

Waste Management Awards Companies for Sustainable Construction

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Sustainability Circle of Excellence Award recognizes outstanding performance in diversion and recycling

HOUSTON, Feb. 27, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- With construction customers across North America, Waste Management is today honoring 10 companies with its inaugural *Sustainability Circle of Excellence Award*. This recognition, highlighting sustainable performances within the construction industry, looks to celebrate the builders who achieved important sustainability milestones in 2011, as determined by Waste Management's online <u>Diversion and Recycling Tracking Tool (DART(SM))</u>.

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DART, launched in May 2011, tracks information related to construction projects, including the amount of material diverted from a landfill to a recycling facility, as well as the types of materials put to reuse. Information on the portal is updated daily to track the environmental performances of the nation's top builders. The winning companies diverted the highest total tonnage from a landfill to a recycling facility in the year 2011 (starting when DART was launched). Those companies include:

- Big-D Construction Corporation Jack Livingood
- JE Dunn Construction Company Terrence Dunn
- Gibson-Lewis Rob Lingenfelter
- Balfour Beatty Construction Robert Van Cleave
- Skanska USA, Inc. Michael F. McNally
- James H. Cone, Inc. James H. Cone Jr.
- The Walsh Group Matthew Walsh
- Rockwell Corporation Raul Ramos
- Nabholz Construction Bill Hannah

In recognition of this award, each recipient will receive a set of items that represent their shared commitment to the environment, as well as a personal congratulatory letter from Waste Management President and CEO, David Steiner.

"Congratulations to each company for their outstanding environmental performance," Steiner said. "We look forward to tracking these benchmarks in the future, since they represent a shared commitment to diversion, recycling and sound environmental practices."

"We want to serve our customers better than anyone in the industry and the DART tool is helping us do that," said <u>Jim Halter. Vice President_of Construction Solutions for Waste Management.</u> "In total, these companies diverted more than 27 thousand tons of construction waste, which is approximately 90 percent of all the total materials discarded."

For information on the Sustainability Circle of Excellence Awards, please visit wm.com/dart.

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