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### **CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS TO CUT ENERGY COSTS WITH LINC®**

*Project Will Save School District \$3.5 Million Over 15 Years*

**DETROIT – June 18, 2008** – Crestwood School District has approved a bundled energy solutions (BES) project by Linc Mechanical that will save the school system nearly \$3.5 million over the next 15 years from reduced energy consumption in multiple buildings.

The three-month project is underway and will be completed prior to the start of the 2008-09 school year. Linc Mechanical will provide service for five buildings in the district – Crestwood High School, Highview Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Kinloch Elementary, and Riverside Middle School – as well as a bus garage. The scope of work will include the installation of new energy-efficient boilers and pumps, new energy-efficient lighting, and multiple system re-commissionings.

A large portion of the project will focus on replacing more than 40-year-old boilers in four of the five schools with up-to-date, energy-efficient versions. These upgrades, along with new controls, vents, drives, and lighting, will save the school system \$232,800 annually. Over the 15-year life of the project, the total estimated savings for Crestwood Schools will be nearly \$3.5 million.

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“The Crestwood School District had boilers that were more than 40-years-old and needed to be replaced, but no way to fund the replacement,” said Linc Vice President of Bundled Energy Solutions Bill Maurer. “Our program affords the funding mechanism to replace aging boilers, lighting, and pneumatic controls, while utilizing Crestwood’s existing operating budget. No capital outlay from the district is necessary, and we eliminate the risk for the schools because our company guarantees the savings.”

The school district will benefit from an annual savings of \$232,800. Overall, it’s a 32% increase in savings from what the district is spending currently. The project will be funded completely from the existing operating and utility budget with payments spread out over a 15-year span.

“This project is a win-win for the Crestwood School district,” said Crestwood Superintendent Dr. Laurine VanValkenburg. “We are going green, and we look forward to realizing the many benefits that reduced energy consumption will bring to our students and faculty.”

Linc Mechanical also plans to help these buildings achieve certification from ENERGY STAR, a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy that works to protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. The ENERGY STAR program scores the energy performance of commercial and industrial facilities on a 1-100 scale, with those facilities achieving a score of 75 or higher being eligible for the ENERGY STAR distinction. Widely considered as the national symbol for energy efficiency in America, earning ENERGY STAR certification means that a building is among the top 25% of facilities in the country for energy performance.

“It’s very gratifying to know that we’re helping our customer save money while improving comfort for students and faculty,” said Linc Network, LLC President & CEO Scott Giacobbe. “Plus, our green solutions are environmentally friendly, so everyone will experience the positive effects of this project.”

Based in Farmington Hills, Linc Mechanical, LLC-Detroit is a member of the Linc Service® Network, a growing organization of mechanical contractors with more than 140 members across the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico. As a Linc Service® Contractor, Linc Mechanical follows the disciplines of the Linc System® in delivering preventive maintenance – as well as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) service and bundled energy solutions – to the commercial market. Bundled Energy Solutions (BES) refers to a comprehensive package of energy conservation services, provided by Linc, which maximizes facilities' energy efficiency while lowering their cost of operations.

Ranked as one of the Top 200 franchise systems by *Franchise Times* magazine, Linc Network, LLC – headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Atlanta, Ga. – is the franchisor of the Linc System, a business format for operating a commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) service business. Founded in 1979, the Linc Service Network provides energy solutions to commercial building owners worldwide. For more information, visit Linc's Web site at [www.lincservice.com](http://www.lincservice.com). Linc Network, LLC, is part of The Linc Group (TLG), one of the nation's most successful, single source providers of high-value facilities management and building system services. TLG maintains its corporate office in Irvine, Calif. Collectively, TLG companies service more than 20,000 facilities in 45 states and select international markets through a professional workforce totaling more than 2,400 employees. For more information about TLG and its companies, visit [www.thelincgroup.com](http://www.thelincgroup.com).

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