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US AND AUSTRALIAN WASTE AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS FORM COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Alliance to Share Best Practices, Knowledge and Information to Advance the Interests of the Private Waste and Recycling Industry Globally

August 25, 2016 – Washington, DC and Queensland, Australia – The National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) and the Waste and Recycling Industry Queensland (WRIQ), the trade associations representing the interests of the private waste and recycling industry in the United States and Australia, respectively, announced today the creation of a trans-Pacific Collaboration Alliance via a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both organizations.

Under the terms of the MoU, NWRA and WRIQ have agreed to the mutual sharing of resources, knowledge and information to advance the interests of the private sector waste and recycling industry in the United States and Queensland, Australia. The agreement covers sharing best practices and insights across a broad range of policy, operations and safety initiatives of common interest to both organizations and its member companies.

“Earlier this year, we engaged in discussions with WRIQ regarding NWRA’s experience in policy, operations and best practices serving the U.S. industry,” commented Sharon H. Kneiss, president and CEO of NWRA, “and we found such common ground on a full range of issues facing our respective industries which led to the formation of this unique Collaborative Agreement. We look forward to learning from the experience of our Australian colleagues and sharing our resources to advance the interests of both organizations.”

“WRIQ is pleased to enter into this agreement with NWRA,” said Rick Ralph, chief executive officer for WRIQ. “Our participation at WasteExpo 2016 reinforced the opportunity for both organizations to work collaboratively to advance our mutual interests. There are a wide range of areas where both organizations can learn from the experiences of the industry in both countries to advance best practices across all areas of operations of our member companies, including improving safety for our industry’s workers in both countries.”

About WRIQ

The Waste, Recycling Industry Association of Queensland Inc, (WRIQ) is the premier industry association in Queensland, representing more than 90 Queensland-based organisations ranging from large multi-national organisations through to small family-operated enterprises.

WRIQ engages and advocates with its stakeholders in a wide range of legislative and regulatory issues, which members have identified issues impacting the industry.

Queensland’s waste management and secondary resources (including recycling) industry, provides essential infrastructure and services, as demonstrated by the efficient manner in which wastes are safely collected and treated, thus safeguarding public and environmental health.

The sector also recovers valuable secondary resources generated during extraction and manufacturing processes and those later discarded by society, therefore driving a circular economy and directly contributing to the economic growth of the State. For more information, visit wriq.com.au.

About NWRA

The National Waste & Recycling Association is the leading organization providing leadership, advocacy, research, education and safety expertise for the waste and recycling industries. NWRA advocates at the Federal, State and Local levels on all issues of importance to our member companies as they provide safe, economically sustainable and environmentally sound services to communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 2015, NWRA instituted an International Affiliate Membership program to share information and best practices with the private waste and recycling industry worldwide. For more information, visit wasterecycling.org.

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