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Healthcare Facilities Symposium Attendees to Learn How Energy Efficiency Upgrades Can Yield Significant Savings

Trane and Gundersen Lutheran Health System leaders to describe how upgrades at Gundersen Lutheran have already improved energy efficiency by 25 percent

Chicago (Sept. 20, 2011) — At the upcoming Healthcare Facilities Symposium, leaders from Trane and Gundersen Lutheran Health System will discuss how energy efficiency improvements can yield significant savings for a healthcare facility.

Presenters will include **Iona Canada, corporate manager of healthcare business development for Trane**, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and solutions and a brand of Ingersoll Rand, and **Jeff Rich, executive director of Gundersen Lutheran's Envision® program**.

Gundersen Lutheran is implementing energy-efficiency strategies designed to reduce demand by 30 percent. The organization's leaders have taken these steps as part of a commitment to achieve energy independence by 2014. Upgrades to heating and cooling systems, lighting and changes in employee behavior have already improved energy efficiency by 25 percent overall, saving more than \$1 million annually.

The Center for Health Design (CHD) has concluded that hospitals that do a good job of monitoring and controlling the physical environment achieve better patient outcomes. The upgrades at Gundersen Lutheran link the physical environment of the healthcare facility to the organization's mission. This link represents a key step in Gundersen Lutheran's journey to creating high performance healthcare buildings.

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Canada and Rich will discuss results to date at Gundersen Lutheran which include reducing annual energy costs at a Wisconsin clinic by nearly 35 percent and by 50 percent at an Iowa clinic. Attendees will gain an understanding of energy use benchmarking and of how to strategically reduce energy consumption in their own facilities – leaving more money for direct patient care.

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Presentation Details

Session Title: Energy Conservation Measures Can Yield Big Savings

When: Thursday, Sept. 22, 8-9 a.m.

Where: Room 326 at Navy Pier, Chicago

Conference website: <http://www.hcarefacilities.com/>

About the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo

The Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo, now in its 24th year, is the original event that brings together the entire team that designs, plans, constructs and manages healthcare facilities. The Symposium is the forum where leaders share ideas on healthcare delivery improvement and how the physical space directly impacts the staff, patients and their families. Attendees can discover and explore ideas, practices, products and solutions that improve current and future healthcare facilities.

About Iona Canada

Iona Canada is the corporate manager of healthcare business development for Trane. Her responsibilities include developing strategies and account management for hospitals and integrated delivery networks. She has spent more than 25 years serving the healthcare facilities industry. At Trane, she is responsible for customer satisfaction, market growth and expansion of offerings to meet the evolving needs of the healthcare industry. Canada is a member of ACHE (American College of Healthcare Executives) and ASHE (American Society for Healthcare Engineering). She serves on the Federation of American Hospitals Advisory Board and was the first chairman from the supplier community. Canada holds a degree in business administration.

About Jeff Rich

As executive director, Jeff Rich is responsible for developing Gundersen Lutheran's Envision® program, which includes a portfolio of renewable energy projects and energy service offerings. In addition, his team supports sustainability efforts within Gundersen Lutheran Health System involving energy conservation, waste management, and sustainable design. He serves as an advocate for energy and environmental improvement within the healthcare sector. In October 2006, he joined Gundersen Lutheran to lead the Efficiency Improvement department. He holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and is a certified Lean-Six Sigma master black belt.

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