bring more than forty years of international business experience spanning investment banking, travel, leisure, tourism and facilities management. Mr Medlicott joined P&O in the 1960's and spent the first two decades of his career working in London, Bombay, Tokyo and Sydney before becoming Director (Europe) P&O Cruises Ltd. In 1986 he was appointed by the government to the post of chief executive officer of the British Tourist Authority where he spent seven years leading the worldwide promotion of the UK as a tourist destination. From 1993 to 1997 Mr Medlicott was vice president, Europe and Asia, of Delta Air Lines, Inc., where he was responsible for Atlantic and Pacific business

units generating a total turnover of £2.5 billion. In 1997, he left Delta to join Guy Hands' Principal Finance Group at Nomura International where he was responsible for leading or supporting major transactions in the mergers and acquisitions activity of Nomura's private equity group. During this time he became managing director of Servus Holdings Limited, a company formed to bid for major government PFI contracts. Michael Medlicott said, "I am delighted to join the OCS board at such an important time in the further development of its comprehensive portfolio of property support services. By offering 'one complete solution', OCS is breaking down traditional barriers across its industry and at the same time taking a strong lead in raising standards of service in everything that it does." Michael Medlicott also holds non-executive director posts at Manchester Airport Group plc; John Laing plc; HM Treasury, National Savings and Investments, and Heritage of London Trust Ltd. He is an honorary board member of the University of Piraeus Centre of Hellenic and European Studies, Athens. He gained a degree in modern languages at Lincoln College, Oxford and speaks fluent French and Spanish.

## UK-LONDON

### CSSA Drives Environmental Cleaning Standards

Cleaning contractors are gearing up to manage their clients' environment in an environmentally responsible way. Member companies of the Cleaning and Support Services Association (CSSA) are working towards BS 8555, a British standard that allows companies to achieve the international environment standard (ISO 14001) in a number of stages. Duncan Bullough, MD of Bullough Cleaning Services in Yorkshire, said, "We are very aware of the part we play in helping to manage our clients' environment and this program has given us a fast and effective way of making a real and positive contribution. We are particularly pleased with the government funding as small companies like ours do not always have the resources to embark on such a program". The program has five simple steps that lead to qualification of ISO 14001 and is particularly useful to small organizations that do not have the resources to achieve the ISO qualification in one go. The program is being managed for the CSSA by environmental consultants White Young Green and benefits from government funding by Defra. The CSSA plans to extend the program in 2007 as more and more CSSA members plan to go green by achieving BS 8555 and possibly ISO 14001. For more information contact Martyn Vesey at the CSSA.

## US-ILLINOIS

### Almost Half Consider Flu A Threat

According to a survey conducted by The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) of its worldwide membership, 35 percent have not done any planning for a Pandemic flu such as the bird flu. Seven percent of members surveyed had plans completed and implemented, 39 percent were in the process of creating or updating a plan, and 20 percent reported that the issue is adequately addressed in existing business continuity plans with no further action required. Forty-nine percent of IFMA members surveyed said that their organizations' senior management consider a pandemic flu outbreak a serious or a probable threat to their business. To view the survey go to [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org).

## CORPORATE MEMBER NEWS

### Ecolab Expands In UK

Ecolab Inc. has purchased Powles Hunt & Sons International Ltd's UK commercial laundry business from Quill International Group. Powles Hunt is a leading supplier of professional laundry products with annual sales of approximately \$5 million. No further details regarding the transaction were announced. The company also purchased DuChem Industries Inc., a manufacturer of cleaning and sanitizing products used by the food industry.

### JohnsonDiversey Prepares For Avian Flu

With ongoing reports about the presence of Avian Influenza, JohnsonDiversey, Inc. is taking important steps to prepare customers to address the potential emergence of a global pandemic. JohnsonDiversey is taking the following steps to be an effective resource for its customers if a serious outbreak of Avian Influenza or another virulent infection occurs:

#### Product Availability

JohnsonDiversey has a formidable range of cleaning, sanitation and disinfectant products to address the spread of viruses, including the AI, H5N1 virus known as Avian Influenza. Based on current and potential demand, the supply of these products has been increased to about four weeks.

#### Critical Expertise

JohnsonDiversey provides highly respected cleaning and hygiene expertise for commercial environments around the world. Their environmental hygiene programs have products and application systems designed to meet the most stringent performance standards in the world, and disinfection products include a broad range of traditional as well as leading-edge technologies. JohnsonDiversey backs this product range with efficacy data packages that include large amounts of validation data against many different strains of Influenza Type A viruses and surrogate strains of the Avian Influenza virus and its scientists, through three regional research centers in Asia (China, India and Japan), a research center in the Netherlands and the corporate research headquarters in the U.S., have been at the front-line of Avian Influenza since its emergence as a global issue more than 16 months ago. As a result, JD is helping many poultry and food processing customers address Avian Influenza at ground zero. In addition, the company has joined forces with numerous research centers and public health authorities to remain up-to-date and prepared for developing threats to public health.

#### Internal Preparation

JD has appointed a multifunctional team of internal leaders, reporting directly to the company president, to develop pandemic planning and preparation efforts. JD continues to refine in-depth plans to avoid a significant interruption to its business anywhere in the world.

JohnsonDiversey takes this threat very seriously and is well connected to the best sources of information. More information, visit the Infection Control Center on JohnsonDiversey's web site, [www.johnsondiversey.com](http://www.johnsondiversey.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BSCAI Annual Convention and Trade Show

**Chicago, IL**  
**April 13-17, 2007**

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**October 2008**

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