

## Waste Management Recognizes Construction Companies for Reducing Waste

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

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 23, 2015-- Waste Management (NYSE:<u>WM</u>) announced the winners of the 2015 "Sustainability Circle of Excellence Award," a recognition given to the top waste reduction customers in the construction industry whose various projects achieved outstanding sustainability milestones. This year's winning companies diverted the highest total tonnage for recycling in 2014, as measured by an online tracking application from Waste Management.

- Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC Mark Layman, chairman & CEO
- Gilbane Building Company Thomas F. Gilbane, Jr., chairman & CEO
- J.H. Findorff & Son, Inc. Dave Beck-Engel, president
- M.A. Mortenson Company Thomas F. Gunkel, CEO
- Robins & Morton Bruce Adams, president
- Skanska USA, Inc. Richard Cavallaro, president & CEO
- Wespac Construction, Inc. John Largay, president
- The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company Timothy Regan, president & CEO
- Walsh Construction Matthew Walsh, chairman & CEO
- W.M. Jordan Company John Lawson, president & CEO

In total, these winning companies put over 90 thousand tons of materials to reuse and achieved a 70 percent diversion rate. To know these precise calculations, as well as the impact their construction projects had on the environment, all used Waste Management's Diversion and Recycling Tracking Tool (DART<sup>®</sup>), an online application that calculates the amount of waste – as well as the different types of waste – being diverted from the landfill.

Information is updated daily with accurate recycling totals. The tool can then convert those numbers into environmental statistics, such as the equivalent amount of greenhouse emissions a project avoided. The information *DART* provides is used by some of the nation's top builders to achieve LEED<sup>®</sup> certification.

"Each company deserves to be applauded for successfully incorporating environmental solutions in their daily operations," said Jim Trevathan, executive vice president & chief operating officer for Waste Management. "These companies have shown a high level of social responsibility through their commitment to diversion, recycling and sound environmental practices."

"It's great that our customers are taking advantage of the DART tool to make a positive impact on the environment by reducing their waste and increasing their sustainability efforts," said Kenny Lark, director of strategic accounts overseeing construction services for Waste Management.

## ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit <a href="http://www.wm.com">www.thinkgreen.com</a>.

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