FM Wins Safety Award

At a recent conference of the State Employee Risk Management Administration (SERMA), University of Maryland Facilities Management was presented with the Health & Safety Working Group Award of Excellence for Injury Reduction.

The award description reads: “This award will recognize teams or facilities whose ongoing efforts have resulted in positive changes in safety behavior and/or culture within the organization. Recognition will be based on reduction of injuries and/or accident cost.”

FM was nominated for the award by Laura Teal of IWIF. Her submission read in part, “Over the past year, Facilities Management at the University of Maryland has made major strides in reducing injury/accident rates and improving safety performance. Through collaboration at all levels, they worked toward reducing accidents and creating and maintaining a safe work environment. They captured and tracked data on injuries to best focus efforts, creating safety improvement committees, conducting detailed accident investigations and job hazard analyses, and developing and distributing a newsletter stating their purpose and goals. Due to these efforts, the injury rate in facilities management decreased by 31% from 2014 to 2015.”