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Alpine Vice President Named State Sustainability Champion

DENVER, July 2, 2009 -- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has named Brent Hildebrand, vice president-recycling of Alpine Waste & Recycling, as a 2009 Sustainability Champion.

The statewide honor, which is co-sponsored by the Colorado Environmental Partnership, recognized Hildebrand's leadership spearheading Alpine's wide-ranging efforts to promote recycling across the Front Range. As Alpine's first and only vice president in charge of recycling, Hildebrand has helped lead the company's charge in groundbreaking innovation and a pioneering spirit that includes making its facilities available to its competitors.

Alpine's Altogether Recycling facility, which allows customers to combine their recyclable materials *altogether* into one bin, was a quick success after it opened in 2007, immediately taking thousands of tons of material out of the landfills, putting them back into circulation, and in the process saving natural resources such as trees, water and fuel.

"This is a tremendous honor, and it speaks loudly about our company's vision and commitment toward making recycling easy, excuse-free and widespread," Hildebrand said.

A nine-member awards committee comprised of officials from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Environmental Partnership, the oldest business environmental organization in the state, singled out Hildebrand for his role in everything from personally leading tours of the Altogether facility to creating competition in the recyclables marketplace.

Hildebrand was one of just two individuals honored as a 2009 Sustainability Champion. The other was Eric Drummond, Mayor of the City of Manitou Springs, Colo. The honorees will be recognized at the Colorado Environmental Partnership's summer meeting July 22.

“Although all the nominees had impressive accomplishments, the two individual winners went above and beyond what is required in their normal job duties and fully embraced sustainability,” said Tim Case, president of CEP “The individuals scored exceptionally well on all the committee's criteria.”

About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Recognized as a 2008 Top Company in Colorado, Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held commercial waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Alpine was founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation called Alpine Disposal, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of greater than 50 percent. With more than 40 trucks and more than 100 employees, Alpine hauls more than 100,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. Featuring “Altogether Recycling™, Alpine is the first company in Colorado to process recycling material competitively on a single-stream basis. Earlier this year, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine the state's most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. For information go to www.alpinewaste.com or call 303-744-9881.