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**KEEPING IT SIMPLE AND GREEN: KBM BUILDING SERVICES
PROVIDES BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR CLIENTS WITH RENOWNED
ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING SYSTEM**

SAN DIEGO — The sustainable green movement in Corporate America continues to build momentum as companies strive for healthier conditions for their employees and the Earth. With that in mind, San Diego-based KBM Building Services employs the renowned ManageMen Operating System (OS1) for its commercial clients. This award-winning cleaning process, which is based on simplicity and safety, is best known for its sustainability of the environment.

The comprehensive cleaning system entail in-depth training based on standardized tools and procedures. Workers are “kitted” with specific tools and chemicals for each job function, which have been benchmarked as the best practice by the (OS1) users. This simplification of the cleaning process results in a safer, healthier and cleaner working environment. The (OS1) system is employed by some of the largest and most prestigious universities and corporations in the world including, University of Texas, the Boeing Co., University of North Carolina, QUALCOMM, Lockheed Martin’s - Sandia National Laboratories, Northrop Grumman Space Technologies, Intuit and the University of Massachusetts. The (OS1) system has also been scientifically measured by independent studies to verify its effectiveness and impact on health and safety.

While many cleaning contractors don't have the ability to track data, the (OS1) systematic process of gathering tangible data, specialist training and precise work loading transforms, streamlines and documents once-tedious, unsafe and difficult cleaning operations. (OS1) training for managers includes attending the weeklong Janitor University, "Train the Trainer" and Advanced Certification courses. The curriculum gives all the necessary preparation for graduates to introduce the (OS1) program to their operations.

By utilizing the (OS1) method, KBM is helping minimize environmental harm for its clients. So says Paul Condie, KBM's director of operations. Condie, who was hired by KBM in 2007, brings a high level of expertise in the green cleaning arena. He is president of the Operating System One (OS1) Users Symposium, a group created to benchmark best practices in janitorial, housekeeping and custodial operations, and to promote the significant role of cleaning workers in society. Condie also serves as chairman of the (OS1) Users Group, which is comprised of organizations that continually work to improve and elevate the cleaning industry. As a member of the faculty for Janitor University, Condie makes sure students are immersed in cleaning science, work loading, waste reduction, functional management, tracking, and safety programs.

"We feel it is our responsibility as leaders in the cleaning industry to make sure we employ best practices to ensure the health and safety of our employees and of our clients and their employees," Condie said. "Employing best practices such as the (OS1) system allows us to offer effective and environmentally sensible cleaning services while protecting the environment."

"Our facility is targeting Silver-LEED-CI certification and part of that certification is a green cleaning program," said Kim Guzman, site operations manager, HR Workplace Solutions for Intuit in San Diego. "We solicited quotes from various companies detailing our low environmental cleaning requirements. Our program sought to consider environmentally preferable

products, services and cleaning practices. We wished to follow the standards promoted by the Green Seal program. Part of the Green Cleaning Standard was that our supplier partner follows a set of guidelines that governed the overall janitorial services to these green standards. (OSI) accomplishes this with KBM utilizing green cleaning methods, processes and products to help maintain our facility.”

KBM provides commercial cleaning services to Southern California’s highest profile office buildings, production and manufacturing facilities, retail centers and homeowners associations. KBM’s services include day porters; floor and carpet maintenance, pressure washing, handyman repairs, construction, tenant improvements, help desk, clean room and glass wash staffing, and construction clean up.

By working with world-renowned consultants over the past 25 years, KBM has been able to employ a program of service specialists who have precise training and performance standards that simplify complex scheduling and work tasks to meet customer expectations with consistency and competence.

Some of KBM’s keys to sustainable success have included reducing waste and misuse of cleaning products; reducing non-recycled consumable supply consumption annually; increasing training and education for cleaning workers, supporting facility owners and managers seeking LEED certifications and other accreditations; implementing inventory systems of cleaning materials to insure that chemicals purchased are used correctly; submitting to rigorous outside third-party auditing of cleaning processes; and benchmarking best practices.

“At the core of our philosophy is we clean for health first and then appearance,” Condie said. “We also emphasize exceeding safety regulations and performing cleaning while reducing the impact on the environment.”

About KBM Building Services

KBM Building Services is one of the largest women-owned businesses in San Diego. KBM currently services clients in high tech, biotech and medical facilities, manufacturing, production, research and development facilities, single and multiplant tenant, property-managed facilities, retail shopping centers, industrial parks, educational institutions, commercial office buildings, hotels and residential community associations. The company has achieved success and community and industry recognition by focusing on the unique needs of each customer and striving to become the Building Services Provider and Employer of Choice. For information on KBM Building Services, visit www.kbmsd.com.