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## Four Facilities Departments Receive Industry Effective and Innovative Practices Award

**August 7, 2015, Alexandria, Va.** – APPA is pleased to announce that four member institutions have been awarded the 2015 APPA Effective & Innovative Practices Award.

This year's award recipients are:

- University of California San Francisco *"Promoting Water Conservation in Research Laboratories"*
- University of Colorado Boulder *"Labor, Trades, and Crafts Trainee Program"*
- University of Texas at Austin *"Surplus Property Retail Store or S.M.A.R.T. Store – Surplus Management Asset Recovery Team Store"*
- Western Michigan University *"Building Information Modeling for Skilled Trades"*

"The Effective & Innovative Practices Award recognizes new programs or significant restructuring to existing programs that will enhance service delivery, lower costs, increase productivity, improve customer service, generate revenue, or otherwise benefit the educational institution," said Paul Wuebold, APPA's Vice President, Professional Affairs, and the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Submissions are assessed on criteria measuring institutional benefit; innovativeness, creativity and originality; portability and sustainability; management commitment and employee involvement; and documentation, analysis, customer input, and benchmarking. Projects displaying a high level of innovation and adaptability for implementation at other schools have the best chance of being favorably ranked.

Each of the four schools is eligible to receive a \$4000 cash award sponsored by Sodexo (SDXAY:OTC US).

Award recipients were recognized during the 2015 APPA Annual Conference in Chicago, August 4-6.

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