

WASTE CONNECTIONS ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF ALASKA WASTE

FOLSOM, CA, August 23, 2011 - Waste Connections, Inc. (NYSE: WCN) today announced that it has entered into agreements to acquire the operations of Alaska Pacific Environmental Services Anchorage, LLC and Alaska Green Waste Solutions, LLC (together, "Alaska Waste"). Alaska Waste, the largest privately-owned solid waste services company in Alaska with total annual revenue of approximately \$65 million, provides solid waste collection, recycling and composting services in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, Fairbanks, the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island. The transaction remains subject to closing conditions, including regulatory approval and receipt of certain governmental consents. Closing is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2012.

"Alaska Waste provides us an attractive opportunity to enter multiple markets within a new state and with leading market shares. Alaska's unique regulatory framework is somewhat of a hybrid between our existing markets in Washington and Montana," said Ronald J. Mittelstaedt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Alaska Waste has more than doubled its revenue over the past five years primarily through acquisitions and new sustainability initiatives, including recycling, composting and biodiesel refining."

Waste Connections, Inc. is an integrated solid waste services company that provides solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services in mostly exclusive and secondary markets. The Company serves more than two million residential, commercial and industrial customers from a network of operations in 29 states. The Company also provides intermodal services for the movement of containers in the Pacific Northwest. Waste Connections, Inc. was founded in September 1997 and is headquartered in Folsom, California.

For more information, visit the Waste Connections web site at www.wasteconnections.com. Copies of financial literature, including this release, are available on the Waste Connections web site or through contacting us directly at (916) 608-8200.

Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this release are forward-looking in nature, including statements related to contribution from acquisitions, timing to complete acquisitions and growth by acquired businesses. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," or "anticipates," or the negative thereof or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. Our business and operations are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and, consequently, actual results may differ materially from those projected by any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those projected include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) our acquisitions may not be successful, resulting in changes in strategy, operating losses or a loss on sale of the business acquired; (2) a portion of our growth and future financial performance depends on our ability to integrate acquired businesses into our organization and operations; (3) competition for acquisition candidates, consolidation within the waste industry and economic and market conditions may limit our ability to grow through acquisitions; (4) our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition; we may incur substantially more debt in the future; (5) each business that we acquire or have acquired may have liabilities or risks that we fail or are unable to discover, including environmental liabilities; and (6) fluctuations in prices for recycled commodities that we sell and rebates we offer to customers may cause our revenues and operating results to decline. These risks and uncertainties, as well as others, are discussed in greater detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. There may be additional risks of which we are not presently aware or that we currently believe are immaterial which could have an adverse impact on our business. We make no commitment to revise or update any forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances that may change.

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