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Republic Services, Inc. and Waste Industries USA, Inc. to Co-Host the 2011 EREF Fall Classic Golf Tournament

Raleigh, NC — The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) will be holding its 2011 Fall Environmental Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Hosted by Phoenix-based Republic Services, Inc. and Raleigh-based Waste Industries USA, Inc., the tournament will take place on Pinehurst Course #5 in the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The format for the Golf Tournament will be Captain's Choice. Players on the first and second place teams will receive crystal commemoratives and a framed team photo. Hole-in-one prizes will be given at all par 3s including the chance to win a vintage car. There will also be other prize winning opportunities, including the chance to win a \$10,000 putting contest.

Kevin Walbridge, Executive Vice President of Operations at Republic Services, Inc. commented that "the EREF Golf Tournament is one of the top must-attend events in our industry. The networking opportunities that the tournament offers are unparalleled." Waste Industries USA, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Ven Poole adds, "Waste Industries is honored to co-host the tournament for the first time this year. Not only do we look forward to the industry fellowship on the golf course at a location so close to home, we are thrilled to be able to give back to our industry by supporting EREF's mission."

Since the EREF Golf Tournament began in 1993, the event has raised more than \$1.4 million for EREF's work to advance the industry's development of sustainable waste management practices.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$750 per player, \$3,000 per foursome. This year's sponsors – confirmed as of June 20, 2011 – include: Agru America, Allison Transmission, Big Truck Rental, Cascade Cart Solutions, Cummins, Environmental Solutions Group, Environmental Specialties International, Inc., Joyce Engineering, Inc., KRD Trucking, Labor Ready, McNeilus, Meritor, PTR Baler and Compactor Co., Rehrig Pacific Company, Schaefer Systems International, Inc., Veolia Environmental Services, Volvo Construction Equipment, Wastequip, WasteExpo/Waste Age and Weaver Boos/Landmarc. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information or to register as a participant or a sponsor, please visit www.erefdn.org.

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