



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rural Hospital Leaders Will Learn How to Leverage Clinical Outcomes for Funding Hospital Renovations

–Trane leader to discuss how rural hospitals can overcome infrastructure challenges at the American College of Healthcare Executives 2011 Congress on Healthcare Leadership –

Chicago, March 24, 2011 – Hospitals can positively affect patient outcomes by improving the environment of care. Dozens of studies cited by the Center for Health Design have identified direct ties between positive patient outcomes and an improved physical environment in the hospital.

At the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) 2011 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, **Laura Rygielski-Preston, FACHE, vice president, global healthcare practice for Trane**, and Charlotte Burns, chief executive officer of Hardin Medical Center in Savannah, Tenn., will discuss how attendees can leverage positive clinical outcomes into approved funding for infrastructure renovations at rural hospitals. Trane is a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and services and a brand of Ingersoll Rand.

Attendees will learn how to overcome infrastructure challenges associated with small hospitals to achieve improved patient and staff satisfaction, productivity outcomes and financial performance.

Presentation Details

Title: Rural Hospital Renovation: Improving Your Place in the Community, Session 82X

When: March 23, 8:45-10:15 a.m. (Conference is March 21-24)

Where: Williford Room A, 3rd Floor, Hilton Chicago (Congress Headquarters), 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL

Conference website: www.ache.org/Congress/

###

About Rygielski-Preston

Laura Rygielski-Preston, FACHE, is vice president of the global healthcare market for Trane, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and services and a brand of Ingersoll Rand. She is responsible for customer satisfaction, market growth and expansion of offerings to meet the evolving needs of the healthcare industry. She is a fellow of ACHE and is board certified in healthcare management. Rygielski-Preston has a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Notre Dame.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 35,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious FACHE[®] credential, Congress on Healthcare Leadership conference, network of more than 80 chapters, educational offerings, publications, career development and public policy programs, and research. Based in Chicago, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. For additional information, visit www.ache.org.

About Ingersoll Rand

Ingersoll Rand (NYSE:IR) is a world leader in creating and sustaining safe, comfortable and efficient environments in commercial, residential and industrial markets. Our people and our family of brands — including Club Car[®], Hussmann[®], Ingersoll Rand[®], Schlage[®], Thermo King[®] and Trane[®] — work together to enhance the quality and comfort of air in homes and buildings, transport and protect food and perishables, secure homes and commercial properties, and increase industrial productivity and efficiency. Trane solutions optimize indoor environments with a broad portfolio of energy efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, building and contracting services, parts support and advanced control. Ingersoll Rand is a \$14 billion global business committed to sustainable business practices within our company and for our customers. For more information, visit www.ingersollrand.com.

Reporters may contact: Joan Schimml, (651) 260-4983, joan.schimml@trane.com.