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Environmental Research and Education Foundation Selects President-Elect

Alexandria, Va. - During its meeting held December 11, 2009 in Amelia Island, Florida, the Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Bryan S. Staley, Ph.D., P.E. to the position of President-elect; he will assume full responsibility as President and Chief Executive Officer upon the retirement of Michael Cagney on January 1, 2011.

“Bryan is uniquely qualified to lead the EREF going forward,” noted Paul Mitchener, Chairman of the EREF board. “Before obtaining his doctorate at North Carolina State University early this year, he was a licensed consulting engineer for 13 years and he held key managerial positions as Project Manager, Team Leader and Vice President of Engineering; he is well versed in project management issues and matters related to business management, personnel, and marketing.”

Staley has served as the Vice President of Environmental Research since January 2009. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1994 with a BS in Biological and Agricultural Engineering, got an MS from the University of Tennessee in 2000 in Biosystems Engineering, and completed his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at North Carolina State in August 2009.

Michael Cagney, EREF President and CEO stated, “Bryan is a very gifted researcher and I am personally very gratified that he has been chosen as the next President of the EREF; I think you will find him to be a hard-working, highly committed, relationship building member and future leader in the waste service industry.”

Since its founding in 1992 the EREF has developed a reputation as a leader in developing and evaluating new approaches to manage municipal solid waste. Approximately 70% of the EREF research funds and empirical science projects have related to landfills, with a large focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Michael acknowledged Staley’s skill-set as fitting to the mission of EREF. “Over the course of the past few years, there has been a large shift to sustainable development and going green (e.g. waste minimization, recycling) and we feel that Bryan as President can help guide the development of next generation waste management strategies that will help the waste industry innovate beyond traditional waste management.”

Staley is based in Raleigh, NC with his wife, Ann Margaret, and their two children.

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation is the only independent foundation in the U.S. committed to research, education and science relative to the management and treatment of municipal solid waste. For more complete information on EREF, visit www.erefdn.org or call 703.299.5139.