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## ***Today's Facility Manager Names J.B. Messer Facility Executive of the Year***

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*Director of Facilities Management's energy plan is saving Oklahoma City Community College more than \$125,000 annually on electricity.*

TINTON FALLS, NJ – January 2, 2013 – *Today's Facility Manager* announced today that J.B. Messer, director of facilities management for Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), has been selected as the 2013 Facility Executive of the Year.

Now in its 11th year, this award recognizes an individual for outstanding performance in their work on a particular project and the broader impact on their organizations. The nominees for this year's FEY competition included facility managers working in healthcare, higher education, corporate headquarters, performing arts centers, and warehousing/distribution facilities.

"This award shines the spotlight on an outstanding member of this challenging profession," says Anne Vazquez, *TFM* Editor in Chief. "It is our honor to present the accomplishments of J. B. Messer to other members of the facility management field in the upcoming issue of *TFM*."

Working at OCCC since 1998, Messer spearheaded the creation of a campus Energy Systems Master Plan in 2000. As a result, the college has reduced its cost of energy per square foot by 25.8%; while the cost of electricity has increased by 40% over the last decade, OCCC has realized an increase of only 6%. Since the inception of the energy plan, the OCCC campus has grown by close to 400,000 square feet, totaling one million square feet today. The most recent new facility project did not budget for any increase in utility spending because of energy savings put into place from the Energy Systems Master Plan.

As a result of this plan, the College is saving over \$125,000 annually on electricity alone, and operating its facilities at a cost significantly lower than other community colleges nationwide. Messer oversees a staff of 30 full time employees, supplemented by a student workforce that provides hands on training opportunities for a possible next generation of facility managers.

Messer is a member of the National Associate of College & University Business Officers and the Oklahoma Association of College & University Physical Plant Administrators. He is the Senior Representative of the Central Association of Physical Plan Administrators (CAPPA) to APPA International, and sits on the Executive Committee of CAPPA and the Board of Directors for APPA

International. He is also a member of the National Honor Society for Business Administrators and the National Association of College and University Mail Services. He is a legislative advocate for the Oklahoma Veteran's Council and is active with the United States Submarine Veteran's Inc., USS Oklahoma City Base.

Facility Executive of the Year entries were reviewed by a panel of seven judges, all active in the facility management profession, based on a five-tiered scoring system. The judges score entries according to how well the candidates demonstrate innovation, management, pro-business impact, human improvements, and sustainability through the course of a major project.

Messer and his project are featured in *Today's Facility Manager's* January/February 2013 issue. The full story will also be available on [TodaysFacilityManager.com](http://TodaysFacilityManager.com).

#### **ABOUT THE FACILITY EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM**

Launched in 2003, the Facility Executive of the Year Award is the profession's first and only independent awards program where facility managers are recognized for their achievements. For more information on the Facility Executive of the Year Award and to read about past winners, visit <http://www.todaysfacilitymanager.com/magazine/special-reports/facility-exec-of-the-year/>

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