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Waste Management Area VP Joins GPEC Board of Directors

PHOENIX– July 28th, 2009 – Waste Management is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Vermeer, Area Vice President for WM of Arizona & New Mexico, to the Board of Directors for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC).

“We are excited about our expanding our partnership with GPEC,” Vermeer said. “The organization provides leadership and vision during these trying economic times.”

Vermeer, a civil engineer, is the Area Vice President for Waste Management of AZ/NM, and is responsible for all day-to-day operations and strategic planning for Arizona and New Mexico. He has also worked in Mexico City, where he played an integral role in helping to create waste regulations.

“Dan brings a strong commitment to the community and to regional economic development,” said Barry Broome, GPEC’s president and CEO. “He is a terrific addition to our board and a valuable corporate leader.”

GPEC works to bring economic development the Phoenix-Metro area. Waste Management has been a part of the organization since 2006.

About Waste Management:

Waste management and its 980 Arizona employees provide waste and recycling services to nearly 500,000 customers throughout Arizona. For more information, go to www.wmofarizona.com.

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Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America.

About the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC)

A true public/private partnership, GPEC is the regional economic development organization for Greater Phoenix. Working with its 18 member communities, Maricopa County and more than 140 private investors, GPEC attracts quality businesses to this dynamic region. By creating a high-performance economy through capital investments and jobs, Greater Phoenix companies enjoy a business climate where they can compete and thrive in today's global economy.

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