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Trane Leader Presents on Sustainable Solutions for Business and the Environment for GVSU Campus Sustainability Week

Allendale, Mich., Oct. 19, 2009 — Students at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) will learn firsthand about energy efficient and sustainable building solutions from **Chris Comperchio, business leader for the Trane and Hussmann commercial business in Chicago and West Michigan**, as part of the university's Campus Sustainability Week.

Comperchio's presentation, "**Green Building: Sustainable Solutions for Business and the Environment**" will be held:

When: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. on Oct. 20

Where: Loosemore Auditorium, GVSU Pew Campus

As part of his presentation, Comperchio will discuss how energy efficient, green buildings can benefit building inhabitants, the environment and a business' bottom line as well as the tools and technologies that are available to achieve green building status.

"There's a misconception that we need to wait for new technologies to become available in order to make our buildings more efficient," said Comperchio. "There are tools and technologies available today that can significantly reduce new and existing buildings' energy use – impacting the environment and the bottom line. With buildings accounting for over 70 percent of electricity consumption and 40 percent of primary energy use in the U.S., this is an area where today's graduates can make a big impact."

Campus Sustainability Week is held at GVSU every October, hosted by the Sustainable Community Development Initiative in partnership with departments campus-wide. Events are scheduled throughout this week for students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the surrounding communities. Each day of the week has a different theme. The theme for Oct. 20 is "Determining Your Impact."

While on campus, Comperchio will meet with students, faculty and university leadership to discuss key industry issues such as the future of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry, proven building solutions and the growing need for technical sales professionals.

About Engineering Better Careers, Engineering Better Environments.

Through the "Engineering Better Careers. Engineering Better Environments." program, Trane senior executives collaborate with faculty and administrators to inspire the next generation of HVAC engineers. Trane executives visit campuses in person to share information and insights with students about real world engineering and business issues and the impact that engineering students can have today.

Along with these visits, Trane supports students and faculty by enriching engineering curriculum and creating clubs that encourage hands-on and experiential learning. Trane often offers software and lab equipment at a low and reduced cost; guides classroom curriculum, student projects and clubs; sponsors field trips to sales and manufacturing locations; and offers student internships.

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About Comperchio

With more than 30 years of experience, Comperchio delivers economically- and environmentally-responsible solutions to colleges and universities, K-12 schools, industrials and other businesses throughout Chicago and West Michigan. He leads more than 400 sales, service and aftermarket parts and supply associates in providing building owners and their influencers with energy efficient HVAC-R systems and services

Comperchio is active in the industry through several associations, including 33 years with ASHRAE where he has served on various code committees. He is also an active member and presenter for the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), American Institute of Plant Engineers (AIPE) and Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA). Comperchio holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Tech University in Houghton, Mich.

Comperchio is available for interviews upon request and appointment.

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About Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University attracts more than 24,400 students with high-quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Grand Valley is a comprehensive university serving students from all 83 Michigan counties and dozens of other states and foreign countries. Grand Valley offers 77 undergraduate and 28 graduate degree programs from campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, and from regional centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. The university is dedicated to individual student achievement, going beyond the traditional classroom experience, with research opportunities and business partnerships.

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