

# Republic Services Named to the 2017 World's Most Ethical Company® List by the Ethisphere Institute

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## Recognition honors those companies who lead with integrity and align principle with action

PHOENIX, March 14, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Republic Services, Inc. (NYSE: RSG) is pleased to announce that the Company was named to the elite 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies<sup>®</sup> List by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.



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"Republic is honored to be recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies," said Don Slager, president and chief executive officer. "We are committed to conducting our business according to the highest level of integrity, and fostering a strong ethical culture is not only the right thing to do, it's the Republic Way."

This is the eleventh year that Ethisphere has acknowledged companies operating with the highest ethical standards. These honorees recognize their role in society to influence and drive positive change, consider the impact of their actions on their employees, investors, customers and other key stakeholders and use their values and culture as an underpinning to the decisions they make every day.

"Over the last eleven years we have seen the shift in societal expectations, constant redefinition of laws and regulations and the geo-political climate," says Timothy Erblich, Ethisphere's chief executive officer. "We have also seen how companies honored as the World's Most Ethical respond to these challenges. They invest in their local communities around the world, embrace strategies of diversity and inclusion, and focus on long term-ism as a sustainable business advantage. Congratulations to everyone at Republic for being recognized as a World's Most Ethical Company."

## Methodology & Scoring

The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient<sup>®</sup> (EQ) framework which offers a quantitative way to assess a company's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics.

Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program; corporate citizenship and responsibility; culture of ethics; governance; and leadership, innovation and reputation.

Republic has been steadily building on its industry-leading sustainability platform, as demonstrated by its Climate A List rankings in the CDP 2016 Global Climate Change Report and the CDP Supplier Climate A List, as well as its inclusion on both the Dow Jones Sustainability – North America and World – Indices. Republic was also awarded the "Industry Mover" sustainability award in the Commercial Services and Supplies Industry by RobecoSAM in 2017.

Click here to view the full list of the 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies.

#### **About the Ethisphere Institute**

The Ethisphere<sup>®</sup> Institute is the global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices that fuel corporate character, marketplace trust and business success. Ethisphere has deep expertise in measuring and defining core ethics standards using data-driven insights that help companies enhance corporate character. Ethisphere honors superior achievement through its World's Most Ethical Companies recognition

program, provides a community of industry experts with the Business Ethics Leadership Alliance (BELA) and showcases trends and best practices in ethics with the publication of *Ethisphere Magazine*. More information about Ethisphere can be found at: <a href="http://ethisphere.com">http://ethisphere.com</a>.

#### **About Republic Services**

Republic Services, Inc. is an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste. Through its subsidiaries, Republic's collection companies, recycling centers, transfer stations and landfills focus on providing effective solutions to make proper waste disposal effortless for its 14 million customers. *We'll handle it from here.*<sup>TM</sup>, the brand's promise, lets customers know they can count on Republic to provide a superior experience while fostering a sustainable *Blue Planet* for future generations to enjoy a cleaner, safer and healthier world.

For more information, visit the Republic Services website at RepublicServices.com. "Like" Republic on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RepublicServices and follow on Twitter @RepublicService.

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