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

**July 24, 2014, Alexandria, Va.** – APPA is pleased to announce that five member institutions have been awarded the 2014 APPA Effective & Innovative Practices Award.

This year's award recipients are:

- Saint Louis University: *"Strategic Planning and Culture Change Practice, Improving Waste Management, and In-House Construction Program"*
- University of California Berkeley: *"Providing Financial Incentives to Promote Energy Conservation by Building Occupants"*
- Xavier University of Louisiana: *"Pervious Pavement and Solar PV Panel Parking Lots: Storm Water Management and an Alternative Energy Resource"*
- University of Pennsylvania: *"Innovation using Lean Processes at the University of Pennsylvania's O&M Department"*
- California State University San Bernardino: *"Most-Open Valve Heating & Cooling Strategy in Design and Practice"*

"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 David Cain, 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 five schools are eligible to receive a \$4000 cash award sponsored by Sodexo (SDXAY:OTC US).

Award recipients were recognized during the 2014 APPA Annual Conference and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in San Diego, July 21-23, 2014.

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