



Waste Management Named as a 2017 World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute for the Tenth Time

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HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 13, 2017-- Waste Management (**NYSE:WM**) has again been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as a World's Most Ethical Company®.

This year marks Waste Management's tenth year to be recognized, underscoring the Company's ongoing commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"It is truly an honor for us to be recognized for our very real commitment to integrity and doing what is right, both of which are foundational aspects of everything we do, every day," said Jim Fish, president and chief executive officer, Waste Management. "Our 41,000-plus teammates, and their actions, define who we are as a company, and this recognition is truly a testament to them."

2017 is the eleventh year that Ethisphere has honored those companies who recognize their role in society to influence and drive positive change, consider the impact of their actions on their employees, investors, customers and other key stakeholders and use their values and culture as an underpinning to the decisions they make every day.

"Over the last eleven years we have seen the shift in societal expectations, constant redefinition of laws and regulations and the geo-political climate. We have also seen how companies honored as the World's Most Ethical respond to these challenges. They invest in their local communities around the world, embrace strategies of diversity and inclusion, and focus on long term-ism as a sustainable business advantage," explained Ethisphere's Chief Executive Officer, Timothy Erblach. "Congratulations to everyone at Waste Management for being recognized as a World's Most Ethical Company."

Methodology & Scoring

The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient® (EQ) framework which offers a quantitative way to assess a company's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics.

Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program (35%), corporate citizenship and responsibility (20%), culture of ethics (20%), governance (15%) and leadership, innovation and reputation (10%) and provided to all companies who participate in the process.

Honorees

The full list of the 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at <http://worldsmostethicalcompanies.ethisphere.com/honorees/>.

Best practices and insights from the 2017 honorees will be released in a series of infographics and research throughout the year ([view or download the 2016 insights](#)). Organizations interested in how they compare to the World's Most Ethical Companies are invited to participate in the [Ethics Quotient](#).

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 www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

ABOUT THE ETHISPHERE INSTITUTE

The Ethisphere® Institute is the global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices that fuel corporate character, marketplace trust and business success. Ethisphere has deep expertise in measuring and defining core ethics standards using data-driven insights that help companies enhance corporate character. Ethisphere honors superior achievement through its World's Most Ethical Companies recognition program, provides a community of industry experts with the Business Ethics Leadership Alliance (BELA) and showcases trends and best practices in ethics with the publication of Ethisphere Magazine. More information about Ethisphere can be found at: <http://ethisphere.com>.

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