

University Custodial Services Earns Cleaning Industry Awards

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AUSTIN, Texas – The Custodial Services Division of The University of Texas at Austin Facilities Services Department brought home honors from the 8th Annual (OS1) Users Symposium in Savannah, GA, July 21. (OS1) is a nationally recognized management and work process system for custodial operations.

Robert (Bobby) Moddrell, manager of training and development for Custodial Services, received the **2009 Cleaning Industry Trainer of the Year Award** in competition with cleaning industry trainers from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Sandia National Labs division of Lockheed Martin, PJS, GMI Building Services, and Service Point.

The cleaning operation in the Engineering Teaching Center earned an **(OS1) Green Certification Program of Excellence Award**. Green Certified Program awards recognize outstanding performance base on an annual third-party audit of 274 benchmarks of best practices in cleaning organizations. The Engineering Teaching Center achieved an audit score of 90 percent.

Cleaning operations in these university buildings achieved audit scores above 80 percent to earn **(OS1) Green Certified Program awards**:

- Edgar A. Smith Building
- Mary E. Gearing Hall
- George I. Sanchez Building
- Performing Arts Center
- Printing and Press Building
- T. U. Taylor Hall

Custodial Services began participating in (OS1) in 2001, and completed the transition from traditional cleaning programs and practices by 2006.

Each building typically has its own custodial team, although large buildings may have more than one team. Some teams have more than one small building to clean.

Associate Director for Custodial Services Sally Moore said, “We are proud of the effective and innovative custodial training that Bobby Moddrell designs and implements, and we are pleased that his efforts have received national recognition.

“We are also proud that our custodial teams continue to be recognized for their role in making the university a clean, healthy campus environment.”

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