

## Press Release

### ASSA ABLOY Announces Enhanced Integration With Blackboard Transact

*New Haven, CT, December 20, 2012* – ASSA ABLOY, the global leader in door opening solutions, announces the integration of its IP-enabled locks with the latest software release from Blackboard Transact™, a leader in campus commerce, security and access, and financial services solutions. The integration includes WiFi and Power over Ethernet (PoE) campus locksets from ASSA ABLOY group brands CORBIN RUSSWIN and SARGENT.

With the latest release of Transact™ software, users will be able to configure and manage the IP-enabled locks from a single Blackboard Transact console. In addition to streamlining implementation and support activities, security personnel will now be able to monitor critical functions such as alarm notification from a single console.

Campuses using the Blackboard Transact™ system can now expand their access control footprint by using their existing network infrastructure and ASSA ABLOY IP-enabled locks. The SARGENT Passport 1000 Series and CORBIN RUSSWIN Access 700 Series both offer PoE and WiFi products, available in cylindrical lock, mortise lock and exit device configurations. These locks reduce installation costs by utilizing existing Ethernet and Wi-Fi network equipment to communicate with the Transact system.

"The integration of ASSA ABLOY's IP-enabled locks into the Blackboard Transact™ application provides elegant configuration and administration from Transact while ensuring our customers deploy an access control solution designed for today's challenging campus environment, as well as a dynamic solution for the future," stated David Marr, President of Blackboard Transact. "By combining the expertise of Blackboard and ASSA ABLOY, we have the opportunity to help schools not only reduce the administrative and overhead cost associated with operating multiple access control systems, but also provide enhanced security on campus for their students and faculty members."

"This integration with the latest release of Blackboard Transact™ will bring schools an even greater level of security, as well as increased cost savings and administrative simplicity," said Martin Huddart, Vice President of Electronic Technologies for ASSA ABLOY Americas. "The campus environment continues to present new security challenges. Continued collaboration between companies like ASSA ABLOY and Blackboard will ensure that these challenges are met effectively and efficiently."

**About ASSA ABLOY**

ASSA ABLOY is the global leader in door opening solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user demands for security, safety and convenience.

**About Blackboard Inc.**

Blackboard Inc. is a global leader in enterprise technology and innovative solutions that improve the experience of millions of students and learners around the world every day. Blackboard's solutions allow thousands of higher education, K-12, professional, corporate, and government organizations to extend teaching and learning online, facilitate campus commerce and security, and communicate more effectively with their communities. Founded in 1997, Blackboard is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. For more information about Blackboard Transact please visit <http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Transact/overview.aspx>.

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