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# CH2M Receiving World Environment Center's 2016 Gold Medal Award for Sustainable Development

DENVER, December 1, 2015 – The World Environment Center (WEC) announced that the 2016 Gold Medal Award for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development has been awarded to CH2M, one of the world's premier infrastructure and natural resource management companies. The award will be presented to CH2M Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline Hinman on May 19, 2016 at the 32nd Annual WEC Gold Medal Gala in Washington, D.C.

CH2M is being recognized for its deep commitment to sustainability and social responsibility throughout the company, including valuing ecosystems services, partnering with leading environmental nonprofits, and acting as a global leader in international water initiatives.

"We are honored to receive such an outstanding distinction, especially knowing that many of our pioneering, visionary clients have received the Gold Medal Award before us," said Jacqueline Hinman, CEO and Chairman of CH2M. "We built our company around innovation, creativity, and collaboration, and it's a privilege to do work that advances the well-being of our clients and communities."

In its Gold Medal submission, evaluated in a global competition with companies in multiple business sectors, CH2M explained how it is moving toward a more sustainable planet:

- **Corporate Sustainability Commitment:** CH2M's Sustainability Policy and corporate governance guide its environmental, social, and economic commitments, reflected in state-of-the-art facilities, energy and water efficiency, supply chains, reduced GHG emissions, and policies protecting global human rights.
- **Industry Innovation:** Solving the world's toughest infrastructure and environmental challenges, CH2M partners with skilled visionaries like The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to change the way the industry approaches infrastructure solutions and engineering practice. Projects such as a road usage charge program, smart cities, and sustainability programs in client facilities demonstrate the company's cutting-edge, holistic management practices.



- **International Sustainability Leadership:** CH2M supports global infrastructure development by working with development agencies such as USAID. Leading the apparel industry toward zero discharge of hazardous chemicals in global supply chains, the company also donates time and money to nonprofits, supporting access to water and infrastructure in developing countries. CH2M also supports STEM education by creating role models whose positive influence will cascade into future generations.



“On behalf of the Gold Medal Jury, I extend my congratulations to CH2M for embedding sustainability within its core mission, and for embracing innovation to become a leader in the environmental engineering field,” stated Kathy Sierra, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, who chaired WEC’s independent Gold Medal Jury. “From natural capital solutions to green infrastructure, sustainable water management and STEM education, CH2M embodies a forward-looking, holistic approach to corporate sustainability.”

As an industry leader and one of the first in its sector to publish a sustainability report, CH2M is passionately committed to corporate citizenship; positively affecting the environment, society, and the economy; and helping clients create a healthy, vibrant future for future generations.

#### **About the WEC Environment Center Gold Medal Award**

*The WEC Gold Medal Award is presented annually to a global company that has demonstrated a unique example of sustainability in business practice and is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition of a company's ongoing commitment to sustainable development. A global non-profit, non-advocacy organization, WEC advances sustainable development through the business practices of member companies and in partnership with governments, multi-lateral organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders.*

#### **About CH2M**

*As the leading professional services firm delivering sustainable solutions to our clients around the world’s most complex challenges, CH2M advances the quality and standard of living for people everywhere. At US\$6.1 billion in revenue, the firm has offices in 50 countries, with global headquarters based near Denver, Co., USA. More than 25,000 strong, CH2M people make a positive difference around the world, providing consulting, design, engineering, project management and delivery of vital infrastructure and resources to clients in public and private sectors and diverse industries. The firm operates five business segments: water; environmental and nuclear; transportation; oil, gas and chemical; and industrial and urban environments. From management and delivery of world events such as the Olympic Games, to innovations in water, energy and transportation infrastructure, CH2M consistently ranks among Ethisphere’s World’s Most Ethical Companies; as the number-one firm in both environmental consulting and program management by Engineering News-Record; and among sustainability leaders by Verdantix, an independent analyst firm. In 2015, the firm received the Stockholm International Water Institute’s highest Industry Water Award for pioneering water conservation and reuse technologies.*

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