## CH2M to Receive World Environment Center's 2016 Gold Medal Award on May 19

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The World Environment Center (WEC) is pleased to announce that the 2016 Gold Medal Award for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development will be awarded to CH2M and presented to its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline Hinman on May 19, 2016 at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual WEC Gold Medal Gala in Washington, D.C. The Gold Medal Gala will be followed on May 20, 2016 by the WEC Gold Medal Colloquium.

CH2M, one of the world's premier consultancies engaged in infrastructure and natural resource engineering and management, is being recognized for its deep commitment to sustainability and social responsibility throughout the company, including partnering with public- and private-sector clients in government and industry, as well as leading environmental non-profit organizations. CH2M leads international water initiatives, sustainable infrastructure, and efforts valuing ecosystems to advance global sustainability.

"I extend my sincere congratulations to CH2M for embracing innovation and systems thinking to become a leader in the environmental engineering and consulting industry," stated Francisco Suárez Hernández, WEC Board Chairman and Corporate Affairs Officer at Coca-Cola FEMSA. "CH2M employs a forward-looking approach to corporate sustainability that includes an emphasis on STEM education, natural capital, and green infrastructure as part of its core business."

Gold Medal submissions are evaluated in a global competition with companies in multiple business sectors by WEC's independent Gold Medal Jury, and the award is presented annually to a global company that has demonstrated a unique example of sustainability in business practice. Recent recipients of the WEC Gold Medal Award are: SC Johnson (2015), Unilever (2013), IBM (2012), Nestlé (2011), Wal-Mart Stores (2010), The Coca-Cola Company (2009), and Marks & Spencer (2008).

Stated Jacqueline Hinman, Chairman and CEO of CH2M, "We are honored to receive such an outstanding distinction, especially knowing that so many of our pioneering, visionary clients have received the Gold Medal Award before us. 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."

Ms. Hinman will also be the featured speaker in the following day's Gold Medal Colloquium at the National Press Club; this year's focus is "Sustainability as a Platform for Business Transformation: Customer Expectations, Market Drivers and Public Policy."

## **About the World Environment Center**

The World Environment Center, headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices and operations in emerging and developed markets, is unique in its direct application of sustainable development strategies and practices to the business operations of global companies. WEC creates sustainable business solutions through individual projects in emerging markets; convenes leadership roundtables to shape strategic thinking across a range of sustainability topics; and honors industry excellence through the annual awarding of its Gold Medal Award. An independent non-profit organization, WEC conducts no advocacy activities. For more information, please visit www.wec.org.

## **About CH2M**

As the leading professional services firm delivering sustainable solutions to 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.