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Allied Waste Industries CEO John J. Zillmer Elected to the Environmental Research and Education's Board of Directors

Alexandria, Va. - The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) is pleased to welcome John J. Zillmer, Chairman and CEO of Allied Waste Industries, as the newest director on the foundation's board. Zillmer was unanimously elected at the October meeting of the board of directors to serve a term of three years, ending December 2009. He will serve on both the Executive and Capital Campaign Committees.

"I am grateful that John Zillmer is coming onto the board and look forward to benefiting from his expertise," said Kevin Walbridge, Chairman of the EREF board and Regional Vice President of Republic Services, Inc.

Zillmer was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Allied Waste Industries, Inc. on May 31, 2005. Previous to this career change, he spent thirty years in the managed services industry, most recently at ARAMARK Corporation, a world-leading provider of food, uniform and support services. He served as President of the Food and Support Services Group and Executive Vice President of ARAMARK Corporation until January 2004. During his eighteen-year career with ARAMARK, Zillmer held a number of senior management position, including serving as President of the company's international activities and its Business Services Group. He was recognized by the Food Service Industry in 2002 for his leadership, and also received the Nation's Restaurant News 2003 Golden Chain Award for his consistent focus on achieving the highest standards of customer satisfaction.

Zillmer received an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School at Northwestern University.

Allied Waste Industries, Inc., a leading waste services company, provides collection, recycling and disposal services to nearly 10 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Since 1993, the EREF has been the only independent foundation in the United States whose sole focus is to increase scientific knowledge of the management of municipal solid wastes.

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