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BIG RAPIDS – Tom Crandell, director of the Corporate & Professional Development Center at Ferris State University, will be presenting workshops April 21 at the 2009 Earth Day U.S. Senate Eco Roadshow. This Senate Energy & Environmental Fair is presented by The Architect of the Capital where Senators, staff and the public can learn about how the AOC has reduced, reused and recycled, and how they can do the same in the office, home and community.

Crandell will be presenting three different workshops throughout the daylong event. Working with Ferris College of Engineering Technology faculty Mike Korcal, associate professor Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and Mike Lafferty, HVACR emeriti, they developed presentations on Energy Auditing, Geothermal Systems and Weatherization Programming.

"By being involved in this event, it allows Ferris to achieve two goals," said Crandell. "The first, presenting workshops to help educate the senators, their staff and the public on ways to reduce energy consumption and reduce the carbon footprint. The second highlights Ferris' expertise in energy efficiency and our many programs like Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Construction Technology Management, Architecture Technology and Facility Management."

Ferris is the only University to be recognized as a presenter next to companies such as Dell Computer, General Electric, General Motors, Green Mechanical Council and Tesla Motors, to name a few. Other key contributors include Stephen Ayers, acting Architect of the Capital; Denis Hayes, who coordinated the first Earth Day in 1970; Kathleen Rogers, president Earth Day Network; and various senators.

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