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“Announcing Ohio’s New Recycling Trade Association”

DUBLIN, OHIO March 7, 2018 – “Today I’m pleased to announce the launch of a new futures driven nonprofit recycling trade association, the Ohio Recycling Coalition,” stated Renee Navarre, Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Recycling Coalition and President/Owner of EnviroSource Waste Solutions LLC, a waste consulting firm focused on reducing commercial clients’ waste spend while increasing landfill diversion.

According to Navarre during a recent Ohio Recycling Coalition Board meeting, Bob Gedert, Senior Consultant, for Resource Recycling Systems, was elected President of the Ohio Recycling Coalition’s Board of Directors; Bob also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the National Recycling Coalition, the Board of Directors in turn approved the employment of Arley Owens as the Ohio Recycling Coalition’s new Executive Director.

“I am excited to be the Board President and a Charter Member for the Ohio Recycling Coalition, which we have established to assist in the positive financial impact of Ohio’s recycling industry while providing for a sustainable future for our next generation,” said Bob Gedert. “Working in step with Renee Navarre and Arley Owens, our overarching goal is to make a major difference in Ohio’s sustainable focused businesses and the Recycling Industry.” “Together we will strive to align the Ohio Recycling Coalition’s mission with that of the National Recycling Coalition which is “To partner with and facilitate activities between and among non-profit organizations, businesses, trade associations, individuals and government to maintain a prosperous and productive American recycling system that is committed to the conservation of natural resources.”

“I am honored to be the first Executive Director for the Ohio Recycling Coalition, said Arley Owens, a recycling advocate and career sustainability professional. “Renee, Bob and I have crafted an aggressive action plan designed to serve Ohio’s recycling, reuse, re-manufacturing and waste minimization businesses. This month we will also kickoff an Ohio Recycling Coalition Charter Membership Drive for like-minded individuals, along with sustainable focused businesses, organizations, colleges, universities and government agencies who wish to join with us to work together to build a better and brighter sustainable economic future for Ohio’s next generation.”

The Ohio Recycling Coalition’s purpose is to provide business resource assistance for new start up and established recycling, reuse, re-manufacturing and waste minimization focused businesses. The Ohio Recycling Coalition’s is headquartered at the Dublin Entrepreneurial Center, 565 Metro Place South, Suite 300, Dublin, Ohio 43017. The Dublin Entrepreneurial Center is a vibrant, energetic community of businesses working synergistically to advance ideas and technologies.

Please go to www.orcrcycles.org to learn about the programs and services offered by the Ohio Recycling Coalition. Contact Arley Owens, Executive Director at aowens@orcrcycles.org or call 614-571-7954 Mobile Phone.

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Renee Navarre

Renee Navarre is President and Owner of EnviroSource Waste Solutions, LLC a waste consulting firm focused on reducing commercial clients' waste spend while increasing landfill diversion. Renee founded EnviroSource Waste Solutions in 2009. The company's client roster includes both local and national businesses in retail, industrial, and non-profit sectors. In addition to serving as past President of the Association of Ohio Recyclers, Renee is a member of the Ohio EPA Compliance Advisory Panel, the Central Ohio Hazardous Waste Materials Managers, the National Recycling Coalition, the US Zero Waste Business Council, and Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful Advisory Council.

Renee is a summa cum laude graduate of Franklin University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management.



Bob Gedert

Mr. Gedert recently moved back to Ohio and joined RRS to work with municipalities and organizations in the public sector to advance recycling and composting efforts and move toward zero waste goals. Bob Gedert is a former board member for the Association of Ohio Recyclers (AOR) as a member-at-large board of directors' position.

Previous to RRS, Mr. Gedert served as the Austin Resource Recovery department director leading services including recycling, solid waste collection, household hazardous waste, and yard waste. His previous experience in Ohio included solid waste district director for Auglaize County, recycling director for Highland County, and operations manager for the Cincinnati Experience. He also has public sector recovery experience with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Fresno, Calif.

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Arley Owens

In 2014 Arley was recognized by the Association of Ohio Recyclers as one of the individuals and Ohio businesses who have had a positive impact on Ohio's Recycling Industry. Arley's leadership skills were honed during his employment as the Association of Ohio Recyclers Executive Director and Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful's Executive Director. Arley as the AOR Executive Director successfully planned and coordinated statewide conferences and outreach initiatives. As Executive Director for Keep Reynoldsburg Beautiful, Arley was responsible for helping the City of Reynoldsburg become a Certified Keep America Beautiful Affiliate in March of 2016 and spearheading the implementation of a Reynoldsburg City Parks Recycling Program, an Adopt A Spot Program and a Zero Waste and Special Event Recycling Program for Reynoldsburg City Schools' eSTEM Academy.

During Arley's tenure with the National Recycling Coalition Board of Directors, Arley chaired the Communications Committee and also Chaired the Minorities Recycling Council (MRC). As Chairman of the MRC Arley was instrumental in creating an outreach workshop titled, "How To Reach Underserved and Minority Communities with Your Environmental Message. Arley is the founder of Earth1 Eco-Enterprises and has published the ritually acclaimed Eco-Thriller Comic Book Series titled "Earth Team Green Protectors of the Planet" and introduced an environmental education program titled, "The Art and Science of Getting Green," to five school districts in Ohio, Illinois and Washington DC. Arley has optimistic plans for producing a feature length movie based on his eco-thriller comic books and ultimately winning an Academy Award for Best Movie and has written a powerful action packed Screenplay titled "Kody and Earth Team Green Eco-Warriors of the Rainbow".

Arley holds an MBA in Marketing from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from THE Ohio State University and completed the Solid Waste Authority of North America to be a Certified Residential Recycling Manager.

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