



## News Release

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#### **Facilities Engineers Learn “How to Maintain Your Building During a Recession” During Trane and Association of Facility Engineering Webinar**

*-- Controlling budgets without sacrificing performance--*

**Piscataway, NJ, March 16, 2009** – During economic downturns, building managers are more stringent than ever in racking and stacking operating budget items. Costs associated with maintaining buildings and real estate are no exception.

Facilities engineers have an important role to play in the process – how to manage costs while ensuring that building performance remains uncompromised.

There are recommended steps for “how to recession-proof your building and its maintenance plan” including understanding the building’s current health and state, understanding stakeholder requirements, and learning and analyzing the risks of deferred maintenance in order to make educated service decisions.

On **Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 2 PM ET**, the Association of Facilities Engineering and Trane will host a webinar on this subject. Louis J. Ronsivalli Jr., service offer development leader for Trane, with a specialty in energy and facilities management, will host a webinar on this subject during a 45-minute event. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

During this webinar, participants will learn how to conduct a deferred maintenance risk analysis on building, analyze where to take risks and where to avoid them, and understand how to avoid deferring maintenance through cost-sharing techniques.

Register by visiting [www.afe.org/education/webinars](http://www.afe.org/education/webinars). Advance registration is required. Any certified plant engineer, certified plant maintenance manager or certified plant supervisor who participates in this session can earn 0.1 credits toward recertification. All current AFE members can attend for free. Non-members are welcome; the cost to them is \$99 per person, per session.

Ronsivalli serves as the service offer development leader for Trane and leads a team in the development of service solutions for building owners and facility managers. He is active in the energy and facilities management community, acting as an adjunct faculty member in the Continuing Education program at Northern Essex Community College, teaching undergraduate mathematics and computer applications courses.

He is also a long-time participating member in the Association of Energy Engineers and the Boston Chapter of the U.S. Green Buildings Council. Ronsivalli has authored several published articles and has been a contributing author of two energy books “Energy Management, Measurement & Verification of Performance Contracting” and “Computerized Building Simulation Handbook.” Ronsivalli earned a master’s degree in business administration from New Hampshire College and a master’s of science degree in engineering from Northeastern University. He resides in Salem, N.H.

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