



## News Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Trane Launches First High Performance Systems Portfolio for K-12 Schools at U.S. Green Building Council's GreenBuild in Boston**

*-- Web-based tool tells owners, designers and specifiers how to design a K-12 school for LEED credit based upon region of U.S. --*

**Boston, (Nov. 18, 2008)** – Specifiers and school engineers attending the U.S. Green Building Council's International Conference and Expo in Boston, will be the first to try Trane's new "High Performance Systems Portfolio for K-12 Schools."

**Where:** Booth #1201 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

**When:** Nov. 19 – 21, 2008

The High Performance Systems Portfolio is the first and only web-based tool available at [www.trane.com/K12Systems](http://www.trane.com/K12Systems) that identifies the right heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) type to earn Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) points for schools.

A specifier or school engineer simply inputs the school building's locations and requirements, and in return, receives the most efficient design for a Trane system that includes product family and model numbers. The Trane systems in the database all meet the Advanced Energy Guide recommendations.

"It offers a collection of customized zone pages that make it easy for specifiers and school engineers to pick the right systems for their buildings based upon geography and other requirements like building type, acoustics and student outcomes," said Maureen Lally, customer marketing leader for Trane. "It serves as a credible resource for engineers to provide recommendations for energy efficient design, construction, operation and maintenance of high performance schools."

The U.S. Green Building Council created the LEED for Schools Rating System as a benchmark for green schools, to ensure that schools are healthy for students, comfortable for teachers and cost-effective. Because design for K-12 school buildings is unique, the LEED for Schools system addresses issues such as classroom acoustics, master planning, mold prevention and environmental site assessment.

"Early involvement in HVAC design can earn schools up to 28 LEED for Schools points and a tool like the High Performance Systems Portfolio makes it easier to do it," said Lally. "Engineers who specify the right systems, early in the process, can create ideal learning environments – one that's quiet and comfortable with clean air - for students."

**-more-**

## K-12 Systems Portfolio – 2

### **LEED for Schools Rating System and Events**

Trane will be prominently represented in Boston 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 continue for the third consecutive year as national sponsor for LEED for Schools and at Greenbuild, will meet and speak with school designers, facility managers and administrators to discuss the importance of green schools and the successful application of this rating system at:

- LEED for Schools reception to be held on Nov. 20, 6 -7:30 p.m., Westin Hotel (connected to BCEC), Commonwealth ballroom
- “Green Schools: Rearing the Sustainability Native” specialty update, to be held on Nov. 19, noon-1 p.m. in room 162AB, BCEC
- Curriculum Awards program: K-12 and higher education, to be held on Nov. 20, 2-3 p.m., Room 157AB, BCEC
- Six “Green Ed” learning track sessions for educators, builders, architects and policy makers to be held on Nov. 19-21, in room 210C, BCEC

Trane has provided HVAC systems and solutions to education customers for more than 50 years – enhancing their indoor and outdoor environments through improved indoor air quality, humidity control, acoustics and energy efficiency performance. Trane has supplied more HVAC products, systems and services to schools than any other manufacturer.

# # #

Trane, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ingersoll Rand (NYSE: IR), provides systems and services that enhance the quality and comfort of air in homes and buildings around the world. Through its two premium brands – Trane and American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning – the business offers a broad range of energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning solutions. Its systems and services comprise dehumidifying and air cleaning products; aftermarket service and parts support; advanced building controls; and building and financing solutions, including those that allow energy-efficient systems to pay for themselves through energy savings. Trane’s systems and services have leading positions in premium commercial, residential, institutional and industrial markets; a reputation for reliability, high quality and product innovation; and a powerful distribution network. The business has 35 plants in 10 countries and more than 29,000 employees worldwide. For more information, visit [www.trane.com](http://www.trane.com); [www.americanstandardair.com](http://www.americanstandardair.com); and [www.ingersollrand.com](http://www.ingersollrand.com).

**For more information, reporters may contact any of the following individuals:**

Perri Richman, [prichman@trane.com](mailto:prichman@trane.com)

Heidi Bolin, [hbolin@trane.com](mailto:hbolin@trane.com)