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Hood County Improves Infrastructure, Increases Staff Comfort and Earns Energy Efficiency Award

Granbury, Texas, Feb. 2, 2009 — No news is good news when it comes to feedback from Hood County's 300 employees about the comfort in county buildings. Hood County officials recently completed upgrades to eight county buildings which are significantly increasing energy efficiency, meeting state energy efficiency mandates and improving comfort for building occupants.

According to County Judge Andy Rash, the county's chief executive officer, and Tim Flower, director of facilities, the improvements have also improved working conditions for the county's employees. "People aren't calling me anymore to complain about air conditioning!"

The renovations, started in 2007 and completed in 2008, will generate projected cost savings of almost \$101,000 in the first year with a simple payback in less than four and a half years. The county projects a return on energy savings of more than \$1.5 million over 20 years. The renovations also put the county well ahead of meeting a mandate from the State of Texas to reduce energy expenses by 5 percent.

Prior to the renovations, the county faced a number of challenges from aging infrastructure. With some buildings more than 50 years old, the county was confronting inconsistent temperature control throughout the buildings, occupant comfort complaints, poor lighting and increasing energy and operating costs.

Infrastructure improvements included upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and the lighting to save energy and maintenance costs and to improve comfort. They also added a building automation system which enables operations staff to centrally control the HVAC systems. These changes resulted in an efficiency improvement of up to 33 percent. The new lighting resulted in an efficiency improvement of up to 60 percent.

"On behalf of Hood County residents, we're committed to reducing our carbon footprint and setting an example as an environmental steward," said Rash. "We're especially pleased that, in the process, we're meeting our responsibility as fiscal stewards by saving significant money for our taxpayers."

In addition to the Country Library, Juvenile Probation, Adult Probation, Law Enforcement Center and Animal Control Barn buildings, upgrades were completed on Annexes 1, 2 and 3 which house the Texas AgriLife Extension, Veterans Affairs, Voter Registration, Treasurer, Drivers License Bureau and the Fire Marshall.

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Receiving an Award for Energy Leadership

In recognition of the importance of these upgrades and Hood County's commitment to energy efficiency and to reduction of its environmental footprint, Hood County earned the "**Trane Energy Efficiency Leader Award in Municipal Government**" for its sustainable energy and operational efficiency improvements.

Felix Wilson, a district manager for Trane, will present the award at **10:15 am on Tuesday, Feb. 3** at the **Hood County Justice Center on 1200 W. Pearl Road in Granbury, Texas.**

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About Hood County

Over 42,000 people reside within Hood County, which is comprised of 5 cities and towns and 6 Independent School Districts that are shared with adjoining counties. Named for John Bell Hood, a confederate lieutenant general and commander of Hood's Texas Brigade, Hood County was founded in 1866. Hood County covers 422 square miles of land and water and makes up a vibrant community near the DFW Metroplex.

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