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Gov. Ritter, Trane Leader to Discuss Energy Issues with Colorado Business Leaders

Denver, Colo., August 20, 2009 — Colorado has a missed opportunity – making its commercial and public buildings more energy efficient. Energy use in existing buildings, such as those scattered throughout urban areas like Denver, is a significant contributor to global warming and makes buildings expensive to operate. In fact, Colorado's 4,100+ state-owned facilities used \$38 million in energy during state fiscal year 2004-05. A 20 percent across-the-board reduction in energy use can save Colorado taxpayers an estimated \$7.6 million per year.

Gov. Bill Ritter, Jr., an advocate for increasing efficiency of state buildings and escalating the use of renewable sources, will speak at Colorado's Alliance to Save Energy Associate event, being held in Denver. The governor will talk to local business leaders about his views on energy-related issues in Colorado and around the country.

To raise further awareness for this issue in the state of Colorado, the Alliance to Save Energy has asked Trane, a leading global provider of energy efficient indoor comfort systems and services, to get engaged and discuss solutions.

Trane has a significant presence throughout Colorado, including a manufacturing plant in Pueblo and numerous sales and service centers, and parts retail stores.

Introducing Gov. Ritter will be Jim Pape, vice president of commercial business for Trane in North America. Under Pape's leadership, Trane develops and offers comprehensive energy efficient solutions integral to solving the very real problem of inefficient public and commercial buildings. Details of the event are:

Alliance to Save Energy Associates Luncheon with Trane

Where: Hotel Monaco, 1717 Champa St., Denver, Colo. 80202

When: Aug. 26 from noon – 1:00 p.m.

Pape is available for media interviews upon request and appointment.

"Governor Ritter has demonstrated his commitment to energy efficiency in a number of ways within Colorado including putting plans in place to reduce energy consumption in state facilities by 20 percent from the 2005-06 baseline," Pape said. "We feel it is vital to work with forward-thinking policymakers and organizations like the Alliance to Save Energy to help educate business leaders about the importance of making commercial and public buildings more energy efficient."

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About The Alliance to Save Energy

The Alliance to Save Energy is a coalition of prominent business, government, environmental and consumer leaders

who promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide to benefit consumers, the environment, economy and national security.

Founded in 1977 by Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-MN) and Charles H. Percy (R-IL), the Alliance to Save Energy has since amassed a solid track record in unifying the public and private sectors to promote a sustainable energy future. Through its Alliance Associates Program, the Alliance partners with businesses, like Trane, non-profit organizations, trade organizations and others to promote greater investment in energy efficiency as a primary means of achieving the nation's environmental, economic, national security and affordable housing goals.

About Trane

Trane, a business of Ingersoll Rand - the world leader in creating and sustaining safe, comfortable and energy efficient environments - improves the performance of homes and buildings around the world. Trane solutions optimize indoor environments with a broad portfolio of energy efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, building and contracting services, parts support and advanced controls for homes and commercial buildings. For more information, visit www.Trane.com.

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