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Eagles Learn New Significance of Green

-- From the field – to the classroom – to their future careers --

Denton, Texas (March 9, 2009) — University of North Texas (UNT) students will soon gain an eagle-eyed focus on high performance buildings.

As new technologies become available, high performance buildings, those that optimize energy efficiency, sustainability and performance, are in increasing demand across markets from education to healthcare, retail to commercial real estate.

Felix Wilson, business leader for the Trane commercial systems business in Texas and Oklahoma, will be on campus to educate students about “Green Building and Sustainability.” Details of Wilson’s presentation include:

Date: **March 10**
Time: **12 – 1:15 p.m.**
Location: **Room F187 of the Discovery Park on the UNT campus**

Wilson’s presentation will offer a comprehensive overview, including:

- How green buildings benefit the environment, the health of occupants and the building owner’s bottom line
- What energy efficient technologies are available today and how they can significantly reduce new and existing buildings’ impact on the environment
- How a career in sales engineering or energy engineering — both of which influence green building — can favorably impact the environment

Research shows that green building will continue to grow. According to Green Outlook 2009: Trends Driving Change, from McGraw Hill Construction, the overall green building market (both non-residential and residential) is likely to more than double from today’s \$36-49 billion to \$96-140 billion by 2013.

“Given the anticipated growth of green building, it’s vital that students gain and maintain current knowledge of green building and sustainability. We want to help them increase their expertise. It’s not only for their benefit. Since they are the workforce of tomorrow, it’s also important for the industry,” said Wilson.

While on campus, Wilson will also hold roundtable discussions with engineering student leaders and meet with engineering faculty members and university leadership to listen, learn and discuss the issues that are important to them, including the future of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry.

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About Wilson

During his 26 years with Trane, Wilson has excelled in sales positions in New Orleans and Nashville, receiving top national performance awards for five years. He served as sales manager in Nashville for four years and held district manager roles in both Tennessee and Virginia for six years prior to coming to Texas. Under his leadership, these offices were recognized within Trane for superior business performance and customer satisfaction throughout North America.

Wilson has been a long-time member of ASHRAE (the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers), and of the Richmond and Dallas Regional Chambers of Commerce. Wilson is a member of the Trane Distribution Advisory Board involved in setting distribution strategy across all business streams.

About Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments

Wilson'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 heating, ventilation and air conditioning (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.

Additionally, Trane has sponsored field trips to sales and manufacturing locations and currently offers student internships.

Wilson is available for interviews upon request and by appointment.

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