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IUPUI Engineering Students Learn How to Turn Buildings Green

Indianapolis, Ind. (Feb. 20, 2009) — Engineering students at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) — Indiana's urban research and academic health sciences campus — will soon gain a greater understanding of energy efficiency and sustainable building.

Dave Sommer, business leader for Trane's commercial systems business in Indiana, will educate student members of the National Society of Black Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers about green building and sustainability **from noon - 1 p.m. on Feb. 25 in room 121 of the Engineering Technology Building on the IUPUI campus.**

Knowledge of green building and sustainability will be important for these students as they enter professions in which green building is emphasized more than ever.

In 2008, the state of Indiana enacted an executive order requiring that new, large state buildings meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

"We continue to see increasing demand nationwide for green building in new construction and for infrastructure improvements that increase energy efficiency and cut operating costs in existing buildings," said Sommer. "Regardless of market growth, students will be expected to possess knowledge of green building and sustainability when they graduate. We want to help prepare them."

During his campus visit, Sommer will also meet with engineering faculty members and university leadership to listen, learn and discuss the issues that are important to them.

About Sommer

Sommer is responsible for providing building owners and their influencers with energy-efficient HVAC systems and services. He has delivered economically and environmentally responsible solutions to colleges and universities, K-12 schools, industrial operations and other businesses throughout the state. He leads 150 sales, service and parts associates in delivering premier customer service.

Sommer is active in Indiana with industry associations including the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the Building Owners and Managers Association, the Association of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers (ASHRAE) and ACE. Sommer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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About Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments

Sommer's visit is part of Trane's "Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments" College and University Program. Through the program, senior executives collaborate with faculty and administrators to inspire the next generation of HVAC engineers. Trane executives visit campuses in person to educate students about real world engineering and business issues and about the impact that engineering students can have today.

Throughout the school year, Trane continues to support students and faculty by enriching classroom curriculum and creating clubs that encourage hands-on and experiential learning. Trane often offers software and lab equipment at reduced cost; guides development of classroom curricula, student projects and clubs; sponsors field trips to sales and manufacturing locations and offers student internships and limited scholarships.

Sommer is available for interviews upon request and appointment.

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