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Fastest-Growing Community College in Texas Receives Energy Award, Saves More Than \$250,000 in Operating Costs Annually

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 24, 2008 — El Paso Community College and its four campuses are a true showcase of energy-efficient, high-performance community colleges in the southwest.

The college just completed extensive and innovative upgrades to its Transmountain, Valle Verde, Rio Grande campus buildings and Administrative Service Center, Building B. The expected result is more than \$250,000 in annual operating savings.

To commemorate these upgrades, the college earned the Trane Energy Efficiency Leader in Education Award for its sustainable energy and operational efficiency building designs and practices. [Insert name], from Trane, presented the energy efficiency award to [insert name], from El Paso Community College.

“Our college is a community of more than 32,000 students, and high performance, energy efficient facilities are a testament to our commitment to providing healthy, high-performance learning environments,” said Tim Nugent, vice president of student services. “We’ve undertaken extensive renovation projects over the past 15 years. With creative financing and well-executed strategic planning, we completed a cost-effective project for the taxpayers, and we’re saving considerable dollars through utility and energy savings for years to come.”

Innovative energy saving technology

Faced with steadily increasing student enrollment and the third highest electric utility rates in the nation, El Paso Community College turned to energy-efficient solutions to reduce energy bills while accommodating rising enrollment.

Specific energy-saving techniques included converting four of the campuses to a new enterprise-wide control system allowing for optimal building temperature and humidity control. New thermal ice storage systems – including 125 ice storage tanks – allow many buildings to be cooled by ice that is made overnight, when energy demand and cost is lower than daytime hours.

History of renovation funding

The college initiated equipment and controls renovations on the Valle Verde campus using the Lone Star Program. This is a state program that subsidizes low-interest loans for equipment and systems changes that show payback within 10 years. Following Valle Verde, the college installed ice thermal storage systems in the Transmountain and Rio Grande campuses.

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After a few years, the payback was so significant for the Valle Verde campus that the college used the program again to convert the entire plant to full ice storage versus partial ice storage. This allows the campus to be completely cooled by ice storage during peak demand, saving an additional 25 percent in utility costs or more than \$145,000 dollars per year.

“El Paso Community College has experienced a large reduction in overtime costs incurred by maintenance technicians having to respond after hours to reset systems and fine-tune the system from weather changes” said Melvin Patridge, campus technician supervisor. “Not having to chase issues has allowed us to focus on preventative maintenance programs that improve the overall operation of our campuses.”

The college also converted one of its warehouses for additional classrooms, office space and a new culinary arts program. Renovations included a thermal ice storage system, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and building control systems for maximum temperature and humidity control. By analyzing the building load profiles and selecting energy efficient equipment and controls sequences the El Paso Community College expects to save 15 to 25 percent in both energy and utility costs.

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