

# Press Release

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## **FM Pipeline Team, Inc., Publisher of The Facilithon, Receives IRS Charitable Status**

Madison, Wisconsin

The FM Pipeline Team leadership is pleased to announce its IRS certification as a 501(c)(3) charity. After operating on a grass-roots level for 5 years, the FM Pipeline Team, Inc. has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charitable organization.

"Coupled with 2018's major success and growth with active teams in 7 states, our charitable status ensures The Facilithon program's sustainability as it grows through student, volunteer and industry engagement. Over 1,600 students learned about FM last year via The Facilithon; 2019 will likely eclipse that by a significant margin." said Jim Zirbel, its Co-director. "Charitable status validates The Facilithon program as the path to the; per our byline, 'Next Gen of FM'. It's a win-win-win for students, chapters & industry, who can finally achieve a local outcome for their efforts."

The Facilithon is a three-part competition in Facility Management (FM) recognized by SkillsUSA, the nation's fastest-growing career technical student association. Facilithon students sharpen their career skills through recurrent presentations, adviser mentoring and competitions, creating FM-driven candidates prior to high school graduation. Facilithon industry partners enjoy engaging with their future facility management employees well in advance of post-secondary decisions.

To become a Facilithon industry partner, send an email with the FM Pipeline team at [facilithon@gmail.com](mailto:facilithon@gmail.com) or go to [www.fmpipeline.org](http://www.fmpipeline.org) to learn more.