

TRENDS ...

A SURVEY AMONGST FACILITY MANAGEMENT GRADUATE STUDENTS

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I took the twenty-seven issues posted for the IFMA FOUNDATION Trends Survey 2004 (IFMAFTS04) to a group of final year and graduate students taking facility management as one of their majors for their review. The students were introduced to the issues briefly and asked to vote for the five issues that they think would **impact facility managers' efforts in providing quality FM strategies and workplace solutions**. Fifty-one students took part in this exercise.

I found very close similarity in the top five issues when compared with the results of IFMA Foundation's Trends Survey 2004. They are:

Issues	HKPUS	IFMAFTS04
Costs reductions	19%	15%
Technology change and integration	18%	9%
Budgets issues and constraints	15%	16%
Security and safety issues	11%	10%
Flexibility	11%	9%
Outsourcing	8%	
Speed (change, getting work completed)	8%	9%
Unpredictable events	5%	9%
Restructuring	4%	
Green building and sustainability issues	3%	
<i>Complexity of business that impact facilities</i>	0%	8%
<i>Culture and behavior issues</i>	0%	8%
<i>Growth</i>	0%	7%

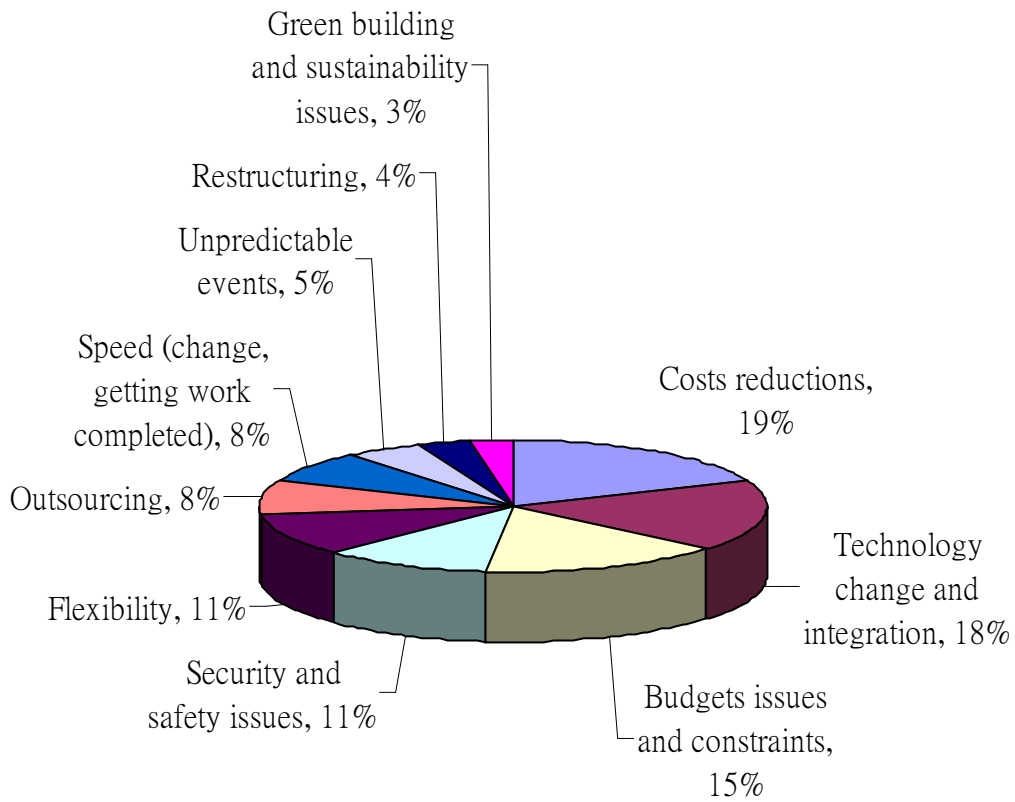
Readers are advised to note the figures and forward their views on the findings for further discussions.

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