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**Trane Leader to Make a Case for Green Schools
at Greening of the Campus Conference
*High Performance Campuses Possible in Down Economy***

Indianapolis, Ind., September 14, 2009 – In a down economy, the use of every taxpayer and tuition dollar is scrutinized in higher education institutions. However, college and university administrators do not have to put high performance campus investments on hold as dollars allocated to these initiatives can reap financial returns.

Dave Sommer, district manager, Trane Indiana, will explain how to create financially feasible green campuses at the Greening of the Campus VIII Conference.

Due to the recent market adjustment in the price of fuel and utilities, it is very likely that most colleges and universities, whose budgets were submitted for July 1 fiscal year, have over-budgeted their energy costs for 2009. This means that these dollars can and should be allocated toward both green and conservation projects that can serve to mitigate any subsequent “bounce-back” in energy costs later in the year or in 2010.

To make it easier and more financially feasible to turn new and existing schools into green schools, Sommer’s presentation will offer guidance for gaining the funding and cutting the red tape for going green. The presentation will include:

- Summary of funding mechanisms for taking schools high performance and green
- Legislation summary, programs, incentives and grants for creating green schools
- Tools, software, design methodologies and energy conservation measures that are proven and readily available for use

Details of the presentation are:

When: September 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (Conference is September 20-23)

Where: Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Conference Website: [Greening of the Campus VIII](#)

The annual Greening of the Campus conference brings together more than 800 senior campus managers and facility officers, NGO directors, environmental and energy-related government agencies, building owners and other sustainability practitioners to discuss day-to-day campus operation, community engagement and administration, planning and finance issues. The event is designed to highlight the culture and practices that support colleges and universities in achieving their sustainability goals.

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About Sommer

Dave Sommer is the business leader for Trane’s commercial business in Indiana, responsible for providing building owners and their influencers with energy efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and services. He has delivered economically and environmentally responsible solutions to commercial buildings throughout the state. Sommer is on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Chapter of the United States Green Building Council, and has a LEED accredited professional designation from that organization.

About Trane

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