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**Attendees at Community College Business Officers Conference
Learn Best Practices for Fostering Campus-Wide Sustainability**

*Trane and Central Piedmont Community College leaders discuss how college expects to
achieve 20 percent energy savings*

Louisville, Ky., (Sept. 15, 2011) — Improvements underway at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), North Carolina's largest community college, are expected to generate \$350,000 in annual energy savings. College leaders anticipate these improvements will make the school one of the state's first community colleges to achieve 20 percent energy savings when compared to their 2006 baseline, as mandated by a state legislative directive for higher education institutions.

At the upcoming Community College Business Officers (CCBO) annual conference, leaders from the school and Trane will discuss best practices for community colleges interested in undertaking similar improvements at their schools. Presenters will include **Rich Penner**, a Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design Accredited Professional (**LEED AP**), who serves as **comprehensive solutions district leader for Trane**, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and solutions and a brand of Ingersoll Rand, and Michael Moss, CPA, vice president of finance and administrative services at Central Piedmont Community College.

Attendees will learn:

- About the procurement process, financial approach and state approval process involved in a performance contract project in which energy and operational savings fund improvements for an energy savings project
- How the energy savings project helps fund long term capital plans to extend campus utility infrastructure
- What other sustainability efforts the school has undertaken and how they are achieving established outcomes

The improvements being completed at the college reflect the school's strong commitment to sustainability, which is also evident in its curriculum offerings, including a new Center for Sustainability which focuses on student and professional sustainability education.

The upgrades represent initial steps toward transforming the college's facilities into high performance buildings which tie to the school's educational mission. Building owners and operators can reduce their energy costs by 20-25 percent per year by taking a high performance building approach, according to the United States Green Building Council.

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Presentation Details

Session Title: North Carolina's Largest Community College Fosters Campus-Wide Sustainability

When: Sunday, Sept. 18, 3-4 p.m.

Where: Room Blue Grass 2 at the Marriott Louisville Downtown in Louisville, Ky.

Conference website: <http://ccbo.org/conference/index.html>

About the Community College Business Officers

The Community College Business Officers is widely recognized as the premier community college association serving current and future business officers and other professionals throughout the United States and Canada. CCBO provides educational and professional support, networking opportunities and other resources to help current and future business officers and other professionals better prepare for successful roles in the business, administrative and service enterprises of community colleges in the United States and Canada.

About Penner

Rich Penner, LEED AP, serves as comprehensive solutions district leader for Trane. With over 22 years of industry experience, Penner has served in many roles with Trane since 1988. Previously, Penner worked with schools, universities, hospitals, commercial office and industrial clients in support of their building system needs. Penner currently serves as the comprehensive solutions district leader for Trane, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and services and a brand of Ingersoll Rand. He is a member of the North Carolina Energy Services Coalition and the United States Green Building Council. He also serves on the South Carolina ESPC Document Committee along with the South Carolina State Energy Office and Office of Engineers.

In 1987 Penner graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in industrial engineering and then completed the Trane Graduate Engineering Training program prior to joining the commercial sales office of Trane in Charlotte, N.C.

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