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Waste Management and Waste Connections, Inc. Tee Off to Fund Industry Research by Co-Hosting the 2012 EREF Fall Classic Golf Tournament

Raleigh, NC (July 6, 2012) — The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) will be holding its 2012 Fall Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 30, 2012. Hosted by Houston-based Waste Management and The Woodlands-based Waste Connections, Inc., the tournament will take place on the Panther Trail Course at Canongate in The Woodlands, Texas. Proceeds from tournament will support EREF’s mission to fund and direct scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices.

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 $50,000 cash. There will also be other prize winning opportunities, including the chance to win a $10,000 putting contest.

“Ensuring that we have access to the latest and best scientific facts that continuously improve our operations is important to Waste Management,” commented Jim Dowland, Vice President of Disposal Operations Support for Waste Management and EREF Board Member. “Supporting this event helps EREF raise the funds it needs to conduct this research, which gives all in our industry the opportunity to learn from new technologies and their research.” Waste Connections Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ron Mittelstaedt adds, “Waste Connections is thrilled to welcome the EREF Golf Tournament to our new home in The Woodlands, Texas. The networking opportunities provided by the tournament are unparalleled. We look forward to a fantastic fellowship event, as well as a great day of golf.”

Since the EREF Golf Tournament began in 1993, the event has raised more than $1.7 million for EREF’s work to advance the industry’s development of sustainable waste management practices. The 2012 tournament will kick off on Wednesday, August 29 with an Opening Reception taking place from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Breakfast and registration will be held at 7:00 am on Thursday, August 30 and the tournament will officially begin at 9:00 am with a shotgun start. An Awards Luncheon will immediately follow the tournament.

The cost to participate in the tournament is $750 per player, $3,000 per foursome. This year’s sponsors – confirmed as of June 12, 2012 – include: Agru America, Allison Transmission, Aspen Specialty, Big Truck Rental, Cascade Cart Solutions, Caterpillar, Cummins, The Curotto-Can,

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