

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Developing environmental solutions through research and education.

120 S. Fayette Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 703.299.5139 Fax 703.299.5145 www.erefdn.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 8, 2003

Contact: Anne M. Brauer

Dir. of Development and Communications

703.299.5139 x10 or abrauer@erefdn.org

Republic Services Regional Vice President Elected to Secretary-Treasurer of Environmental Research and Education Foundation

Alexandria, Va. - Kevin Walbridge was elected on December 13, 2002 to Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of the Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) based in Alexandria, Virginia. EREF is a non-profit organization that funds the development of environmental solutions through research and education. His election to Secretary-Treasurer is for a one-year term; his re-election as a Board director is for a three-year term.

Mr. Walbridge joined Republic Services, Inc. in June 1997, serving as Regional Vice President - Central Region (Indianapolis, Ind.). He is currently a member of the National Solid Wastes Management Association (NSWMA) Executive Committee (Washington, D.C.), and serves on the boards of Ball State University Business School (Muncie, Ind.) and the Detachable Container Association (Keswick, Va.). Past positions have included vice president of operations, National Serv-All (Fort Wayne, Ind.; 1996), president, Waste Management of Alameda County (Oakland, Calif.; 1993-1996), and division president, Empire Waste Management (Santa Rosa, Calif.; 1988-1993). Mr. Walbridge was first elected to EREF's Board in January 2002.

Mr. Walbridge is a 1982 graduate of Ball State University, receiving degrees in Business and Natural Resources.

Republic Services, Inc. (headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) is a leading provider of collection, transfer, recycling and disposal services to commercial, industrial and residential customers in 22 states throughout the U.S.

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation is an independent public charity; its funding base is derived from donations from corporations and individuals who are committed to EREF's mission to develop environmental solutions for the future.

For more complete information on EREF, go to its website www.erefdn.org or call 703.299.5139.

###