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THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS MOVED TO RALEIGH

Raleigh, NC – The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) has moved its office to Raleigh. Founded in 1992 and previously headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, EREF is a 501(c)3 class charity that supports research to develop and evaluate new approaches to manage solid waste and funds scholarships for advanced degrees in environmental science and engineering.

EREF fundraising events combine charitable support of the waste industry with opportunities to network with industry professionals. The EREF Annual Auction – which was held on May 5, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia – is held during WasteExpo, North America's largest trade show for the waste industry. The Annual EREF Fall Classic Golf Tournament – which will take place on October 21, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge – brings together a variety of industry leaders who support the EREF's mission. Educational events allow the EREF to share the results of the research funded by these events.

The EREF is currently one of the largest private sources of funding for solid waste research and allocates \$0.5 to \$1 million annually in research funds. Research is funded in accordance with a strategic long-range plan that includes greenhouse gas emissions, carbon sequestration, alternative approaches to manage solid waste, sustainable landfills and other aspects relating to what we, as a society, throw away. Not only is the Triangle home to one of the EPA's regional headquarters, but the area boasts several Research I class universities (such as North Carolina State University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), as well as numerous other highly respected research institutions. Michael Cagney, President and CEO of EREF, enthused "I'm extremely excited about moving EREF to the dynamic city of Raleigh. The Triangle is an epicenter for firms that focus on environmental issues and the southeast has a high concentration of solid waste firms that support EREF's research and educational endeavors."

For more complete information on EREF funded research, its scholarship program and how to donate to this great cause, visit www.erefdn.org.

