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## Texas Disposal Systems Shares Partnerships with Fellow Austin Chamber of Commerce Environmental Friendly Award Winners

Network of Local Partners Comes Together to Help the Community and Environment

**AUSTIN, Texas (September 27, 2017)** – The Austin Chamber of Commerce recently announced winners of its 17th Annual Greater Austin Business Awards. The organization presented Texas Disposal Systems (TDS), as well as AMD, Lettuce Networks, TreeHouse, the W Hotel Austin and Austin Habitat for Humanity ReStore, with the Brookfield Residential Environmental Friendly Award. TDS works with both the W Hotel and Austin Habitat for Humanity to improve their recycling efforts and maximize diversion from the landfill.

For more than 40 years, TDS has been helping Central Texas communities, organizations and schools manage and divert waste to beneficial uses. The company incorporates solid waste disposal, compost production and recycling operations to make it easier than ever to reduce the landfilling of resources. TDS also partners with communities by teaching others how to recycle and compost to preserve resources. The company recently introduced its Eco Academy program, which educates K-12 students about trash, recycling and composting options in their schools.

Earlier this year, TDS partnered with Austin Habitat for Humanity to support the building of safe and stable homes for those in need in the Austin community. With help from its retail store, Garden-Ville, TDS donated products including mulch and supplies, as well as a cash donation and contributing volunteer hours. Committed to the most environmentally-friendly construction and demolition practices possible, TDS helps builders organize and manage job sites to divert waste to beneficial uses by offering services including required recycling reporting, concrete recycling and separating of job materials such as wood, metal, sheetrock and brush.

TDS has been working with the W Hotel since 2011. The company is supporting their zero-waste initiative by offering guests recycling and composting options. The hotel provides recycling bins in all rooms, in front of the hotel and in all public areas in the banquet space. As the bins are filled, employees separate the contents into the correct compactor and TDS hauls the compactors to its fully integrated facility for sorting, to ensure maximum diversion from the landfill.

"We're thrilled to be recognized for our environmental stewardship," said Bob Gregory, co-founder, president and CEO of TDS. "It's a great honor to be joined by many of our community partners in the same category. Together, we're minimizing waste and preserving our local environment for future generations."

## **About Texas Disposal Systems**

Texas Disposal Systems is one of the largest independently-owned solid waste collection, processing and disposal companies in the nation. Our fully integrated facility incorporates solid waste disposal, compost production and recycling operations. We provide the highest quality and most environmentally friendly services in the best interests of our customers, employees and the community. Learn more about how TDS helps communities, organizations and schools manage and divert waste to beneficial uses at www.TexasDisposal.com.