



## News Release

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### **Girl Scouts Journey To Smarter Energy Use in Buildings with Trane Sponsored Education Program**

*-- Girl Scouts USA and Trane announce relationship  
to give girls skills to be energy leaders in their buildings and in their lives --*

*-- Local troop conducts preliminary energy audit of  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center to commemorate relationship --*

**Boston, Nov. 18, 2008** — Get Moving! That's what Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Trane are telling Girl Scout Juniors (grades four-five) about the urgency to make buildings in their communities more energy efficient.

And today, from the U.S. Green Building Council's 2008 Greenbuild Conference and Expo in Boston, GSUSA and Trane announced the launch of a new leadership journey designed to give girls the skills they need to be energy leaders in their communities. The journey will be available to troops nationwide in summer 2009.

Through an interactive series of activities, "Get Moving!" provides the girls with a backbone understanding of energy use in buildings that includes forms of energy, efficiency strategies and environmental impact.

The heart of the journey is a preliminary energy audit of the building where Girl Scouts gather using Trane Energy Analyzer™ software. The troop:

- Invites building managers to their meeting
- Asks questions about the building's energy use
- Analyzes the results
- Calculates the environmental impact including carbon footprint
- Develops and presents recommendations for making the building more efficient.

"Energy is the single largest operating expense in buildings and its use in buildings is the single greatest contributor to global warming," said John W. Conover, president of Trane's commercial systems business in the Americas. "Equipping girls with the skills needed to make buildings more efficient today – including lighting, windows and HVAC -- will help ensure better buildings and a better environment tomorrow."

Girls also experience how much fun science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related careers can be and the impact that they can have on the environment. The journey is designed so that representatives from Trane talk to troops about careers in mechanical, energy and sales engineering.

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“Studies show that girls make the decision to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers by the time they reach middle school,” said Kate Pickle, STEM project manager for GSUSA. “They are the single greatest untapped resource for engineering talent in the United States, which expects a significant shortage of engineers by the year 2015. Through this energy journey, we hope to open the door to a brighter future for many young women by providing career advice and awareness in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.”

### **Troop Audits the Boston Convention Center**

The youngest attendees at the U.S. Green Building Council’s Greenbuild Conference and Expo will make a big impact. Boston area Girl Scout Cadettes (grades six to eight) will use the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) as a living laboratory and conduct a preliminary energy audit.

Starting at 1 p.m. ET today, the troop will:

- Meet with the facilities staff of the BCEC and participate in a behind-the-scenes tour of the complex to understand energy use and patterns
- Calculate and analyze the building’s energy usage and determine the efficiency and environmental impact of the center
- Brainstorm ideas on how to make the complex more efficient
- Present their findings, results and recommendations to the facilities staff at 4:15 p.m. ET.

“This program fits perfectly with our initiatives in science, technology, engineering and math. Girls have a keen interest in the environment around them and making it a healthier place to live,” said Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts CEO Ruth N. Bramson. “This is a tremendous hands-on learning opportunity for our girls, which will impact the entire community.”

James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), which owns and operates BCEC added, “This is an impressive effort by these Girls Scouts to learn about conservation through engineering. The MCCA is honored that the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center can play an important role in their project, and we look forward to using the information they prepared to examine our building’s energy efficiency.”

### **Platinum Sponsorship of Greenbuild**

Trane will be prominently represented in Boston as the city welcomes the U.S. Green Building Council’s 2008 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo on Nov.19-21. As a platinum sponsor for the third consecutive year, Trane will continue to educate the industry on how “Greener Buildings Create Better Communities.”

The business will do this through its continued sponsorship of LEED for Schools, a rating system for greening new schools; LEED for Homes and REGREEN, which are the first nationwide guidelines for green home remodeling projects.

Trane will also host industry leaders, students, consultants, designers and facilities leaders in its booth located at #1210, where new systems, relationships and research will also be unveiled for the first time.

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### **About Girl Scouts USA**

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.6 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouting is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization strives to serve girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girls Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts, call (800) GSUSA 4 U (800-478-7248) or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

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