



## News Release

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### **More Than 30 Trane Associates in Indiana Earn LEED Professional Accreditation**

*--More APs than any other commercial comfort business in Indiana —*

**Indianapolis, May 4, 2009** – To meet the increasing need for green building expertise, Trane in Indiana has intensified effort for its employees to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Accredited Professional (AP) status.

Trane in Indiana now has more than 30 LEED APs on staff which represents the largest group of LEED APs at any commercial comfort organization in the state of Indiana.

The LEED AP certification process is a sizeable commitment that distinguishes building professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the ability to work the LEED rating system. This knowledge enables the LEED AP to steward the LEED certification process for the built environment.

LEED is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council® (USGBC), LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection and indoor environmental quality. LEED is a practical rating tool for green building design and construction that provides immediate and measurable results for building owners and occupants.

“More new and existing buildings in Indiana are requiring energy efficiency and green building certification, which makes it essential for us to help building owners through the process,” said Dave Sommer, business leader for Trane in Indiana and board member of the Green Building Council in Indianapolis.

“Our LEED APs can help building owners link the physical outcomes of their buildings to real business outcomes while using fewer natural resources when making upgrades and improving the indoor environment.”

Sustainable building initiatives using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED benchmark are receiving increasing attention in Indiana, including legislation introduced by Democratic Representatives Niezgodski, Pierce, and Austin in the 2009 legislative session, and an executive order promulgated by Republican Governor Mitch Daniels in 2008.

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Governor Daniel's Executive Order mandated that all repairs and renovations of state buildings be designed for maximum energy efficiency and cited LEED and Green Globes as the basis for design guidelines.

In Indiana, Trane is an active national participant with the U.S. Green Building Council and was a platinum sponsor of its recent GreenBuild event in Boston. In Indiana, Trane employees are active in both the Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne chapters.

Trane continues to demonstrate its commitment to high performance, high efficiency and sustainable building through innovative products. Trane has received various awards from government and environmental organizations. Many LEED certified buildings operate with Trane equipment, controls and services.

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