



Ingersoll Rand Engages Policymakers and Industrial Leaders On Smart Grid and Demand Response Issues

Trane shares insight into benefits of thermal storage

Swords, Ireland, July 14 , 2011 – Representatives from [Ingersoll Rand \(NYSE:IR\)](#), a world leader in creating and sustaining safe, comfortable and efficient environments, will participate in the [2011 National Town Meeting on Demand Response and Smart Grid \(DRSG\)](#). This major conference brings together a large and diverse array of smart grid and demand response stakeholders to discuss the state of the smart grid rollout effort in the U.S.

Specific sessions will address a number of critical issues, including available technology and solutions that can solve issues and manage peak load and renewable integration goals.

“This DRSG event brings together many significant players along the value chain of electricity- from generation all the way to use in peoples’ homes and businesses,” said Scott Tew, executive director, [Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability at Ingersoll Rand](#). “Discussion of smart grid can often be very complex, but it boils down to how energy will be generated, distributed and consumed in the future. As those involved work to shape this future many elements remain unclear, but what we do know is that the next 20 years will be vastly different than the last 20.”

Speaking for Trane will be, **Eugene Smithart, Systems Solutions Director**. He will share his share expertise as a panelist during the Under the Tent B-2 breakout session and discuss:

- Key methods of reducing energy - thermal storage systems that cool and store air overnight for use during hot periods of the day, drawing less on the grid during peak demand and cost times.

Presentation Details:

When: Thursday, July 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

The event is expected to attract a large turnout, with speakers from the Department of Energy (DOE), GE Global Research, Verizon, Pepco, U.S. Green Building Council and multiple utility companies. Attendees will include many state regulatory officials and experts on energy issues.

In addition to covering many pertinent topics, this brimming conference will have ample opportunities for open discussions and networking. All attendees are invited to join a breakfast hosted by Ingersoll Rand on July 14.

View the 2011 National Town Meeting on Demand Response and Smart Grid (DRSG) [agenda here](#).

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