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Waste Management Awards Grant Money to Help the Environment

Phoenix, Arizona, December 4th, 2008 – The Waste Management Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to Keep America Beautiful after the organization's Phoenix affiliate won a national "Think Green" competition.

Keep Phoenix Beautiful was one of 15 winners nationwide. The group proposed a community outreach program that will include a new web site to help businesses and landlords find recycling locations throughout the Valley. Funds for the program will also be used to help support Earth Day Phoenix on April 22, 2009.

"Waste Management is dedicated to environmental stewardship", said Dan Vermeer, General Manager of Waste Management of Arizona. "We are excited about the ideas generated by this competition, and we're thrilled to help Keep Phoenix Beautiful move forward with their proposal."

"We'd like to thank Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful for making this grant possible for us," said Keep Phoenix Beautiful board member Mark Leonard. "This is a true milestone for the Phoenix branch."

Waste Management partners with Keep America Beautiful on several other community improvement programs, including beautification grants and the Great American Cleanup™.

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Waste Management of Arizona and its 980 Arizona employees provide waste and recycling services to nearly 500,000 customers throughout Arizona.

Waste Management Inc, 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.

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