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PLANT OPERATIONS WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION

Effective November 2, 2009, Plant Operations is pleased to name **Melissa A. Bellini** as the executive director of Facilities Maintenance and Renovation. In this role, she will oversee and provide leadership for Building Maintenance, Custodial & Grounds, Residential Maintenance, and Utility Services.

Bellini joins the University of Houston as an experienced administrator with more than 15 years of expertise in strategic planning, operations, project management, construction and organizational change management. During her tenure at The Ohio State University, she served four years as the associate vice president of facilities operations and development where she oversaw all strategic, capital and operational aspects of the university's physical environment including master planning, space assignment, architecture, renovation and construction, engineering, custodial, maintenance and landscape services, utilities, energy services and sustainability, radiation and bio safety; she oversaw the maintenance of a 1,750-acre main campus in Columbus that had over 420 buildings, 900 employees, and a combined capital and operating budget of \$447M. She was also responsible for project delivery supervision of 1200+ renovation and construction projects with over \$2B in planned projects.

In addition, Bellini's past experience includes working for CH2M Hill in Cleveland, Ohio as its regional operations and facilities manager for the northeast region, and as the director of administration for the Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, UCC.

She earned a master's degree in public administration from LaSalle University and a bachelor of arts in law and justice from Central Washington University.

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