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City of Peoria and Trine University Announces Oct. 24 Press Conference

Trine University opening branch campus in Peoria in 2013

PHOENIX (October 16, 2012) – The city of Peoria and Trine University of Angola, Ind., will hold a press conference on Wednesday, October 24 to discuss their partnership to establish a branch campus in 2013. The campus, which will offer graduate and undergraduate degrees in Engineering, as well as other programs, is reflective of the City Council's main goals for the city.

The City of Peoria is a member of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), which works collaboratively with businesses on their expansion and relocation plans. GPEC, named the top economic development organization in the country by site-selection consultants in 2011, is committed to improving the competitiveness in the Greater Phoenix region. The agreement with Trine University will increase the city's competitiveness in that it will create a workforce that is highly skilled, locally trained and technologically advanced.

Quote from Barry

Trine University, a private, non-denominational institution founded in 1884, was ranked the Midwest's Best Colleges in U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review. The university offers degrees in more than 35 programs on campus, online, and at regional education centers. Other branch campuses in other communities include Angola, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Logansport, South Bend, Indianapolis, Schererville, Warsaw and Sturgis, Mich.

The press conference will be held in the amphitheater of Centennial Plaza on the campus of Peoria City Hall at 10:30 a.m.

To learn more about GPEC, go to www.gpec.org.

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About the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

A true public/private partnership, GPEC is the regional economic development organization for the Greater Phoenix metro area in Arizona – the number two market for solar in the United States. GPEC also was recently ranked one of the top economic development groups in the country. Working with its 20 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 150 private investors, GPEC attracts quality businesses to this dynamic region. By creating a high-performance economy through capital investments



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and jobs, Greater Phoenix companies enjoy a business climate where they can compete and thrive in today's global economy. Since 1989, GPEC has worked to achieve an economically sound and sustainable region. For more information, visit www.gpec.org