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### **UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES APPA'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

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Baltimore, Maryland, July 16, 2007 – Utah State University's Facilities Organization received the Award for Excellence in Facilities Management, the highest institutional honor bestowed by APPA, the association serving educational facilities professionals. The award was officially presented to USU facilities officials at APPA's annual awards banquet July 16, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland.

According to APPA President Chris Ahoy, associate vice president for facilities at Iowa State University, the Utah State facilities organization exemplifies excellence in all of the areas necessary to achieve the award: leadership; strategic and operational planning; customer focus; information and analysis; development and management of human resources; process management; and performance results.

"Utah State University has an exceptional campus, not only in terms of its buildings and grounds, but inclusive of the entire staff of the facilities organization," Ahoy said. "The Utah State University's Facilities Organization is committed to continuous improvement, outstanding customer service, individual and organizational development, and the use of core values to run its daily operation."

Since its founding in 1888, Utah State University has evolved from a small, agricultural college to one that is nationally and internationally recognized for its intellectual and technological leadership in land, water, space, and life enhancement. With seven colleges, more than 200 majors and 130 research-related classes, Utah State provides education for more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students. USU's facilities organization consists of nearly 300 personnel, including seasonal help, who operate and maintain approximately 500 acres and over 100 major buildings.

The APPA Award for Excellence is designed to recognize and advance excellence in the field of educational facilities. Originally established in 1988, the Award for Excellence is APPA's highest institutional honor and provides educational institutions the opportunity for national and international recognition for their outstanding achievements in facilities management. The award is designed to highlight the essential role of facilities operations in the overall institutional mission and vision.

*APPA is the association of choice serving educational facilities professionals, representing more than 1,500 learning institutions encompassing over 4,700 individuals throughout the United States, Canada, and internationally.*

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