Solid Waste and Recycling Industry Trade Association and Research Foundation to Work Together Collaboratively

Groups Finalize Agreement to Define Working Relationship

Raleigh, NC (May 22, 2013) – The Environmental Industry Associations (EIA) and the Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) will announce later today that they have completed an agreement that sets out how they will work together on matters of research and education going forward. This agreement delineates the areas and parameters for such collaborative work for the mutual benefit and achievement of the missions of the respective groups. The announcement will be made at the EREF Annual Charitable Auction held in conjunction with WasteExpo 2013 (www.wasteexpo.com) at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The EREF Auction will begin at 4:30 pm in Booth #1038 in the WasteExpo Exhibit Hall.

Said EREF President and Chief Executive Officer Bryan Staley, “The initial effort we plan to undertake is to develop an industry work group to identify data and information needs. EREF and EIA are both dedicated to serving the solid waste and recycling industry, and we are very excited to continue our longstanding collaborative relationship in this way to more effectively fulfill the needs of our members and stakeholders.”

EREF and EIA will work together to prioritize data aggregation efforts, gain member/stakeholder support, complete research and share non-sensitive data. EREF and EIA will discuss mutual support of EIA’s certification efforts, safety program and advocacy efforts.

The organizations will work together to provide more educational options for industry stakeholders. The groups also will identify topics where white papers may be needed by EIA members. EREF will utilize its current research grants program as well as obtain content via its various research initiatives under its internal research program to generate such papers.

About the agreement, EIA’s President & Chief Executive Officer Sharon H. Kneiss said, “EIA’s programs will be strengthened by our relationship with EREF. By working together, we can smartly conserve resources and extend the research capabilities of both groups. This will allow us to better serve the needs of our members and communicate about important topics related to the waste and recycling industry.”
“This is a very exciting time in our industry,” said Richard Burke, President of Advanced Disposal. “The collaboration between EREF and EIA leverages the resources of both organizations to address the needs of our industry members, while allowing both organizations to maintain their own branding, independence and autonomy.”

EREF is a 501(c) class charity that funds and directs scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices to benefit industry participants and the communities they serve. For more complete information on EREF funded research, scholarships, its continuing education program and how to donate to this great cause, visit www.erefdn.org.

EIA is the trade association that represents the American private sector solid waste and recycling industry through its two sub-associations, the National Solid Wastes Management Association (NSWMA) and the Waste Equipment Technology Association (WASTEC). For more information, visit www.environmentalisteveryday.org.

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