WHAT YOU MISSED - MAY LUNCHEON 2006

At May's Luncheon we were privileged to hear from Ed Brownlee. Ed is V.P. of Facilities Operations for Turner Properties. He joined Turner in 2001 and was the first to fill the position of Facilities Operations Manager. Prior to joining Turner Broadcasting, Ed was a Commander in the U.S. Navy and a Surface Warfare Officer. His Naval Career spanned 20 years serving abroad on a variety of warships, the Pentagon, and overseas in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Ed is from Ohio and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

In many respects, a naval vessel or warship is similar to a building or facility, but at sea. A naval vessel has HVAC, electrical, potable water, interior office furniture and flooring, communications, IT, and other requirements similar to any downtown high rise or mid-rise building.

In his presentation, he demonstrated two separate ship classes to illustrate this facility at sea called a U.S. Navy Warship. We learned, in detail, the challenges of managing the largest at sea facility, the aircraft carrier and the most abundant type of facility, the destroyer.

ATLANTIC STATION TOUR

The Atlantic Station Tour held on May 4, 2006 began in the offices of Arnall Golden Gregory. Sarah Nettles, Manager of General Services at Carter, Mike Shelly, Senior Vice President of Leasing at Carter, and Adam Baker, Atlantic Station, LLC, presented a historical overview of the site and discussed all of the challenges they have had to overcome, as well as the plans to construct the rest of the development. Currently only 25% of Atlantic Station is built.

The attendees received an informative walking tour and arrived at their final destination, the Maxon Atlantic Station District Energy System. Marc O’Connor, President of Maxon, enlightened the attendees about the southeast’s largest, most environmentally friendly District Energy System. “The installation of a Central Chilled Water Plant is expected to save building owners more than $35 million in construction costs, while operating 40% more efficiently than traditional HVAC systems. A two-mile long network of pipes will deliver 500,000 gallons of chilled water from a 50,000 sq. ft. central cooling plant for the 140 acre development.”

Coffee and cocktails at PJ’s Wine and Coffee Bar completed the educational afternoon. IFMA Atlanta thanks Julie Gardner, Business Development Director with Perkins + Will, and all of the presenters for making this great event possible. Stay turned for the next IFMA Atlanta tour.