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### **Trane Presents Best Practices for Energy Saving and Better Performing Buildings at AASHE Conference 2013**

**Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 4, 2013** —Staying on top of current sustainability challenges and best practices in higher education buildings can help administrators save on energy costs, manage budgets and achieve better performing buildings.

An expert from [Trane](#), a leading global provider of indoor comfort solutions and services and a brand of [Ingersoll Rand](#), will offer a case study solution that details energy saving and sustainability solutions for campus buildings at the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) (AASHE) Conference and Expo, Oct. 6-9, the Music City Center, 201 Fifth Avenue South, in Nashville, Tenn.

**Rich Penner, a comprehensive solutions district leader for Trane**, will address how improvements at Central Piedmont Community College, North Carolina's largest community college, are expected to generate \$350,000 in annual energy savings. The improvements addressed aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance. The project included upgrades to the central campus utility plant and five other campus buildings.

Attendees will learn about the procurement process, how an energy savings project can help fund long term capital plans, and how to gain support for improvements from key stakeholders including the board, administrators, staff and students.

**Presentation details:**

Title: How North Carolina's largest community college is meeting sustainability goals, addressing deferred maintenance and saving \$350,000 a year in energy costs!

When: Oct. 7, 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Room 207 D, Music City Center, 201 Fifth Avenue South, Nashville

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#### About AASHE

AASHE is helping to create a brighter future of opportunity for all by advancing sustainability in higher education. By creating a diverse community engaged in sharing ideas and promising practices, AASHE provides administrators, faculty, staff and students, as well as the businesses that serve them, with thought leadership and essential knowledge resources, outstanding opportunities for professional development, and a unique framework for demonstrating the value and competitive edge created by sustainability initiatives. For more information, visit [aashe.org](http://aashe.org).

#### About Rich Penner

Penner, a comprehensive solutions district leader for Trane, and accredited professional in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), has more than 25 years of industry experience, having served in many roles with Trane since 1988. He is a member of the North Carolina Energy Services Coalition and the United States Green Building Council. In 1987, he graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in industrial engineering. He completed the Trane Graduate Engineering Training program, prior to joining the commercial sales office of Trane in Charlotte, N.C. Before Trane, Penner worked with schools, universities, hospitals, commercial office, and industrial clients in support of their building system needs.

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