What is a Facilithon and what is in it for IFMA?

Why are we doing this as a chapter?
The pool of future qualified Facility management candidates are shrinking every year. This competition involves high school students (high school and college level) in order to showcase the Facility Management profession as viable career choice. In light of this, IFMA Orlando is participating in a SkillsUSA (a national student vocational organization) competition event (aka “Facilithon”) for the 2017 Florida State Conference that will be held in Lakeland Florida.

What does a Facilithon look like?
A Facilithon is a competitive event framed in the manner of other SkillsUSA events which is designed to evaluate the contestant’s common-sense decision making skills and foster understanding of facilities management competencies.
A three-part competitive event. The Facilithon has a 50 question test, a 5 minute prepared test-case scenario role-play and an FM challenge, a monkey wrench scenario the competitor must think and act quickly to address. These three elements comprehensively address those of a great Facility Manager.

Whom orchestrates it (SkillsUSA, etc.)
The Facilithon is orchestrated by the associated IFMA Chapter in consort with the SkillsUSA management who grants permission for the chapter to enroll its competitive event into their schedule for its annual conference program.

Where is it taking place?
The Facilithon competition will take place during the annual SkillsUSA Florida State conference competition program in Lakeland, FL.

When...?
The Facilithon will be held on April 25-27, 2016 in Lakeland, FL

How are the participants recruited?
The Facilithon participants are recruited by the Chapter volunteer representatives who will visit and/or otherwise contact High Schools that
operate existing School sponsored SkillsUSA chapters to educate, promote and identify potential candidates to participate by applying and becoming enrolled to compete in the Facilithon at the state competition level.

**What is needed from the chapter?**

Volunteers to reach out to select local high schools to recruit participants and also to serve as judges at the State conference.