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April 5, 2012

Dear Stockholder:

We invite you to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Republic Services, Inc., which we will hold at 10:30 a.m., local time, on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains, 16770 North Perimeter Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow us to furnish these proxy materials and our Annual Report on Form 10-K to you on the internet. We believe that posting these materials on the internet enables us to provide you with the information you need more quickly, while lowering our costs of printing and delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting. On or about April 5, 2012, we are mailing to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials and Annual Report on Form 10-K and vote electronically via the internet. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also contains instructions on how to receive a paper copy of these materials.

Whether or not you plan to attend in person, it is important that you have your shares represented at the Annual Meeting. **We urge you to vote and to submit your proxy as promptly as possible. If you are a registered stockholder and attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If you hold your shares through a bank or broker and you want to vote your shares in person at the meeting, please contact your bank or broker to obtain a legal proxy. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

James W. Crownover
Chairman of the Board

Donald W. Slager
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on May 17, 2012

This Proxy Statement relating to the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 are available at www.proxyvote.com.

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REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

18500 NORTH ALLIED WAY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85054

NOTICE OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2012

To the Stockholders of Republic Services, Inc.:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Republic, the company, we, or our), will be held at the Scottsdale Marriott at McDowell Mountains, 16770 North Perimeter Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, on May 17, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect 10 directors to a term of office until the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To hold an advisory vote to approve our named executive officer compensation;
- (3) To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants (independent public accountants) for 2012;
- (4) To consider a stockholder proposal regarding payments upon the death of a senior executive, if presented at the Annual Meeting;
- (5) To consider a stockholder proposal regarding political contributions and expenditures, if presented at the Annual Meeting; and

(6) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2012 (the Record Date) are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment of it. A list of such stockholders will be available commencing April 9, 2012, and may be examined prior to the Annual Meeting at our corporate headquarters during normal business hours.

We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow us to furnish these proxy materials and our Annual Report on Form 10-K on the internet. Stockholders of record have been mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, which provides stockholders with instructions on how to access the proxy materials and our Annual Report on Form 10-K on the internet and, if they prefer, how to request paper copies of these materials. We believe that posting these materials on the internet enables us to provide you with the information you need more quickly, while lowering our costs of printing and delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting.

Your participation at our Annual Meeting is important. To ensure your representation, if you do not expect to be present at the meeting, at your earliest convenience, please vote your shares as instructed in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction card. The prompt return of proxies will ensure a quorum and save us the expense of further solicitation.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

James W. Crownover
Chairman of the Board
Phoenix, AZ

Donald W. Slager
President & Chief Executive Officer

April 5, 2012

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REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

18500 NORTH ALLIED WAY

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PROXY STATEMENT

REGARDING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2012

We are providing this proxy statement to stockholders in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors (the Board) of Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Republic, the company, we, us or our), of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 17, 2012 (the Annual Meeting), and at any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allows us to deliver a single Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to one address shared by two or more stockholders. This delivery method is referred to as householding and can result in savings for us. To take advantage of this opportunity, we deliver a single package containing Notices of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to multiple stockholders who share an address. If you prefer to receive separate packages containing the Notices of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, either now or in the future, or if you currently are a stockholder sharing an address with another stockholder and wish to receive only one package containing future Notices of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials for your household, please send us your request in writing at the following address: Republic Services, Inc., Attn: Investor Relations Department, 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85054.

As permitted by the notice and access rules adopted by the SEC, we are making our proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K available electronically via the internet. On or about April 5, 2012, we are mailing to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing the instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K and how to vote online. Stockholders who receive the notice will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please follow the instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Q. What is the record date and who may vote at the Annual Meeting?

A. Our only voting stock currently outstanding is our common stock. You may vote if you were a holder of record of our common stock as of the close of business on March 20, 2012 (the Record Date).

The trustee of our 401(k) Plan will vote shares held in each participant's account in accordance with instructions provided by the participant on a completed proxy card. If a participant does not provide a completed proxy card, the trustee of the 401(k) Plan will vote the shares in a participant's account in the same proportion that it votes shares for which it received valid and timely proxy cards from other participants or as otherwise required by applicable law.

Q. What will I be voting on?

A. The following proposals will be considered at the Annual Meeting:

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election of directors (Proposal 1);

advisory vote to approve our named executive officer compensation (Proposal 2);

ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants for 2012 (Proposal 3);

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a stockholder proposal regarding payments upon the death of a senior executive, if it is presented at the Annual Meeting (Proposal 4); and

a stockholder proposal regarding political contributions and expenditures, if it is presented at the Annual Meeting (Proposal 5).

Q. How many votes do I have?

A. You have one vote for every share of our common stock you owned as of the close of business on March 20, 2012.

Q. What constitutes a quorum for the Annual Meeting?

A. As of March 20, 2012, 370,829,623 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. A quorum is at least a majority of the voting power represented by the shares of our common stock, or 185,414,812 shares. Abstentions and broker shares, which are shares held in street name, that are voted as to any matter at the meeting will be included in determining the number of shares present or represented at the Annual Meeting. Broker shares that are not voted on any matter at the Annual Meeting will not be included in determining the number of shares present or represented at the Annual Meeting. A quorum must be present or represented at the Annual Meeting for any action to be taken. If a quorum is not present or represented at the Annual Meeting, the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote who are present in person or represented by proxy, or the chairman of the meeting, may adjourn the Annual Meeting until a quorum is present or represented. The time and place of the adjourned meeting will be announced at the time the adjournment is taken, and no other notice will be given.

Q. How many votes are required to approve the proposals, assuming a quorum?

A. The affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast with respect to that director's election at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of each director (Proposal 1). The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of common stock present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote is required for approval of Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Q. How do I vote?

A. To vote, you may:

vote in person we will pass out written ballots at the Annual Meeting to stockholders of record and beneficial owners who hold their shares in street name and who have obtained a valid proxy from their broker, bank or other nominee;

vote electronically via the internet or by telephone to do so, please follow the instructions shown on your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction card; or

vote by mail if you received a paper proxy card or voting instruction card by mail, simply complete, sign, date and return it in the envelope provided so that it is received before the Annual Meeting.

The internet and telephone voting procedures have been designed to verify stockholders' identities and allow stockholders to confirm that their voting instructions have been properly recorded. Stockholders whose shares are held for them by other nominees should follow the instructions provided by such nominees.

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Submitting your proxy or voting instructions, whether electronically via the internet, by telephone or by mail, will not affect your right to vote in person if you decide to attend the Annual Meeting. If, however, you hold your shares in street name, you must request a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please ensure that your vote is counted.

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Q. What if I do not give specific voting instructions?

A. *Stockholders of Record.* If you are a stockholder of record and you:

indicate when voting electronically via the internet or by telephone that you wish to vote as recommended by our Board; or

return a signed proxy card but do not indicate how you wish to vote on a particular matter, then your shares will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendations on all matters presented in this proxy statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion regarding any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. If you indicate a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon on your proxy card, the shares will be voted in accordance with your instructions.

Beneficial Owners. If you are a beneficial owner and hold your shares in street name and do not provide your broker, bank or other nominee with voting instructions, the broker, bank or other nominee will determine if it has the discretionary authority to vote on the particular matter. Under applicable rules, brokers have the discretion to vote on routine matters, such as the ratification of the selection of accounting firms, but do not have discretion to vote on non-routine matters. The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants for 2012 (Proposal 3) is a matter considered routine under applicable rules. The election of directors (Proposal 1), the advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation (Proposal 2), the stockholder proposal regarding payments upon the death of a senior executive (Proposal 4) and the stockholder proposal regarding political contributions and expenditures (Proposal 5) are matters considered non-routine under applicable rules. A broker or other nominee cannot vote without instructions on non-routine matters and, therefore, there may be broker non-votes on Proposals 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Q. What are broker non-votes?

A. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) permits brokers to vote their customers' shares on routine matters when the brokers have not received voting instructions from their customers. The ratification of independent public accountants is an example of a routine matter on which brokers may vote in this way. Brokers may not vote their customers' shares on non-routine matters unless they have received voting instructions from their customers. Non-voted shares on non-routine matters are referred to as broker non-votes.

Q. How are broker non-votes and abstentions counted?

A. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 1, as the election is determined by counting the votes actually cast where abstentions and broker non-votes are not treated as votes cast. With respect to Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5, where the vote required is a majority of votes present and entitled to vote, abstentions are equivalent to a vote cast against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect.

Q. Can I change my vote?

A. Yes, if you have voted, you can change your vote at any time in one of three ways. First, you can send us a written notice stating that you would like to revoke your proxy. Second, you can complete and submit a new proxy card, or cast a new vote by telephone or internet. Third, you can attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Your attendance alone, however, will not revoke your proxy. If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow the procedure provided by your broker to change these instructions.

Q. Do I need to attend the Annual Meeting in person?

A. No. Although you are welcome to attend, it is not necessary for you to attend the Annual Meeting to vote your shares.

Q. How does the Board recommend I vote on the proposals?

A. The Board recommends you vote:

FOR the election of the 10 nominees to the Board (Proposal 1);

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FOR approval of our named executive officer compensation (Proposal 2);

FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants for 2012 (Proposal 3);

AGAINST the stockholder proposal regarding payments upon the death of a senior executive (Proposal 4); and

AGAINST the stockholder proposal regarding political contributions and expenditures (Proposal 5).

Q. Where can I find more information about Republic?

A. We file reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy this information at the SEC's public reference facilities. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information about these facilities. This information is also available at our website at www.republicservices.com and at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

Q. Who can help answer my questions?

A. If you have questions about the Annual Meeting or the proposals after reading this proxy statement, or require assistance voting your shares, you can call Georeson Inc., which is assisting us with our proxy solicitation, toll-free at 1-800-248-3170.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We are electing 10 directors at the Annual Meeting, with each director to hold office until our next annual meeting or until his respective successor is elected and qualified to serve on the Board (the "Nominees"). The Board has nominated the Nominees based on the recommendation of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the "Governance Committee"). Each Nominee has consented to be named in this proxy statement and has agreed to serve as a director if elected. If any Nominee should become unavailable for election, the proxy may be voted for a substitute nominee selected by the persons named in the proxy or the size of the Board may be reduced accordingly. The Board is not aware of any existing circumstances likely to render any Nominee unavailable.

The Nominees who receive a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our common stock represented at the Annual Meeting, without giving effect to abstentions, will be duly elected directors. Republic is a Delaware corporation and, under Delaware law, if an incumbent director is not elected, that director remains in office until the director's successor is duly elected and qualified or until the director's death, resignation or retirement. To address this potential outcome, we have a director resignation policy in our bylaws. Under this policy, the Board will nominate for further service on the Board only those incumbent candidates who tender, in advance, irrevocable resignations, and the Board has obtained such conditional resignations from the Nominees. The irrevocable resignations are contingent on the failure to receive the required vote at any annual meeting at which they are nominated for re-election and on Board acceptance of the resignation. The Governance Committee will recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject the tendered resignation. The Board will publicly disclose its decision within 90 days following certification of the election results. If the Board does not accept the resignation, the director will continue to serve until the next annual meeting and until his or her successor is duly elected, or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. If the Board accepts the resignation, then the Board, in its sole discretion, may fill any resulting vacancy.

Pursuant to our bylaws, the number of directors is fixed from time to time by Board resolution and shall be not more than 13 members (the majority of which must be independent of Republic for purposes of the rules of the NYSE). Our Board currently consists of 11 directors, but Mr. Croghan is not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting. The Board has decreased the fixed number of directors to 10 effective upon the election of directors at the Annual Meeting. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of Nominees named in this proxy statement.

The Board recommends a vote FOR the election of all 10 Nominees to our Board.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS/NOMINEES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Director Changes in 2012

John W. Croghan is not standing for re-election to the Board, but will continue to serve as a director until the Annual Meeting. Mr. Croghan, Chairman of the Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee, has served as an independent member of our Board since 1998.

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Information about each of the Nominees to our Board is set forth below:

| Director Name | Position Held | Age | Director Since |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| James W. Crownover | Director and Chairman | 68 | 2008 |
| William J. Flynn | Director | 58 | 2008 |
| Michael Larson | Director | 52 | 2009 |
| Nolan Lehmann | Director | 67 | 2008 |
| W. Lee Nutter | Director | 68 | 2004 |
| Ramon A. Rodriguez | Director | 66 | 1999 |
| Donald W. Slager | Director and Chief Executive Officer | 50 | 2010 |
| Allan C. Sorensen | Director | 73 | 1998 |
| John M. Trani | Director | 67 | 2008 |
| Michael W. Wickham | Director | 65 | 2004 |

James W. Crownover began serving a two-year term as our non-executive Chairman of the Board on May 12, 2011. Mr. Crownover was named a director in December 2008 upon the close of the merger between Republic and Allied Waste Industries, Inc. (*Allied*). Prior to the merger, Mr. Crownover served as a director of Allied from December 2002 until December 2008. Mr. Crownover completed a 30-year career with McKinsey Company, Inc. (*McKinsey*) when he retired in 1998. He led McKinsey's Southwest practice for many years, and also co-headed the firm's worldwide energy practice. In addition, he served as a member of McKinsey's board of directors. Mr. Crownover also currently serves as a director of Chemtura Corporation, Weingarten Realty Investors, and FTI Consulting, Inc. In the past, he served on the boards of Unocal Corporation from 1998 to 2003 and Great Lakes Chemical Company from 2000 to 2006. Mr. Crownover also chairs the Board of Trustees of Rice University.

Mr. Crownover brings a wealth of management experience and business understanding to our Board and to his role as Chairman of the Board. His 30 years in the management consulting industry have given him front-line exposure to many of the issues facing public companies, particularly on the strategic, operational and financial fronts. At Weingarten, he serves as chair of the Governance Committee and is a member of the Compensation Committee. At FTI, he serves as chair of the Compensation Committee and is a member of the Governance Committee. At Chemtura, he chairs the Environmental Safety Committee and is a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee. We believe his experience on the boards of directors and board committees of several major public companies, as well as his service as a director of McKinsey and his leadership of its Southwest practice and his co-heading of its worldwide energy practice, give him an abundance of relevant experience to serve as a director and as our Chairman of the Board.

William J. Flynn was named a director in December 2008 upon the close of the merger between Republic and Allied. Prior to the merger, Mr. Flynn served as a director of Allied from February 2007 until December 2008. Mr. Flynn is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (*Atlas*). Prior to joining Atlas in 2006, Mr. Flynn served as President and Chief Executive Officer of GeoLogistics Corporation from 2002 until its sale in 2005. Mr. Flynn was a Senior Vice President with CSX Corporation from 2000 to 2002 and held various positions of increasing responsibility with Sea-Land Service Inc. from 1977 to 1999. Mr. Flynn also currently serves as a director of Atlas and Horizon Lines, Inc. and as a director of the Airlines for America Association.

Mr. Flynn is well-positioned to serve as a director, Chairman of our Management Development and Compensation Committee (the Compensation Committee) and member of the Governance Committee. With his years of experience as Chief Executive Officer of AtlasAir and GeoLogistics, Mr. Flynn brings to the Board proven leadership and managerial experience at the most senior level and, with that, a keen appreciation of the financial, operational, compensation and other issues faced by public and private companies. His 32-year career in international supply chain management and freight transportation also gives him particular awareness of issues faced by companies such as ours. Mr. Flynn also has experience as both an inside and independent director, giving him perspective that he brings to his service on the Board.

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Michael Larson was named a director in October 2009. Mr. Larson is the chief investment officer to William H. Gates III and is responsible for Mr. Gates' non-Microsoft investments as well as the investments of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust. Prior to working for Mr. Gates, Mr. Larson was at Harris Investment Management, Putnam Management Company and ARCO. Mr. Larson currently serves on the board of directors and the Compensation Committee of AutoNation, Inc., the board of directors and the Audit and Safety, Health and Environmental Committees of Ecolab, Inc., and the board of directors of Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. and Fomento Mexicano Economica, S.A.B.de C.V. In addition, he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Western Asset/Claymore Inflation-Linked Securities & Income Fund and Western Asset/Claymore Inflation-Linked Opportunities & Income Fund, and sits on their respective Audit Committees and Governance and Nominating Committees. Mr. Larson is a Trustee and Chairman of the Investment Committees at Claremont McKenna College and Lakeside School. Mr. Larson also serves on the Investment Committee for the University of Washington. Mr. Larson served as a director of Pan American Silver Corp. from November 1999 through December 2010.

Mr. Larson has 31 years of investment experience, giving him a broad understanding of the capital markets, business cycles, capital investment and allocation, and an appreciation of the interests of long-term stockholders. Mr. Larson's service on our Board, as well as our Compensation and Governance Committees, offers the perspective of our largest stockholder, Mr. Gates' Cascade Investment, L.L.C. Provided that he is re-elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting, Mr. Larson will become the Chairman of the Governance Committee following the Annual Meeting.

Nolan Lehmann was named a director in December 2008 upon the close of the merger between Republic and Allied. Prior to the merger, Mr. Lehmann served as a director of Allied from October 1990 until December 2008, and was the Lead Director of Allied from February 2007 until its merger with Republic. Since April 2007, Mr. Lehmann has been a Managing Director of Altazano Management, LLC, a private wealth management advisory firm. From 1983 until June 2005, Mr. Lehmann was President of Equus Capital Management Corporation, a registered investment advisor, and from 1991 to June 2005, he was President and a director of Equus II Incorporated, a registered public investment company. In July 2011, Mr. Lehmann became a director of Kanaly Trust Company, a corporate trustee for a number of trusts that also provides wealth management advisory services. Mr. Lehmann also currently serves as a director of several private corporations. In the past five years, Mr. Lehmann served as a director and member of the Audit and Compensation Committees of Synagro Technologies, Inc. Mr. Lehmann is a certified public accountant.

Mr. Lehmann has a long history with Allied, serving as a director for more than 20 years, including roles as Lead Director and Chairman of the Audit and Compensation Committees at different times during such period. As such, he offers our Board invaluable insight from experience gained being involved in the major, transformative changes Allied experienced over that period and a deep understanding of the issues faced by a waste management company. As a certified public accountant and with prior service on audit committees of five other public companies, Mr. Lehmann is well-positioned to serve on our Audit Committee. Mr. Lehmann also serves as a member of our Governance Committee. His career in asset management gives him valuable insight on the impact of general economic and market conditions and a keen understanding of key financial and accounting issues.

W. Lee Nutter was named a director in February 2004, and served as our Presiding Director from October 2006 through January 1, 2011, when we eliminated the Presiding Director role due to our decision to have a separate Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to his retirement in 2007, Mr. Nutter was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rayonier, Inc., a leading international forest products company primarily engaged in activities associated with timberland management, the sale and entitlement of real estate, and the production and sale of high value specialty cellulose fibers. Mr. Nutter also served as a director of Rayonier, Inc. from 1996 to 2007 and of the North Florida Regional Board of SunTrust from 2004 to 2009. He continues to serve as a director of NiSource Inc. and as a non-executive Chairman of J.M. Huber Corporation. Mr. Nutter is a member of the University of Washington Foster School of Business Advisory Board.

Mr. Nutter was with Rayonier, Inc. for over 40 years, ultimately as its Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. As a result of this experience, Mr. Nutter has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the financial, operational, compensation and other issues faced by large public companies. Based on his experience and expertise in the global forest products industry with its focus on environmental compliance objectives similar to those of our company, we believe Mr. Nutter also brings a unique and valuable perspective to our Board's

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consideration of environmental compliance. Mr. Nutter's appreciation of the role of directors through his experience as both an inside and independent director of other companies positions him well to serve as a director and on our Compensation and Integration Committees.

Ramon A. Rodriguez was named a director in March 1999. Mr. Rodriguez served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Madsen, Sapp, Mena, Rodriguez & Co., P.A., a firm of certified public accountants, from 1981 through 2006 when the firm was acquired by Crowe Horwath LLP. He is a past Chairman of the Florida Board of Accountancy and was also President of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Rodriguez serves as a director and is the Audit Committee Chairman of Alico, Inc., a company involved in the agriculture business. Mr. Rodriguez served on the board of Swisher Hygiene, Inc., as Chairman of its Audit Committee and as a member of its Compensation Committee, from November 2010 through January 2011. In 1975 he was a founder and Treasurer of DME Corporation, a company involved in aerospace and defense that was sold in 2009.

Mr. Rodriguez is an experienced financial leader with the skills necessary to serve as a director, as the Chairman of our Audit Committee and as a member of our Integration Committee. In his 37-year career in public accounting, Mr. Rodriguez developed vast accounting and financial experience and particular insight regarding the external and internal audit functions for a multitude of companies. He combines this expertise with experience as a public company director through his board membership at Alico. Mr. Rodriguez also provides substantial management experience gained from his years as an executive of DME Corporation and as Chief Executive Officer of Madsen, Sapp, Mena, Rodriguez & Co., P.A.

Donald W. Slager was named a director in June 2010. Mr. Slager became our President and Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2011, after having served as our President and Chief Operating Officer from the close of our merger with Allied in December 2008 until becoming our President and Chief Executive Officer. While with Allied, Mr. Slager served as President and Chief Operating Officer from January 2005 through December 2008 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from June 2003 through December 2004. Mr. Slager was Senior Vice President Operations from December 2001 to June 2003. Previously, Mr. Slager served as Vice President Operations from February 1998 to December 2001, as Assistant Vice President Operations from June 1997 to February 1998, and as Regional Vice President of the Western Region from June 1996 to June 1997. Mr. Slager also served as District Manager for the Chicago Metro District from 1992 to 1996. Before Allied's acquisition of National Waste Services in 1992, he served at National Waste Services as General Manager from 1990 to 1992 and in other management positions with that company beginning in 1985. Mr. Slager also serves on the board of directors of UTi Worldwide, Inc. and as a member of its Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and Risk Committee.

Mr. Slager brings to our Board more than 31 years of experience in the waste and recycling industry, including 26 years with Republic or Allied. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Republic or Allied from 2003 through 2010, prior to becoming our Chief Executive Officer beginning in 2011. Mr. Slager's proven track record as a leader and extensive experience in the industry position him well to serve as a director and as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

Allan C. Sorensen was named a director in November 1998. Mr. Sorensen is a co-founder of Interim Health Care, Inc., which Interim Services, Inc., later known as Spherion Corporation, spun off in October 1997. From October 1997 through the present, Mr. Sorensen served as Interim Health Care's Vice Chairman. From February 2004 through February 2007, Mr. Sorensen also served as Interim Healthcare's Chief Executive Officer and President. Before the spin-off, Mr. Sorensen served as a director and in various capacities as either President, Chief Executive Officer or Chairman of Interim Services from 1967 to 1997. He also was a member of the board of directors of H&R Block, Inc. from 1979 until 1993. In 1994, Mr. Sorensen became a minority owner and director of privately owned Let's Talk Cellular & Wireless, Inc., which completed an initial public offering in November 1997 and was purchased by Nextel Retail Stores, Inc. in 2001. In October 1999, Mr. Sorensen was elected to the board of directors of Corporate Staffing Resources, Inc. representing investors Wm. E. Simon & Sons, LLC and Mellon Ventures, L.P. The following year Mr. Sorensen was elected Chairperson and the company was sold in 2001. Mr. Sorensen was elected to the Board of Directors of Cape Success LLC, representing investor Deutsche Bank, in January 2003 and served until late 2007 when it was sold. Mr. Sorensen is also a five-term Chairman of the Home Health Services and Staffing Association and a past president and 14-year board member of the National Association of Temporary Staffing Services (now known as the American Staffing Association) and recipient of their 1992 Industry Leadership Award.

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Mr. Sorensen is a demonstrated leader with a particular appreciation of staffing and personnel-related issues. Based on his years of experience as Chief Executive Officer of both Interim Health Care and Interim Services, during which time those companies accomplished the successful acquisition, integration and divestiture of a number of businesses, Mr. Sorensen is well-positioned to serve as Chairman of our Integration Committee and a member of our Compensation Committee. He also has served as both an inside and independent director of a public company, which allows him to offer valuable perspective on our Board.

John M. Trani was named a director in December 2008 upon the close of the merger between Republic and Allied. Prior to the merger, Mr. Trani served as a director of Allied from February 2007 until December 2008. Mr. Trani was Chairman of Accretive Commerce (formerly New Roads) from February 2004 until it was acquired in September 2007. Prior to that, Mr. Trani was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Stanley Works from 1997 until his retirement in 2003. Prior to joining Stanley, Mr. Trani served in various positions of increasing responsibility with General Electric Company (GE) from 1978 to 1996. Mr. Trani was a Senior Vice President of GE and President and Chief Executive Officer of its Medical Systems Group from 1986 to 1996. Mr. Trani also is a Special Advisor to Young America Corporation.

Mr. Trani's extensive business experience in senior operational roles at both Stanley Works and GE make him a significant contributor to our Board. As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stanley Works, Mr. Trani gained a keen awareness of the financial, compensation, accounting and other issues that face a large public company. His service as both an inside and independent director further position him well to serve on our Board and our Audit and Governance Committees.

Michael W. Wickham was named a director in October 2004. From 1996 to 2003, Mr. Wickham served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Roadway Corporation. He also served as Chairman of Roadway from 1998, and as a director from 1989, until his planned retirement in December 2003. He served as President of Roadway from July 1990 through March 1998. Mr. Wickham also serves as a director of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., a transportation, logistics and sourcing company, director and non-executive Chairman of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., a manufacturer of snow and ice control equipment for light trucks, and a director of several private companies.

Mr. Wickham brings to our Board his vast experience in the freight services industry, which is of particular relevance to a company such as ours. He is a proven leader, having served as the Chief Executive Officer of a large public company and as the non-executive Chairman of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee of C.H. Robinson Worldwide and as a member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. We believe these experiences have given him significant governance- and compensation-related expertise and position him well to serve as a director and as a member of our Compensation and Integration Committees.

For biographical information on our non-director executive officers, see the section under the heading Executive Officers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Separate Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Since January 1, 2011, our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer roles have been separated. Further, we have had a non-executive, independent Chairman of the Board since May 12, 2011, when James W. Crowover replaced James E. O'Connor and began a two-year term as Chairman of the Board.

The Board believes that having a non-executive, independent director act as Chairman of the Board serves the best interests of Republic and its stockholders because it strengthens the Board's independence and allows the Chief Executive Officer to focus his talents and attention on managing our business. The Chairman's role is to provide leadership to the Board, and the Chairman's responsibilities include:

setting the agenda and procedures for Board meetings in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer;

presiding over all meetings of the Board and stockholders;

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supervising the circulation of information to the directors;

after consulting with the Chief Executive Officer and other directors, providing input to the Governance Committee regarding revisions to our Corporate Governance Guidelines and the appointment of chairs and members of the Board's committees;

coordinating periodic review of senior management's strategic plan;

consulting with committee chairs about the retention of advisors and experts; and

performing such other duties and services as the Board may require.

The Chairman also has the authority to request access to any of our employees at any time.

Board of Directors and Board Committees

The Board oversees the development of our business strategy, establishes our overall policies and standards, and reviews the performance of management in executing our business strategy and implementing our policies and standards. We keep directors informed of our operations at meetings and through reports and analyses presented to the Board and Board committees. Significant communications between the directors and management also occur apart from Board and committee meetings.

Our directors will continue to attend seminars and continuing education programs relating to corporate governance, audit and compensation matters. In addition, site visits and external and in-house presentations are scheduled as part of the directors' continuing education.

The Board held six meetings and took two actions by unanimous written consent during 2011. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the total number of Board meetings and the total number of meetings of all Board committees on which he served held during his term of service. The non-employee directors met regularly in executive sessions during 2011.

The Board has established four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Governance Committee, and the Integration Committee. Committee member appointments are evaluated annually.

Information regarding each of the current standing committees follows.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Rodriguez (Chairman), Croghan, Lehmann and Trani. The four members of the Audit Committee meet the independence, education and experience requirements of the listing standards of the NYSE and the rules and regulations of the SEC. Further, our Board has determined that each of Messrs. Rodriguez and Croghan qualifies as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of Item 407 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act).

The Audit Committee assists the Board in monitoring the integrity of our financial statements, our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and the independence and performance of our internal and external auditors. Further, the Audit Committee has the ultimate authority and responsibility to select, evaluate and, where appropriate, terminate and replace the independent public accountants. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board in accordance with NYSE rules and all other applicable laws. The Audit Committee reviews its charter at least annually. The Audit Committee held five meetings, took two actions by unanimous written consent and met regularly in executive sessions during 2011. The Audit Committee Report is on page 21 of this proxy statement.

Management Development and Compensation Committee

The Management Development and Compensation Committee (the Compensation Committee) consists of Messrs. Flynn (Chairman), Larson, Nutter, Sorensen and Wickham. The five members of the Compensation

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Committee are independent as that term is defined under the listing standards of the NYSE. The Compensation Committee held seven meetings, took two actions by unanimous written consent and met regularly in executive sessions during 2011.

The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board in accordance with NYSE rules and all other applicable laws. The Compensation Committee reviews its charter at least annually. In February 2012, following extensive discussion with the Governance Committee and the Board, the Board amended the Compensation Committee charter to include additional responsibility for overseeing management training and development. Under its charter, the Compensation Committee may form and delegate authority to sub-committees when appropriate, provided that any such sub-committee is composed entirely of independent directors and has a published charter.

The responsibilities of the Compensation Committee in 2011 were grouped into five broad areas. Pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee:

establishes and regularly reviews our compensation and benefits philosophy and programs in a manner consistent with the corporate financial goals and objectives;

exercises authority with respect to determining the salaries and incentive compensation payable to executive officers, including annual and long-term incentive compensation under our stockholder-approved pay-for-performance programs;

administers our stockholder-approved stock incentive plan;

evaluates the performance of our Chief Executive Officer and sets his compensation, and, in conjunction with this process, reviews the management succession plan overseen by the Governance Committee; and

approves the Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation found on page 38 of this proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee also oversaw the completion of an assessment of any risks that may be associated with our compensation policies and practices, with particular attention paid to the incentive programs across the company. The Compensation Committee determined that our compensation programs are designed and administered with the appropriate balance of risk and pay-for-performance reward in relation to our business and strategic objectives, that they do not encourage employees or senior officers to take unnecessary risk, and that the risks, if any, resulting from our compensation programs are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the company. See the Compensation Program as It Relates to Risk Management section of this proxy statement on page 39 of this proxy statement.

In addition to the responsibilities described above, the Compensation Committee determines the breadth and scope of the external compensation consultant's services and may engage the compensation consultant of its choice and terminate the engagement at any time. Since 2003, the Compensation Committee has retained Pearl Meyer & Partners (Pearl Meyer) to assist with its review of our senior executives' compensation and benefits and with other compensation issues. The Compensation Committee retains Pearl Meyer directly, supervises all work done by Pearl Meyer and reviews and approves all work invoices. Our compensation staff works with Pearl Meyer to provide data on our compensation programs and our executive officers' compensation. Our Governance Committee also retains Pearl Meyer on occasion to conduct market analyses on director compensation and related matters. Other than described above, Pearl Meyer did not perform any other services for us and is considered independent for SEC purposes. In addition to Pearl Meyer, the Compensation Committee may retain any other advisors it deems necessary or advisable to discharge its duties.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (Governance Committee) consists of Messrs. Croghan (Chairman), Flynn, Larson, Lehmann and Trani. The five members of the Governance Committee are independent as that term is defined under the listing standards of the NYSE.

The Governance Committee identifies director candidates that it recommends to our Board for selection as the director nominees for the next annual meeting or to fill vacancies. It also identifies candidates that it recommends to our Board for selection as the Chairman of the Board. The

Governance Committee also is responsible for

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developing and recommending our corporate governance principles and reviewing and providing oversight of the effectiveness of our governance practices. The Governance Committee also oversees the annual evaluation of the Board and its committees, discharges the Board's responsibilities related to the compensation of non-employee directors and monitors the talent and succession management program. The Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board in accordance with the NYSE rules and all other applicable laws. The Governance Committee reviews its charter at least annually. The Governance Committee will consider nominations for the Board from stockholders that are entitled to vote for the election of directors, as described under "Stockholder Director Recommendation Policy" below. The Governance Committee held four meetings and met regularly in executive sessions during 2011.

Integration Committee

The Integration Committee consists of Messrs. Sorensen (Chairman), Nutter, Rodriguez and Wickham. The four members of the Integration Committee are independent as that term is defined under the listing standards of the NYSE.

The Integration Committee was responsible for assisting our Board in overseeing the implementation and assessing the effectiveness of a comprehensive integration program designed to combine the business, operations and organizational cultures of Republic and Allied as a result of the merger in December 2008. It also was responsible for verifying the synergies achieved for purposes of the Synergy Incentive Plan and reporting to the Compensation Committee on the synergies achieved. The integration and synergy review process is now complete, but the Integration Committee continues to meet and has shifted its focus to assisting the Board in overseeing the implementation, and assessing the effectiveness, of our major initiatives. The Integration Committee operates under a formal charter that was approved by the Board. The Integration Committee held four regular quarterly meetings during 2011.

Director Nomination Procedures

The Governance Committee is responsible for soliciting recommendations for candidates for the Board, compiling and reviewing background information for such candidates, and making recommendations to the Board with respect to candidates for directors proposed by stockholders. In evaluating candidates for potential director nomination, the Governance Committee considers, among other things, candidates who are independent, if required, who possess personal and professional integrity, who have sound business judgment, who have relevant business and industry experience, education and skills, and who would be effective as directors in collectively serving the long-term interests of our stockholders in light of the needs and challenges facing the Board at the time.

Although we have no formal policy regarding diversity relating to Board candidacy, our Corporate Governance Guidelines state that directors should be selected in the context of assessing the Board's needs at the time and with the objective of ensuring diversity in the background, experience and viewpoints of Board members. The Board and Governance Committee value diversity as a factor in selecting Board members and believe that the diversity of opinions, perspectives, personal and professional experiences, and backgrounds reflected on our Board provides us significant benefits.

When assessing the independence of a current director or a prospective director candidate, the Governance Committee considers the *per se* disqualifications to director independence in accordance with the NYSE rules. In addition, the Board, based upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, has adopted categorical standards, which state that certain relationships are not considered to be material relationships that would bar a director's independence. These categorical standards are detailed under "Director Independence" below. All candidates are reviewed in the same manner, regardless of the source of recommendation. Mr. Slager is nominated for election to our Board at each annual meeting of stockholders pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement with us.

Stockholder Director Recommendation Policy

The Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by our stockholders. In accordance with our bylaws, a stockholder wanting to propose a nominee to serve as a director before a meeting of stockholders must give timely written notice. This notice requirement will be deemed satisfied if in compliance with our bylaws, and must include:

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as to each person whom such stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director: (i) all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected; (ii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary arrangements during the past three years and any other material relationships between such stockholder, beneficial owner and their respective affiliates and associates, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee and his respective affiliates and associates, on the other hand; and (iii) a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by Section 2.13 of our bylaws; and

as to such stockholder giving notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made: (i) the name and address, as they appear on our books, of such stockholder and beneficial owner; (ii) (a) the class and number of shares of our stock which are owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder and beneficial owner, (b) any instrument derived in whole or part from the value of any class or series of shares of our stock beneficially owned by such stockholder, (c) any proxy, understanding or relationship pursuant to which such stockholder has a right to vote any shares of any of our securities, (d) any short interest in any of our securities, (e) any rights to dividends on our shares beneficially owned by such stockholder that are separated or separable from the underlying shares, (f) any proportionate interest in our shares or derivative instruments held directly or indirectly by a general or limited partnership in which such stockholder is a general partner or beneficially owns an interest in a general partner, and (g) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) that such stockholder is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of our shares or derivative instruments, including interests held by members of the stockholder's immediate family; and (iii) any other information relating to such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for the election of directors under the Exchange Act.

The Governance Committee determines the eligibility of a proposed nominee to serve as a director, and may require additional information to determine such eligibility. Director candidates proposed by stockholders are evaluated on the same basis as all other director candidates. The Governance Committee may, in its discretion, interview any director candidate proposed by a stockholder.

Stockholders wishing to recommend director candidates for consideration by the Governance Committee may do so by giving the required information as described above in writing to: Attention: Office of the Corporate Secretary, Republic Services, Inc., 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85054. To consider a candidate for nomination at the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, we must receive the stockholder's written notice not later than 90 days and not earlier than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of this year's Annual Meeting. Refer to our bylaws for additional information and notice requirements.

Director Independence

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE, which requires that a majority of our Board be independent directors according to independence standards established by the NYSE. Following is a list of our independent directors as of the date of this proxy statement:

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| John W. Croghan | Michael Larson | Ramon A. Rodriguez | Michael W. Wickham |
| James W. Crownover | Nolan Lehmann | Allan C. Sorensen | |
| William J. Flynn | W. Lee Nutter | John M. Trani | |

The Governance Committee considers the per se disqualifications from director independence, under NYSE rules, when assessing the independence of a current director or a nominee for director. In addition, our Board adopted standards that provide the following are not material relationships that would cause a director to be deemed not independent:

If any of our directors is an executive officer of another company that is indebted to us, or to which we are indebted, and the total amount of either company's indebtedness to the other is less than 1% of our consolidated assets and of the consolidated assets of the company for which the director serves as an executive officer;

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If any of our directors or a member of the director's immediate family serves as an officer, director or trustee of a charitable organization, and our discretionary charitable contributions to the organization are less than 2% of that organization's total annual charitable receipts;

A passive investment by any of our directors, or member of the director's immediate family, in a stockholder that owns less than 45% of our outstanding common stock, as long as the passive investment does not exceed 5% of the director's net worth; or

Affiliation or employment by any of our directors, or a member of the director's immediate family, with an entity that beneficially owns up to 45% of our outstanding common stock.

The Board undertook a review of director independence and considered relationships between each of the directors and their immediate family members and Republic and its subsidiaries, both in the aggregate and individually. Mr. Slager is not an independent director under the NYSE listing standards because he is an employee of Republic. The Board determined that the 10 remaining directors meet the standards for independence set by the NYSE and the categorical standards adopted by our Board, and have no material relationships with us that impaired their independence from us. These individuals therefore are independent directors under the NYSE listing standards. In making its determination, the Board considered, in the case of Mr. Larson, his status as business manager of Cascade Investment, L.L.C., our largest stockholder.

Corporate Governance

We operate within a comprehensive plan of corporate governance that defines responsibilities, sets high standards of professional and personal conduct, and assures compliance with these responsibilities and standards. We continuously monitor developments and best practices in the area of corporate governance and enhance our plan as warranted.

Corporate Governance Guidelines. We have adopted a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines, including specifications for director qualification and responsibility.

Personal Loans to Executive Officers and Directors. We comply with legislation prohibiting extensions of credit in the form of personal loans to or for our directors or executive officers.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Code of Ethics). We have adopted a Code of Ethics that requires compliance with all applicable laws and outlines the general standards of business conduct that all of our employees, officers and directors must follow. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code of Ethics or grant any waiver from a provision of the Code of Ethics that applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Controller, or Chief Accounting Officer, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on our website or in a report on Form 8-K.

Political Contributions Policy. To further our responsibility as a good corporate citizen to participate in the political process in a lawful, prudent and ethical manner, we have adopted a Political Contributions Policy and related procedures intended to ensure that our employees and other company representatives participate in the political process in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing corporate political contributions and regulating corporate participation in public and governmental affairs.

Stock Ownership Guidelines and Anti-Hedging Policy. To align the interests of the Board and senior management with the interests of our other stockholders and to demonstrate to the investing public and our employees the Board's and senior management's commitment to Republic, we require our directors and senior management to hold our securities and we prohibit them from engaging in various hedging transactions related to our securities. See Security Ownership of the Board of Directors and Management Security Ownership and Anti-Hedging Policy.

Additional Information Regarding Corporate Governance. You can obtain, free of charge, the current charters for the Audit, Compensation, and Governance Committees, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Code of Ethics and our Political Contributions Policy by written request to: Attention: Office of the Corporate Secretary, Republic Services, Inc., 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85054. These documents are also available on our website at www.republicservices.com.

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Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Board Leadership Structure. Since January 1, 2011, our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer roles have been separated. Further, we have had a non-executive, independent Chairman of the Board since May 12, 2011, when James W. Crownover replaced James E. O' Connor and began a two-year term as Chairman of the Board. See above under the heading "Separate Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer" for a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board.

Our Board has four standing committees—Audit, Compensation, Integration, and Governance. Each such committee consists solely of independent directors and has its own Chairman who is responsible for directing the committee's work in fulfilling its responsibilities.

The Board believes that an independent director serving as the Chairman of the Board is in the best interests of Republic and its stockholders because it strengthens the Board's independence and allows the Chief Executive Officer to focus his talents and attention on managing our business. The Chairman of the Board also is a valuable bridge between the Board and management. Ten of our 11 directors are independent; we have effective and active oversight by experienced independent directors; we have a non-executive, independent Chairman of the Board; and we have independent committee chairs. Our system provides appropriate checks and balances to protect stockholder value.

Risk Oversight. We face a variety of risks, including credit and liquidity risk, operational risk, environmental risk, litigation risk, compliance risk and compensation risk. In accordance with NYSE requirements, our Audit Committee charter requires the Audit Committee to, among other things:

- meet periodically with management and our independent public accountants to review our major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control them;

- discuss guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management;

- advise the Board with respect to our policies and procedures regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations and with our Code of Conduct;

- review with our General Counsel legal matters that may have a material impact on our financial statements, our compliance policies, and any material reports or inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies; and

- at least annually, and otherwise as necessary, provide new and existing Audit Committee members an overview of our key financial risks and our legal and regulatory requirements.

Our Audit Committee meets at least quarterly and takes various steps to assist it in fulfilling its risk oversight function. For example, the agenda for each Audit Committee meeting typically includes a report by each of our General Counsel and our Vice President of Internal Audit. Before each meeting, our General Counsel provides the Audit Committee a comprehensive report describing our most significant pending litigation, regulatory and compliance matters, and information regarding our AWARE Line activity. The AWARE Line is an integral part of our compliance program and provides a way for our employees to provide information in a confidential manner regarding concerns they may have with respect to compliance with policies or ethical and legal requirements. Likewise, before each meeting, our Vice President of Internal Audit provides to the Audit Committee a comprehensive report on internal audit matters, including Sarbanes-Oxley Act testing results and environmental, health and safety findings. At the meeting, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Internal Audit supplement their advance written reports with oral presentations and respond to questions from the directors. Further, the Chairman of the Audit Committee has reviewed, discussed with our Vice President of Internal Audit and concurred in a program for field audits whereby each field audit includes a finance review, an operations review and a compliance review. In addition, our Treasurer and our Vice President, Risk Management periodically brief the Audit Committee or the Board on our insurance coverage programs and related risks.

Our Board and other Board committees also are actively involved in risk oversight. For example:

our management annually reports to the Board the results of its internal survey and analysis of enterprise risk management;

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the agendas for our Board meetings include regular reports from our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and from our Treasurer, regarding the financial, credit and liquidity risks we face, including hedging issues;

our management regularly discuss with the Board various operational risks, including pricing risk, customer defection risk, commodity price risk, safety risk, and capital expenditure and fleet risk;

the Audit Committee provides regular reports to the Board on risk issues and our independent public accountants report to the Board annually on business and financial risk considerations;

the Compensation Committee addresses risks that may be raised by our compensation programs; and

the Board and individual Board members engage in periodic discussions with management regarding risks as they deem appropriate. While the Board and its committees provide risk oversight, management is responsible for the day-to-day risk management processes. We believe our Board's role is to satisfy itself that:

the risk management processes designed and implemented by management are adapted to the overall corporate strategy;

those processes are functioning effectively;

management communicates material risks to the Board or the Audit Committee; and

necessary actions are being taken to foster a culture of compliance and risk-adjusted decision making throughout Republic. We further believe that the Board and committee leadership structure we have implemented and the division of responsibilities described above constitute the most effective approach to address the risks we face.

Communications with the Board of Directors

Any stockholder or other interested party who wishes to communicate with the Board, a Board committee, the Chairman of the Board, or the non-management directors (as a group or individually), may send correspondence to: Attention: Office of the Corporate Secretary, Republic Services, Inc., 18500 North Allied Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85054. The Corporate Secretary will compile and submit such correspondence on a periodic basis to the entire Board, or, if and as designated in the communication, to the appropriate Board committee, the Chairman of the Board or the non-management directors (as a group or the appropriate individual member). The independent directors have approved this process.

Attendance at Annual Meetings Policy

We do not have a formal policy requiring our directors to attend the Annual Meeting. Three directors attended our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders.

Compensation Matter

Shortly after the dismissal of his 2009 lawsuit in Federal court in Delaware challenging our disclosures in our 2009 proxy statement with respect to the Executive Incentive Plan, the same stockholder sued Republic Services, Inc., its directors, and several executive officers in the Court of Chancery in Delaware. His new lawsuit, filed in May 2011, challenges certain compensation decisions that were made by the Board of Directors or its Compensation Committee. The lawsuit is purportedly brought on behalf of our company against all of our directors and several executive

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officers. In particular, the plaintiff's amended complaint: (1) challenges certain payments totaling \$3.05 million made to our former Chief Executive Officer, James O. Connor, under his June 25, 2010 Retirement Agreement; (2) contends that the company committed waste by awarding restricted stock units that vest over time (some of which would not be tax deductible) rather than awarding performance-based units (which typically would be tax deductible); (3) alleges that the Board overpaid itself by awarding directors too many restricted stock units in 2009 and 2010; and (4) alleges that the company may not pay any bonuses under its Synergy Incentive Plan because net earnings purportedly have not increased since the merger with Allied. The amended complaint

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seeks injunctive relief and seeks an equitable accounting for unspecified losses the company purportedly sustained. We believe the lawsuit is without merit and is not material. The defendants will defend the lawsuit vigorously and have filed motions to dismiss the amended complaint.

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DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

When establishing and reviewing the compensation paid to our directors, we consider the level of work and involvement the directors have with our business. We also consider compensation paid to directors in the marketplace generally and at our peer group companies.

We compensate our directors as follows:

we pay each non-employee director an annual retainer of \$80,000;

in addition to the \$80,000 paid to all non-employee directors, we also pay Mr. Crownover an annual retainer of \$125,000 (prorated in 2011) for serving as our Chairman of the Board;

we pay each committee chairman an annual fee of \$20,000;

we pay each non-employee director a meeting fee of \$1,500 for each Board or committee meeting attended, except with respect to the Integration Committee for which we pay each member \$1,500 per quarter in lieu of meeting fees;

we annually grant each non-employee director 7,500 restricted stock units (RSUs) that are vested upon grant. RSUs granted before 2012 are settled upon the director's termination of service from the Board. Beginning with grants in 2012, the RSUs are settled three years after they are granted. Directors may defer the settlement date via our Deferred Compensation Plan. The annual grant of RSUs to a newly-appointed, non-employee director will be prorated to the number of days remaining in the year; and

we grant each non-employee director first elected after July 29, 2009 a one-time award of RSUs having a face value of \$250,000 that vest in three equal annual installments commencing one year from the date of the award. These RSUs are settled upon the director's termination from service on the Board.

RSUs are settled through the issuance of shares of our common stock, except that RSUs that a director has deferred into our Deferred Compensation Plan may be settled in cash more than six months after the director's separation from service. At the end of any quarter in which dividends are distributed to stockholders, the non-employee directors receive additional RSUs with a value equal to the value of dividends they would have received on the shares of stock underlying the RSUs on the dividend record date. The value of all grants of RSUs and the determination of the number of additional RSUs to be received by directors and executives due to the declaration of dividends are based on the closing price of our stock on the date of grant and the dividend payment date, respectively.

All compensation paid by us during 2011 to our non-employee directors is detailed below. The compensation of Mr. Slager and our former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. O Connor, is reflected in the executive compensation tables contained in this proxy statement, and they received no additional compensation from us for their duties as directors.

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| Name | Fees Earned or Paid in | | Total (\$) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Cash \$(1) | Stock Awards \$(2) | |
| James W. Crownover (Chairman) | 171,624 | 225,375 | 396,999 |
| John W. Croghan | 122,500 | 225,375 | 347,875 |
| William J. Flynn | 125,500 | 225,375 | 350,875 |
| Michael Larson | 104,000 | 225,375 | 329,375 |
| Nolan Lehmann | 102,500 | 225,375 | 327,875 |
| W. Lee Nutter | 98,000 | 225,375 | 323,375 |
| Ramon A. Rodriguez | 122,500 | 225,375 | 347,875 |
| Allan C. Sorensen | 125,500 | 225,375 | 350,875 |
| John M. Trani | 102,500 | 225,375 | 327,875 |
| Michael W. Wickham | 102,500 | 225,375 | 327,875 |

- (1) Includes annual cash retainers, Board and committee chairmanship retainers, and meeting fees for Board and committee meetings.
- (2) The amounts shown in this column represent the grant date fair value of RSUs granted in 2011 calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. See Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in making such calculations. This does not include the value of additional RSUs received in lieu of dividends. Each non-employee director received a grant on January 3, 2011 with a grant date fair value of \$30.05 per share, which was the closing price of our stock on January 3, 2011. The grant was an annual grant of 7,500 RSUs to each director, which was fully vested upon the grant but will not be settled into shares of our common stock until his termination of service as a member of our Board. Each of our non-employee directors, except for Mr. Larson, had 8,161 unvested RSUs (including dividends in the form of additional RSUs) and 40,101 vested, but unsettled, RSUs (including dividends in the form of additional RSUs) as of December 31, 2011. Mr. Larson had 3,344 unvested RSUs (including dividends in the form of additional RSUs) and 23,693 vested, but unsettled, RSUs (including dividends in the form of additional RSUs) as of December 31, 2011 due to his joining the Board during 2009. All of these unvested RSUs (other than Mr. Larson's) vested in January 2012, but will not be settled until a director's termination of service.

Table of Contents**Options Held by Directors**

The following table sets forth the aggregate number of vested stock options held by each of our non-employee directors as of December 31, 2011. There were no unvested stock options held by our non-employee directors as of December 31, 2011.

| Name | Number of Securities | | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Grant Date | Option Expiration Date |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Underlying Options | Unexercised Exercisable | | | |
| James W. Crownover | | 4,500 | 28.00 | 5/21/2004 | 5/21/2014 |
| John W. Croghan | | 15,000 | 12.82 | 2/5/2003 | 2/5/2013 |
| William J. Flynn | | | | | |
| Michael Larson | | | | | |
| Nolan Lehmann | | 4,500 | 24.62 | 5/29/2002 | 5/29/2012 |
| | | 4,500 | 19.62 | 5/21/2003 | 5/21/2013 |
| | | 4,500 | 28.00 | 5/21/2004 | 5/21/2014 |
| W. Lee Nutter | | | | | |
| Ramon A. Rodriguez(1) | | 15,000 | 12.82 | 2/5/2003 | 2/5/2013 |
| Allan C. Sorensen | | 15,000 | 12.82 | 2/5/2003 | 2/5/2013 |
| John M. Trani | | | | | |
| Michael W. Wickham | | | | | |

- (1) All outstanding options granted to Mr. Rodriguez are held by Crombet LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership of which the general partner is an entity controlled by Mr. Rodriguez and his spouse.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The following statement made by the Audit Committee shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under either of these acts.

Management is responsible for our internal controls, financial reporting processes, and compliance with laws and regulations and ethical business standards. The independent public accountants are responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and issuing a report thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes on the Board's behalf.

In this context, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management and the independent public accountants. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent public accountants the matters required to be discussed by Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, AU § 380 regarding communication with the audit committee, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.

In addition, the Audit Committee has received from the independent public accountants the written disclosures and the letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent public accountants' communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent public accountants their independence. The Audit Committee has considered whether the independent public accountants' provision of audit-related and other non-audit services to us is compatible with maintaining the independent public accountants' independence.

Finally, the Audit Committee has evaluated the independent public accountants' role in performing an independent audit of our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and applicable professional and firm auditing standards, including quality control standards. The Audit Committee has received assurances from the independent public accountants that the audit was subject to its quality control system for its accounting and auditing practice in the United States. The independent public accountants have further assured the Audit Committee that the independent public accountants' engagement was conducted in compliance with professional standards and that there was appropriate continuity of personnel working on the audit and availability of national office consultation to conduct the relevant portions of the audit.

In reliance on the reviews, discussions and evaluations referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 for filing with the SEC. By recommending to the Board that the audited financial statements be so included, the Audit Committee is not opining on the accuracy, completeness or presentation of the information contained in the audited financial statements.

Submitted by the Audit Committee:

Ramon A. Rodriguez, Chairman

John W. Croghan

Nolan Lehmann

John M. Trani

Table of Contents**AUDIT AND RELATED FEES****Independent Public Accountant Fee Information**

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed to us by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of our annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and other services provided during those periods:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Audit Fees | \$ 2,022,581 | \$ 2,178,630 |
| Audit-Related Fees | | 2,483 |
| Tax Fees | 329,253 | 162,285 |
| All Other Fees | | |
| Total Fees | \$ 2,351,834 | \$ 2,343,398 |

Audit fees include fees associated with the audit of the annual financial statements, review of the financial statements included in our reports on Form 10-Q, comfort letters related to the sale of securities and filed consents. Audit fees also include amounts related to Ernst & Young LLP's report on our internal controls in accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. In 2010, audit-related fees consisted primarily of audits of employee benefit plans. In 2010 and 2011, tax fees consisted primarily of tax consulting services for various tax matters, including federal and state tax planning and credits screening.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee pre-approves all fees to be paid to our independent public accountants in accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in accordance therewith.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Based solely upon a review of (1) Forms 3 and 4 and amendments to each form furnished to us pursuant to Rule 16a-3(e) under the Exchange Act during our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, (2) any Forms 5 and amendments to the forms furnished to us with respect to our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, and (3) any written representations referred to us in subparagraph (b)(1) of Item 405 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act, no person who at any time during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 was a director, Section 16(a) officer or, to our knowledge, a beneficial owner of more than 10% of our common stock failed to file on a timely basis reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Table of Contents**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT STOCKHOLDERS**

The following table shows certain information as of March 20, 2012 with respect to the beneficial ownership of common stock by each of our stockholders who we know is a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock.

| Name of Beneficial Owner | Shares Beneficially Owned | |
|---|---------------------------|------------|
| | Number | Percent(1) |
| William H. Gates III(2) | 66,504,169 | 17.9% |
| Cascade Investment, L.L.C. 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, WA 98033 | (2) | |
| FMR LLC, Edward C. Johnson 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109 | 20,533,765(3) | 5.5% |

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, based on 370,829,623 shares outstanding at the close of business on March 20, 2012.
- (2) Based on a Schedule 13D/A and Form 4s filed with the SEC by Mr. Gates and Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (Cascade) through December 9, 2011, the number of shares beneficially owned by Mr. Gates includes 65,154,169 held by Cascade and 1,350,000 shares held by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the Trust). All shares of our common stock held by Cascade and the Trust may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Gates as the sole member of Cascade and co-Trustee of the Trust. Mr. Gates' address is One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.
- (3) Based on Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by FMR LLC (FMR) on February 14, 2012, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Fidelity), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR, is the beneficial owner of 18,346,972 shares of our common stock as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies. Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR, through its control of Fidelity and the funds, each has sole power to dispose of the 18,346,972 shares owned by the funds. Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR. The Johnson family group and all other Series B stockholders have entered into a stockholders' voting agreement under which all Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the stockholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed to form a controlling group under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with respect to FMR. Neither FMR nor Edward C. Johnson 3d has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity funds, which power resides with the funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity is the beneficial owner of 101,301 shares of our common stock as a result of its serving as investment manager of the institutional accounts. Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR, through its control of Fidelity, each has sole dispositive power over 101,301 shares of our common stock owned by the institutional accounts as reported above. Strategic Advisors, Inc., 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109, a wholly owned subsidiary of FMR, provides investment advisory services to individuals. As such, FMR's beneficial ownership includes 54,452 shares of our common stock beneficially owned through Strategic Advisors, Inc. Pyramis Global Advisors, LLC (PGALLC), 900 Salem Street, Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of FMR, is the beneficial owner of 740,080 shares of our common stock as a result of its serving as investment advisor to institutional accounts, non-U.S. mutual funds or investment companies owning such shares. Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR, through its control of PGALLC, each has sole dispositive power over 740,080 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 376,340 shares of our common stock owned by the institutional accounts or funds advised by PGALLC as reported above. Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company (PGATC), 900 Salem Street, Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of FMR, is the beneficial owner of 1,268,960 shares of our common stock as a result of its serving as investment manager of institutional accounts owning such shares. Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR, through its control of PGATC, each has sole dispositive power over 1,268,960 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 673,283 shares of our common stock owned by the institutional accounts managed by PGATC as reported above. FIL Limited (FIL), Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane, Hamilton, Bermuda and various foreign-based subsidiaries provide investment advisory and management services to a number of non-U.S. investment companies and certain institutional investors. FIL is the beneficial owner of 22,000 shares of our common stock. Partnerships controlled predominantly by members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR and FIL, or trusts for their benefit, own shares of FIL voting stock. While the percentage of total voting power represented by these shares may fluctuate as a result of changes in the total number of shares of FIL voting stock outstanding from time to time, it normally represents more than 25% and less than 50% of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. FMR and FIL are of the view that they are not acting as a group for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they

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are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the beneficial ownership of securities beneficially owned by the other corporation within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the 1934 Act. However, FMR has made filings with the SEC as if all of the shares are beneficially owned by FMR and FIL on a joint basis.

Table of Contents**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT****Security Ownership Guidelines and Anti-Hedging Policy**

We require our directors and executive officers to hold our securities. Our Board believes that security ownership by the Board and senior management is important to align the interests of the Board and senior management with the interests of our other stockholders and to demonstrate to the investing public and our employees the Board's and senior management's commitment to Republic.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines state the Board's belief that directors should be stockholders and have a financial stake in Republic. To support that philosophy, we pay our directors a significant portion of their director compensation in the form of RSUs. As discussed above, directors receive RSUs that either do not distribute until the director's termination of service on the Board or that distribute three years after their grant date. To further demonstrate the Board's commitment to align itself with our stockholders, in October 2011 the Board established a formal equity ownership guideline for independent directors, with each independent director to hold company stock or vested RSUs, or both, having a total value of \$1,000,000 within five years.

We also maintain stock ownership guidelines for our executive officers and other members of senior management. In October 2010, our Board adopted the following stock ownership guidelines for the executive officers and other members of senior management: (1) Chief Executive Officer—five times salary; (2) Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel—three times salary; (3) other Executive Vice Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents—two times salary; and (4) Vice Presidents and Area Presidents—one times salary. Each member of senior management has a five-year period from April 1, 2011, or from the time of promotion or hire into a covered position, to meet the applicable guideline, and interim progress is expected. Members of senior management may meet their guideline by holding company stock or RSUs, or both, having the requisite value.

Our insider trading policy prohibits all directors, officers and employees and their immediate family members from engaging in the following transactions relating to Republic securities or derivatives thereof: purchasing or selling puts or calls, short sales, placing standing orders (other than under 10b5-1 plans), engaging in short-term or in-and-out trading, and holding Republic securities or derivatives thereof in a margin account or pledging them.

Security Ownership of the Board and Management

The following table shows certain information as of March 20, 2012 with respect to the beneficial ownership of common stock by (1) our current directors, (2) each of the executive officers and former executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table (to whom we refer as the named executive officers or NEOs), and (3) all of our current directors and executive officers as a group. We have adjusted share amounts and percentages shown for each individual in the table to give effect to shares of common stock that are not outstanding but which the individual may acquire upon exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of March 20, 2012. However, we do not deem these shares of common stock to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding shares beneficially owned by any other individual listed on the table.

| Name of Beneficial Owner | Shares Beneficially Owned(a) | | Restricted Stock Units(d) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Number(b) | Percent(c) | |
| James W. Crownover | 22,211(1) | | 56,208 |
| John W. Croghan | 150,000(2) | | 56,208* |
| William J. Flynn | 10,058(3) | | 56,208* |
| Michael Larson | | | 34,813 |
| Nolan Lehmann | 53,439(4) | | 56,208 |
| W. Lee Nutter | 332(5) | | 56,208* |
| Ramon A. Rodriguez | 15,000(6) | | 56,208* |
| Donald W. Slager | 715,585(7) | | 103,447 |
| Allan C. Sorensen | 15,000(8) | | 56,208* |
| John M. Trani | 10,058(9) | | 56,208 |

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| Name of Beneficial Owner | Shares Beneficially Owned(a) | | Restricted Stock Units(d) |
|---|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Number(b) | Percent(c) | |
| Michael W. Wickham | | | 56,208 |
| Tod C. Holmes | 146,651(10) | | 135,175 |
| Jeffrey A. Hughes | 83,268(11) | | 38,465 |
| Michael P. Rissman | 65,028(12) | | 44,803 |
| James E. O Connor | 273,294(13) | | |
| Kevin C. Walbridge | 22,461(14) | | 32,261 |
| All directors and current executive officers as a group (14 persons) | 1,286,630(15) | 0.3% | 862,575 |

(a) Excludes the units in the last column of this table.

(b) All share numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole share number, and include any restricted shares.

(c) Calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, and based on 370,829,623 shares issued and outstanding at the close of business on March 20, 2012. Each of our directors and executive officers beneficially owns less than 1% of our outstanding common stock.

(d) The numbers in this column represent outstanding RSUs, both vested and unvested, including RSUs represented as units in the Deferred Compensation Plan's Stock Unit Fund. RSUs are settled through the issuance of shares of our common stock, except that RSUs deferred into the Deferred Compensation Plan may be settled in cash if settlement occurs more than six months after the recipient's separation from service. RSUs receive dividend equivalents, in the form of additional RSUs, each time a dividend is paid on our common stock. For further discussion of RSUs, refer to Director Compensation and Executive Compensation. RSUs noted with an asterisk (*) include units held under a family trust or limited liability partnership rather than directly by the beneficial owner. RSUs are not considered common stock that is beneficially owned for SEC disclosure purposes. We have included them in this table because they are similar to or track our common stock and they represent an investment risk in the performance of our common stock.

(1) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Crossover consists of 17,711 shares owned directly by him and exercisable options to purchase 4,500 shares.

(2) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Croghan consists of 150,000 shares owned directly by him.

(3) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Flynn consists of 10,058 shares owned directly by him.

(4) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Lehmann consists of 44,439 shares owned directly by him and exercisable options to purchase 9,000 shares.

(5) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Nutter consists of 332 shares owned directly by him.

(6) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Rodriguez consists of exercisable options to purchase 15,000 shares that were transferred to Crombet, LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership of which the general partner is an entity controlled by Mr. Rodriguez and his spouse. Mr. Rodriguez disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Crombet, LLLP.

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- (7) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Slager consists of 208,817 shares owned directly by him, 62,265 shares of restricted stock, exercisable options to purchase 444,294 shares and 209 shares owned through our 401(k) Plan.
- (8) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Sorensen consists of exercisable options to purchase 15,000 shares.
- (9) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Trani consists of 10,058 shares owned directly by him.
- (10) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Holmes consists of 10,639 shares of restricted stock, exercisable options to purchase 133,013 shares, and 2,999 shares owned through our 401(k) Plan.
- (11) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Hughes consists of 8,523 shares owned directly by him and exercisable options to purchase 74,745 shares.
- (12) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Rissman consists of 7,587 shares owned directly by him, 1,150 shares owned by his spouse, and exercisable options to purchase 56,291 shares.
- (13) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. O Connor consists of 50,874 shares owned directly by him and exercisable options to purchase 222,420 shares.

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- (14) Based upon information available to the company, the aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Walbridge consists of 482 shares owned directly by him, exercisable options to purchase 20,143 shares, and 1,836 shares owned through our 401(k) Plan.
- (15) The aggregate amount of common stock beneficially owned by all current directors, director nominees and named executive officers as a group consists of (a) 457,525 shares owned directly, (b) 72,904 shares of restricted stock, (c) 1,150 shares indirectly owned by a spouse, (d) exercisable options to purchase 751,843 shares, and (e) 3,208 shares owned through our 401(k) Plan.

Table of Contents**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Our executive officers serve at the Board's pleasure and are subject to annual appointment by the Board. Our current executive officers are as follows:

| Name | Age | Position Held |
|--------------------|------------|---|
| Donald W. Slager | 50 | President and Chief Executive Officer |
| Tod C. Holmes | 63 | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Jeffrey A. Hughes | 55 | Executive Vice President, Human Resources |
| Michael P. Rissman | 51 | Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary |

For biographical information about Mr. Slager, see Election of Directors Biographical Information Regarding Director/Nominees and Executive Officers.

Tod C. Holmes was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in December 2008. Before that, Mr. Holmes served as our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from August 1998 to December 2008. Mr. Holmes served as our Vice President Finance from June 1998 until August 1998 and as Vice President of Finance of our former parent company's Solid Waste Group from January 1998 until June 1998. From 1987 to 1998, Mr. Holmes served in various positions with Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc., including Vice President, Investor Relations from 1996 to 1998, Divisional Vice President, Collection Operations from 1995 to 1996, Divisional Vice President and Regional Controller Northern Region from 1993 to 1995, and Divisional Vice President and Assistant Corporate Controller from 1991 to 1993.

Jeffrey A. Hughes was named Executive Vice President, Human Resources in December 2008 upon the close of the merger with Allied. While with Allied, Mr. Hughes served as Senior Vice President, Eastern Region Operations from 2004 until Allied's merger with Republic. Mr. Hughes served as Assistant Vice President of Operations Support from 1999 to 2004 and as a District Manager from 1988 to 1999.

Michael P. Rissman was named Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary in August 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Rissman served as acting General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from March 2009. Mr. Rissman joined Allied as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel in July 2007 and continued in these same positions at Republic after our merger with Allied in December 2008. Prior to joining Allied, Mr. Rissman was a partner at Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago. Mr. Rissman was at Mayer Brown from 1990 until coming to Allied in 2007.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Summary

Overview

We are the second largest provider of services in the domestic non-hazardous solid waste industry as measured by revenue. We provide non-hazardous solid waste collection services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers through 334 collection operations in 39 states and Puerto Rico. We own or operate 194 transfer stations, 191 active solid waste landfills and 74 materials recovery facilities. We also operate 69 landfill gas and renewable energy projects.

Despite the continued challenges presented by the economy, our business performed well during 2011. Revenue for 2011 increased to \$8,192.9 million compared to \$8,106.6 million for 2010. Net income for 2011 increased to \$589.2 million, or \$1.56 per diluted share, compared to \$506.5 million, or \$1.32 per diluted share, for 2010.

In 2011, we also continued to further our strategic goals and we reached our performance objectives in many key areas:

we increased our dividend from \$0.20 per quarter to \$0.22 per quarter, and we returned more than \$770 million to stockholders through dividends and share repurchases;

we continued to refinance our debt, bringing the total reduction in interest expense to 155 basis points since our merger with Allied Waste in December 2008; and

we continued to reduce debt, bringing the total debt reduction to almost \$800 million since December 2008.

We continue to focus on enhancing stockholder value by implementing our operating and cash utilization strategies. From a compensation perspective, we have a long-standing pay-for-performance philosophy and we seek to closely align the interests of our named executive officers (NEOs) with those of our stockholders. Thus, our incentive programs focus our management on achieving key performance metrics, including increasing free cash flow, achieving targeted earnings per share, and maintaining and improving returns on invested capital. Further, short- and long-term incentive compensation comprises the majority of the compensation for each of our NEOs. Highlights of our compensation program include the following:

Compensation for our executives is weighted primarily toward incentive forms of compensation, including annual and long-term performance-based cash compensation and equity compensation. This places a significant amount of our executives' total compensation at risk.

Our cash incentive compensation program rewards executives and other management employees for achieving annual corporate goals relating to earnings per share (the EPS Measure) and free cash flow (the FCF Measure) and three-year corporate goals relating to cash flow value creation (CFVC) and return on invested capital (ROIC), all of which are tied to the financial rewards received by our stockholders.

We make annual equity awards to our executives that include a mix of restricted stock or RSUs and stock options, and we make annual stock option grants to other management employees. These awards vest over four years to further align long-term management and stockholder interests and to promote executive retention.

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We require all of our directors, executives and other senior-level management employees to hold a significant amount of our equity.

Effective March 29, 2012, we eliminated the excise tax gross-up provision in Mr. Slager's employment agreement.

Our Compensation Committee is advised by an independent compensation consultant that does not perform any work for management.
The Merger with Allied, Synergy Cost Savings and Synergy Incentive Plan Payouts

On December 5, 2008, we acquired all the issued and outstanding shares of Allied in a stock-for-stock transaction for an aggregate purchase price of \$12.1 billion, which included \$5.4 billion of debt, at fair value.

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As we noted in our proxy statement and prospectus that we distributed to stockholders before the Allied merger, the merger presented not only significant opportunities but also significant risks. Fully aware of the importance of capturing the advantages of integrating the two companies, we noted that we expected to implement an integration bonus program for the executive officers and more than 600 other key employees of the combined company, subject to stockholder approval of the incentive plan at the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. We then presented the details of the Synergy Incentive Plan, including the nature and targeted amount of synergy savings and the amount of potential bonuses, to stockholders at the 2009 annual meeting. Our stockholders overwhelmingly approved the Executive Incentive Plan, which includes the Synergy Incentive Plan, with 94% of the voted shares approving the plan. The plan targeted \$150 million in annual run-rate synergies to be achieved and maintained through the end of 2011.

By the end of 2011, we achieved approximately \$180 million in annual run-rate synergy cost savings, exceeding our \$150 million target by approximately \$30 million per year (or 20%). The \$180 million in annual run-rate cost savings go directly to the bottom line, and we believe that the annual synergy savings will continue to benefit our stockholders well into the future. We also believe that the Synergy Incentive Plan was a key driver in melding the cultures of the two predecessor companies and establishing a durable operating platform, thereby accomplishing the first successful large-scale merger in the waste industry.

Under the Synergy Incentive Plan, we implemented the cost-savings initiatives during 2009 and 2010, and we measured and verified them during 2011. Because we accomplished the targeted annual savings in fact, we exceeded them by approximately \$30 million we paid synergy bonuses at the targeted amounts to more than 600 managers in February 2012. We are proud of the results achieved and believe the Synergy Incentive Plan was an important factor in driving those results. We also believe that the synergy bonuses should be viewed as one-time, unique bonuses for three years of extraordinary effort, and not as recurring compensation.

Compensation Committee Consideration of Our 2011 Stockholder Vote on Executive Compensation

At our 2011 annual meeting, our stockholders voted to approve our 2010 compensation of named executive officers (NEOs). The Compensation Committee was pleased that a majority of our stockholders voted to approve the NEO compensation. Nevertheless, the Compensation Committee sought to understand the concerns that led approximately one-third of our stockholders to vote against approval. We reached out to our largest stockholders to engage in an open dialogue regarding their perspectives about various topics of interest to them, including executive compensation.

The primary concern with our 2010 NEO compensation was that, when Mr. Slager's employment agreement was amended during 2010 in connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2011, the amended agreement retained from his prior agreement an excise tax gross-up protection. Also, we believe that some of our stockholders follow the recommendations of the proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) when casting their votes, and ISS cited only the gross-up protection in Mr. Slager's amended employment agreement as a problematic pay practice in recommending that our stockholders vote against our 2010 NEO compensation. Accordingly, we believe the principal if not only reason that some of our stockholders voted against our 2010 NEO compensation was the excise tax gross-up protection in Mr. Slager's amended agreement.

After considering this information, the Compensation Committee and Mr. Slager decided to amend his employment agreement to eliminate the excise tax gross-up provision, which amendment became effective on March 29, 2012.

Compensation Decisions for 2011

Our 2010 financial performance, including our performance relative to our peers, along with the individual performance of our NEOs, served as key factors in determining compensation for 2011, including as follows:

For 2011 we followed our general practice of having short-term and long-term incentive compensation make up the majority of the compensation for each of our NEOs. Long-term incentive compensation is comprised of cash awards determined by metrics that differ from our annual incentive compensation program and equity awards that have value that is closely linked to our total stockholder return.

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In light of our expected performance for 2011 amidst continuing concerns about the economy, the Compensation Committee decided to make no changes in base salary, target annual cash incentive compensation or target long-term incentive cash compensation for our NEOs for 2011, except that in mid-2010 the Compensation Committee decided to increase Mr. Slager's salary and target annual and long-term cash incentives for 2011 in connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2011.

The EPS Measure and the FCF Measure are the key metrics for our NEOs' annual cash incentive awards. These metrics provide for a balanced approach to measuring annual performance. Despite the challenging economy, the targets for both the EPS Measure and the FCF Measure were aggressive. The target EPS Measure for 2011 reflects a 9.4% increase over the actual 2010 EPS Measure, while the target FCF Measure for 2011 reflects an increase of 15.9% over the actual 2010 FCF Measure. Despite these aggressive targets, our performance with respect to each of these metrics was above target in 2011 and resulted in the payment of annual cash incentive awards at 125% of target levels for our NEOs.

CFVC and ROIC are the key metrics for our NEOs' long-term cash incentive awards. We believe that our stockholders are primarily concerned with our ability to generate free cash flow and provide them with a reasonable return on their investment. Therefore, we also believe that using these variables serves to closely align management's interests with our stockholders' interests. In addition, we believe that these variables tie long-term incentive compensation more directly to our and our officers' actual performance rather than measures subject to the volatility of the stock market. In 2009, the Compensation Committee established the LTIP payout targets for the 2009-2011 performance period, payable in 2012, and established performance targets for CFVC and ROIC for this performance period. Actual CFVC performance was below target for the 2009-2011 performance period and actual ROIC performance was above target for this period, resulting in the payment of LTIP awards at approximately 111% of target levels for our NEOs.

Compensation Program Objectives, Philosophy and Process

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract and retain our key executives and to motivate them to increase stockholder value on an annual and a longer-term basis by improving our earnings and return on invested capital and generating increasing levels of free cash flow. The Compensation Committee establishes overall compensation programs for the NEOs that focus on performance-based incentive compensation to ensure that each officer's interests are aligned with those of our stockholders. Our incentive forms of compensation do not focus on individual goals or individual performance, but instead align the executives with organization-wide strategic goals and objectives. We believe that stockholder interests are best served and that our officers' interests are best aligned with those of our stockholders by establishing, working toward and achieving company-wide strategic goals and objectives that affect our entire organization. The relationship between our ability to meet and exceed earnings, return on invested capital and free cash flow targets is closely tied to the financial rewards received by our stockholders. Consequently, the success of our officers in meeting and exceeding these targets is closely linked to the financial rewards they receive. Conversely, if these targets are not met, then the NEOs' and other management employees' annual- and long-term cash incentive awards are reduced or eliminated.

Since 2003, the Compensation Committee has retained the services of Pearl Meyer, an independent compensation consultant, to assist with its review of compensation for the NEOs. The Compensation Committee considers data and analyses prepared by Pearl Meyer that include our prior performance and historical NEO pay and the appropriateness of that compensation as compared to the compensation of NEOs at our peer group companies (the Peer Group). The Compensation Committee also considers general compensation surveys compiled by other consulting firms and takes into account recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer for executive officers other than himself, but the Compensation Committee ultimately makes all decisions regarding executive officer compensation. In considering compensation matters, the Compensation Committee routinely meets in executive session without the presence of the NEOs or any of our other employees.

When considering the marketplace, the Compensation Committee places particular emphasis upon compensation available at the Peer Group. The Compensation Committee has consistently worked to establish a meaningful Peer Group against which our financial performance and our NEO compensation levels are compared. Although this Peer Group is used as a reference, the Compensation Committee does not target a specified percentile of compensation to be paid.

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In consultation with Pearl Meyer, the Compensation Committee annually reviews the composition of the Peer Group to ensure that the companies included are comparable in terms of geographic footprint, business mix and complexity, revenue and market capitalization. For 2011, the Peer Group consisted of the following companies:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Con-Way, Inc. | Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. |
| CSX Corporation | Ryder Systems, Inc. |
| Ecolab, Inc. | Sysco Corporation |
| FedEx Corporation | Waste Connections, Inc. |
| J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. | Waste Management, Inc. |
| Norfolk Southern Corporation | W.W. Grainger, Inc. |

Elements of Compensation Why Each Element is Paid and How the Amount of Each is Determined

The Compensation Committee believes a well-balanced executive compensation program must motivate and reward executives for delivering annual financial results while also focusing attention on longer-term goals and objectives that drive financial progress and sustained stockholder value creation. Although we do not adhere to a precise mathematical allocation between annual base salary and incentive compensation, a significant portion of our NEOs' total compensation is in at-risk, performance-based incentive compensation to align their interests with those of our stockholders. The following table reflects information regarding salary earned, and plan-based awards granted, in 2011:

| | 2011 Target Compensation Mix | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | % Short-Term(1) | % Long-Term(2) | % Fixed(3) | % Variable(4) |
| Donald W. Slager | 37% | 63% | 16% | 84% |
| Tod C. Holmes | 34% | 66% | 17% | 83% |
| Jeffrey A. Hughes | 67% | 33% | 37% | 63% |
| Michael P. Rissman | 42% | 58% | 23% | 77% |

(1) Base salary plus annual cash incentive target for 2011

(2) Long-term cash incentive target for 2011-2013 performance period and value of 2011 grant of stock options and RSUs

(3) Base salary only

(4) Annual cash incentive target for 2011, long-term incentive target for 2011-2013 performance period, and value of 2011 grant of stock options and RSUs
For 2011 our compensation program for NEOs consisted of the following components:

Base salary

Annual cash incentive award

Long-term incentive compensation

Long-term cash incentive awards

Equity compensation

Synergy Incentive Plan payouts for the 2009-2011 performance and measurement period

Other benefits

Each of these components is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table and is discussed in detail below.

Base Salary. A competitive base salary is required to attract and retain high-caliber executive talent and provide a fixed level of compensation commensurate with the level of the position held. The Compensation Committee annually reviews the base salary of each NEO to determine if any adjustment is warranted. This review consists of

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a comparison of the compensation paid to incumbents in similar positions in our Peer Group, taking into account individual qualifications and responsibilities and individual and company performance. The Compensation Committee also considers internal salary levels. Base salary levels may be adjusted when the Compensation Committee believes there is a competitive need to do so, in light of an individual's promotion or to take into account individual performance. For 2011, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Slager's base salary from \$875,000 to \$1,000,000 effective January 1, 2011 upon his promotion to Chief Executive Officer (at which time our former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. O'Connor, ceased receiving base salary). The Compensation Committee made no change to the annual base salaries for Messrs. Holmes, Hughes or Rissman for 2011, and their base salaries were \$575,000, \$420,000 and \$400,000, respectively. In January 2012, Messrs. Hughes and Rissman's base salaries were increased by 2% to \$428,400 and \$408,000, respectively. Mr. Slager's and Mr. Holmes' base salaries did not change for 2012.

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. Annual, performance-based cash bonuses provide our NEOs and other management employees with an opportunity to earn cash bonuses based on achieving our annual business objectives. Under this program, each NEO is eligible to receive an annual cash bonus based upon the company achieving a pre-determined EPS Measure and a pre-determined FCF Measure, both of which are approved by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each year following the Board's approval of our annual budget.

For compensation purposes for 2011, we defined the earnings per share (the EPS Measure), which is not a measure determined in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP), as our reported earnings per share adjusted to remove the impact of: (a) restructuring charges attributable to the merger with Allied and costs to achieve synergies; (b) the loss on extinguishment of debt; and (c) other non-operational items not reflected in our budget, including gains or losses from divestitures net of tax and costs associated with withdrawal from or termination of multi-employer pension plans.

For compensation purposes for 2011, we defined free cash flow (the FCF Measure), which is not a measure determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, as cash provided by operating activities, less purchases of property and equipment received in 2011, plus proceeds from sales of property and equipment as presented in our consolidated statements of cash flows, adjusted to remove the impact of: (1) expenditures related to our merger with Allied, net of tax; (2) legacy Allied tax payments relating to Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. risk management companies; (3) the loss on extinguishment of debt; and (4) other non-operational items not reflected in our budget, including proceeds or expenditures from business unit divestitures and taxes thereon, other legacy Allied tax payments or reversals, and costs associated with withdrawal from or termination of multi-employer pension plans.

For 2011, the target EPS Measure and FCF Measure were \$1.87 per share and \$900 million, respectively. These measures were designed to be aggressive, but reachable. The target EPS Measure for 2011 reflected a 9.4% increase over the actual 2010 EPS Measure, while the target FCF Measure for 2011 reflected an increase of 15.9% over the actual 2010 FCF Measure. One-half of the targeted payout was attributable to each measure. If the EPS Measure target was exceeded, and the FCF Measure target was met or exceeded, the targeted payout amount to each NEO would increase. That increase would be approximately 6.25% of the targeted payout amount for each \$0.01 by which we exceed the EPS Measure target, up to a maximum of \$0.16 per share, resulting in a possible maximum payout equal to 200% of the targeted payout amount. There would have been no increase over the targeted payout amount to the NEOs if the EPS Measure target was not exceeded, even if the FCF Measure target was exceeded. If either target was not met, bonus would have been paid at an amount below target if the EPS Measure threshold (\$1.71 per share) was exceeded or the FCF Measure threshold (\$771 million) was met.

Actual results for 2011 were an EPS Measure of \$1.95 per share and an FCF measure of \$908.7 million. These results correspond to a payout of 150% of the targeted awards according to the formula established at the beginning of the performance period in February 2011. Under the Executive Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee has the authority to approve payments that are equal to or below (but not higher than) the payout percentage derived through the formula. Exercising its discretion, the Compensation Committee determined that the payout for 2011 should be 125%, rather than 150%, of target. The Compensation Committee exercised this negative discretion because \$0.04 of the EPS Measure was due to the benefit of the settlement of a particular historical tax matter that, although valuable to the company, was not the type of benefit that the annual incentive program was designed to reward. Therefore, the Compensation Committee approved payment to each NEO at 125% of his targeted annual incentive, which corresponds to an EPS Measure of \$1.91 per share.

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The following table sets forth each NEO's annual incentive opportunity for 2011, expressed as a percentage of his base salary, if the threshold, target or maximum levels of performance had been achieved. The last column of the table also shows each NEO's actual incentive payout for 2011, which amounts are also reflected in the Summary Compensation Table in the column titled Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation.

| Name | Annual Incentive Opportunity as a Percentage of Salary | | | 2011 Actual Annual Cash Incentive Payout |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | At Threshold Performance Level | At Target Performance Level | At Maximum Performance Level | |
| Donald W. Slager | 15.625% | 125% | 250% | \$ 1,562,500 |
| Tod C. Holmes | 12.5% | 100% | 200% | \$ 718,750 |
| Jeffrey A. Hughes | 10% | 80% | 160% | \$ 420,000 |
| Michael P. Rissman | 10% | 80% | 160% | \$ 400,000 |

For 2012, the annual incentive design remains similar to 2011 with the measures again consisting of the EPS Measure and the FCF Measure. For compensation purposes for 2012, we define the EPS Measure, which is not a measure determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, as our reported earnings per share adjusted to remove the impact of: (a) the loss on extinguishment of debt; (b) gains or losses from divestitures, net of tax; and (c) costs associated with withdrawal from or termination of multi-employer pension plans. For compensation purposes for 2012, we define the FCF Measure, which is not a measure determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, as cash provided by operating activities, less purchases of property and equipment received in 2012, plus proceeds from sales of property and equipment as presented in our consolidated statements of cash flows, adjusted to remove the impact of: (1) expenditures related to our merger with Allied, net of tax; (2) legacy Allied tax payments relating to Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. risk management companies and the Ref-Fuel matter; (3) cash taxes arising from debt extinguishment; (4) tax payments related to business unit divestitures; and (5) costs associated with withdrawal from or termination of multi-employer pension plans.

For 2012, if our targets for the EPS Measure and the FCF Measure are both met but not exceeded, the percentage of salary target amount to each NEO will be the same percentage of his salary as set forth in the 2011 table above in the At Target Performance Level column. One-half of the targeted payout amount will be attributable to each measure. If the EPS Measure target is exceeded, and the FCF Measure target is met or exceeded, the targeted payout amount to each NEO will increase. That increase is approximately 6.25% of the targeted payout amount for each \$0.01 by which we exceed the EPS Measure target, up to a maximum of \$0.16 per share, resulting in a possible maximum payout equal to 200% of the targeted payout amount. There is no increase in the targeted payout amount to the NEOs if the EPS Measure target is not exceeded, even if the FCF Measure target is exceeded. If either target is not met, bonus will be paid at an amount below target if the EPS Measure threshold is exceeded or the FCF Measure threshold is met.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation. Our long-term incentive compensation includes a mix of a performance-based, long-term cash incentive program, RSUs and stock options. Long-term incentive compensation further aligns NEO compensation with the interests of our stockholders by motivating our NEOs to promote Republic's long-term health and growth.

Long-Term Cash Incentive Compensation. Similar to annual cash incentive awards, long-term incentive plan (LTIP) awards are based on achieving pre-established performance goals. LTIP awards are based on rolling periods of three years each. A new performance period begins on January 1 of each year, and payouts with respect to each performance period are scheduled to occur following the end of the applicable three-year period. The payouts of the long-term awards are based upon achieving pre-determined levels of (a) cash flow value creation (CFVC), which we define as operating cash flow minus capital charges, and (b) return on invested capital (ROIC), both of which are approved by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each three-year performance period. If our CFVC and ROIC each exceed their target by 15% or more, then the awards will be a maximum of 150% of the target awards. If we achieve CFVC and ROIC at the threshold of 85% of target, awards will be 50% of the target awards. Results between threshold and target, and results between target and maximum, are interpolated. Each of the two measures, CFVC and ROIC, is weighted equally. If neither threshold is reached, no award will be paid for the applicable three-year performance period.

During 2008, the LTIP payouts for the 2006-2008, 2007-2009 and 2008-2010 performance periods were accelerated and paid in 2008 at target as a result of a change in control provision in the plan. Due to the

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acceleration of the payments, no LTIP payouts under the plan were made in 2009, 2010, and no LTIP payouts under the plan were made to any of Messrs. Slager, Holmes, Hughes, Rissman, or Walbridge in 2011. Mr. O Connor received payment in 2011 in connection with the 2009-2011 performance period, as is discussed immediately below.

In 2009, the Compensation Committee established the LTIP payout and performance targets for the 2009-2011 performance period. The targets for CFVC and ROIC for the 2009-2011 performance period were \$2,198 million and 6.0%, respectively. Actual CFVC and ROIC performance for the 2009-2011 performance period were \$2,157 million and 6.5%, respectively, resulting in a payout at approximately 111% of the targeted payout amount. Due to his retirement as Chief Executive Officer and pursuant to the terms of his Retirement Agreement, Mr. O Connor was paid his target LTIP amount for the 2009-2011 performance period in 2011. Due to the termination of his employment and pursuant to the terms of the plan, Mr. Walbridge was not eligible for an LTIP award. The opportunities and actual payouts for the 2009-2011 LTIP performance period are shown in the table below, and the actual payouts are also reflected in the Summary Compensation Table in the column titled Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation.

| Name | Target LTIP Award | Actual 2009-2011 LTIP Payout |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Donald W. Slager | \$ 650,000 | \$ 720,200 |
| Tod C. Holmes | 500,000 | 554,000 |
| Jeffrey A. Hughes | 170,000 | 188,360 |
| Michael P. Rissman | 50,000 | 55,400 |
| James E. O Connor | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Kevin C. Walbridge | 200,000 | |

In 2010, the Compensation Committee established the long-term incentive payout targets for the 2010-2012 performance period. The target awards payable under this plan to Messrs. Slager, Holmes, Hughes, Rissman, O Connor and Walbridge were established at \$650,000, \$500,000, \$187,000, \$250,000, \$1,250,000 and \$220,000, respectively. Due to his retirement as Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2011, Mr. O Connor will be paid one-third of the amount for the 2010-2012 performance period that he would have earned had he remained employed through the end of 2012, with such award payable within 60 days after the end of 2012. Mr. Walbridge will not be eligible for an award for the 2010-2012 performance period.

In 2011, the Compensation Committee established the long-term incentive payout targets for the 2011-2013 performance period. The target awards payable under this plan to Messrs. Slager, Holmes, Hughes, Rissman and Walbridge were established at \$900,000, \$500,000, \$242,000, \$250,000 and \$250,000, respectively. Messrs. O Connor and Walbridge will not be eligible for awards for the 2011-2013 performance period.

In 2012, the Compensation Committee established the long-term incentive payout targets for the 2012-2014 performance period. The target awards payable under this plan to Messrs. Slager, Holmes, Hughes and Rissman were established at \$900,000, \$500,000, \$242,000, and \$250,000, respectively. Messrs. O Connor and Walbridge will not be eligible for awards for the 2012-2014 performance period.

Equity Compensation. Our executives are eligible to participate in a long-term equity incentive program that is administered under our 2007 Stock Incentive Plan and under which they may receive equity awards in the form of restricted stock, RSUs and/or stock options. These equity awards focus our executives on long-term stockholder returns by linking the ultimate value of the equity awards to our longer-term performance. The Compensation Committee believes that long-term stock-based incentive compensation enhances our ability to attract and retain high quality talent and motivates that talent to sustain our long-term financial performance and increase stockholder value. We further believe that equity awards offer significant motivation to our officers and other employees and serve to align their interests with those of our stockholders. Restricted stock and RSUs encourage both the preservation of value already generated and growth in our future value. Stock options align the interests of our executives with new stockholders whose basis in our stock is at current share price and for whom growth in value from this point forward is of critical interest. While the Compensation Committee will continually evaluate the use of equity compensation types and amounts, it intends to continue to use such awards as part of our overall compensation program.

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In January 2011, Messrs. Holmes and Rissman were granted 41,597 and 16,639 RSUs, respectively, that vest in equal annual installments over four years and will be settled in common stock promptly after vesting (if not deferred into the Deferred Compensation Plan). In January 2011, Messrs. Slager, Holmes and Rissman were granted stock options in the following amounts: Mr. Slager 185,874 options; Mr. Holmes 92,937 options; and Mr. Rissman 46,468 options. In February 2011, Mr. Hughes was granted 23,000 options. All of the options for the NEOs vest in equal annual installments over four years or as provided in their agreements.

Synergy Incentive Plan

We presented the details of the Synergy Incentive Plan, including the nature and targeted amount of synergy savings and the amount of potential bonuses, to stockholders in the proxy statement relating to the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. Our stockholders overwhelmingly approved the Executive Incentive Plan, which includes the Synergy Incentive Plan, with 94% of the voted shares approving the plan.

The Synergy Incentive Plan targeted \$150 million in annual run-rate cost savings due to the integration of the two companies (synergies) to be achieved and maintained through the end of 2011, with a threshold of \$100 million in synergies before any awards would be paid. The plan estimated \$300 million of costs necessary to achieve the synergies, and provided that 50% of any costs in excess of \$300 million would be deducted from the synergies before calculating the bonus amount earned.

The target bonuses payable to our NEOs under the Synergy Incentive Plan were as follows:

Mr. Slager \$10.0 million

Mr. Holmes \$8.0 million

Mr. Hughes \$0.4 million

Mr. Rissman \$0.5 million

Mr. O Connor \$15.0 million

Mr. Walbridge \$1.0 million

Achievement of synergies above the \$150 million target would not increase the bonus payouts; therefore the target payout was also the maximum. A participant would have received a payment equal to 25% of his targeted payout if only the threshold performance level had been achieved. Achievement between threshold and target would have resulted in a payout interpolated between the threshold and maximum payouts.

In creating the Synergy Incentive Plan, we worked with Deloitte Consulting LLC to develop:

a list of specific actions to be implemented;

a rigorous process for tracking and measuring the cost savings and the costs to achieve; and

a reporting process for management and the Board.

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Further, we established an Integration Committee of the Board comprised of independent directors to oversee the implementation of the cost savings initiatives. See Board of Directors and Corporate Governance Matters Integration Committee. Throughout 2009-2011, management reported at least quarterly to the Integration Committee on the company's progress and the realized cost savings and costs to achieve. Throughout this time period, Deloitte Consulting LLC assisted the Integration Committee by, among other things, reviewing and validating the reported synergy savings and costs to achieve and supporting documentation.

As of the end of the measurement period on December 31, 2011, we had achieved and verified approximately \$180 million in annual run-rate synergy cost savings, exceeding our \$150 million target by approximately \$30 million per year (or 20%). Further, the actual costs to achieve the synergies were \$294 million, or \$6 million less than estimated. The measured synergies included the following:

headcount synergies of approximately \$77 million, from the reduction of duplicative activity and associated people costs;

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transportation and disposal synergies of approximately \$12 million, from savings accomplished by routing waste to closer or less expensive disposal options made available by the combination of the two companies and access to the combined set of landfills and other disposal sites;

financing synergies of approximately \$40 million, arising from refinancing debt and replacing surety bonds as an investment grade credit due to the improved balance sheet of the combined company;

procurement synergies of approximately \$21 million, arising primarily from the increased purchasing power available to the combined company as well as shifting purchases to lower-priced existing contracts;

route consolidation synergies of approximately \$9 million, arising from combining routes in overlap markets; and

other synergies of approximately \$24 million, arising from other cost savings achieved as a result of the combination of the two companies.

For all categories of savings, impacts to costs due to causes other than the combination of the two companies such as changes in procurement costs due to market price fluctuations, etc. were controlled for and not counted as synergies.

Because we accomplished the targeted annual savings, we paid synergy bonuses at the maximum amounts (which are the same as target amounts) to more than 600 key managers, including our NEOs, in February 2012. The synergy bonus payments to the NEOs were at the targets shown above and are also reflected in the Summary Compensation Table in the column titled Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation.

Other Benefits and Modest Perquisites. Our executive compensation program includes other benefits and modest perquisites whose value is more fully detailed in the All Other Compensation table. The Compensation Committee reviews these other benefits and perquisites annually with respect to their amount and appropriateness. For 2011, the benefits and perquisites to NEOs fell primarily into the following general categories: (a) matching contributions by the company to 401(k) and deferred compensation accounts; (b) retirement contributions to deferred compensation accounts; and (c) value attributable to life insurance we provide to our NEOs.

Matching 401(k) Contributions. The company matches a portion of contributions made by all of our employees, including the NEOs, into their 401(k) accounts. This match equals 100% of the first three percent of pay contributed and 50% of the next two percent of pay contributed by an employee up to a maximum defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Deferred Compensation Contributions. Because our NEOs and other employees are limited by federal law as to the amount they may contribute to their 401(k) accounts, which amount in 2011 was \$16,500 per year (or \$22,000 per year for persons 50 years old or older), we have established a Deferred Compensation Plan that permits participants to defer additional amounts of their compensation to better provide for their retirement. Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, most participants also are eligible for matching contributions. The matching contribution under the Deferred Compensation Plan is equal to the lesser of two percent of the participant's eligible compensation under the plan over the established 401(k) limit, which in 2011 was \$245,000, or 50% of the amount the participant has deferred.

In addition, in 2005, we began making discretionary retirement contributions to certain of our senior executives' deferred compensation accounts. The Compensation Committee reviews these discretionary amounts annually, and may change the amounts or discontinue the contributions at any time. Each contribution amount is a fixed dollar amount that depends on the participant's title and position in the organization, among other considerations. Unless otherwise specified, retirement contributions vest in one of four ways: (1) upon a participant satisfying the age, service and, in certain instances, notice requirements necessary to qualify for retirement; (2) in the event of death or disability, the retirement contributions vest immediately; (3) if a participant's employment is terminated without cause, the retirement contributions vest immediately but are not available to the participant until the earlier of the fifth anniversary of the termination date or the date the participant would have become eligible for retirement; or (4) if we complete a transaction that is deemed a change in control, all retirement contributions vest immediately and may be paid out depending upon the original election of the participant. Per his employment

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agreement, effective as of May 2009, Mr. Holmes was credited \$1,000,000 to his deferred compensation account in 2010. This amount was immediately vested on the grant date and will be paid in accordance with the terms of the plan. Mr. Rissman received a \$65,000 contribution to his deferred compensation account in each of 2009, 2010 and 2011. Mr. Hughes received a contribution of \$55,000 to his deferred contribution account in each of 2009 and 2010, and a contribution of \$65,000 to his deferred compensation account in 2011. The contributions will vest under the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plan, as described above.

Mr. Slager is entitled to a benefit, which was preserved in his new employment agreement from his prior agreement with Allied, that requires us to pay him a specified amount after termination of his employment for any reason. This payment per his agreement is an amount equal to \$2,287,972, increased at an annual rate of 6%, compounded annually from December 5, 2008 until the date of termination (the Supplemental Retirement Benefit). In 2011, the Supplemental Retirement Benefit increased by \$153,379.

Supplemental Life Insurance. We provide life insurance equal to one times salary for all of our full-time, non-probationary employees. Pursuant to his employment agreement, we provide life insurance equal to two times salary for Mr. Holmes.

Airplane Use. Our Chief Executive Officer is permitted to use our airplane for personal travel. The amount reflected in the All Other Compensation table as Aircraft Usage represents the incremental cost of providing our aircraft to Mr. Slager for personal travel. Other NEOs are permitted to use the aircraft for personal use if the Chief Executive Officer is aboard. At each quarterly meeting, the Compensation Committee reviews the personal use of our airplane for the immediately preceding quarter for reasonableness.

Dividends. Our executives who receive grants of restricted stock and RSUs receive any dividends we declare on our common stock following the date on which they are granted restricted stock or RSUs. For RSUs, the dividends are in the form of additional RSUs with a value equal to the value of dividends they would have received on the shares of stock underlying the RSUs they hold on the dividend record date. We believe that permitting our executives to receive dividends on awards not yet vested is appropriate because we grant equity to align their interests with our stockholders' interests, which includes the economic rewards and risks inherent in share ownership.

Executive Separation Policy

In 2010, the Compensation Committee adopted the Republic Services, Inc. Executive Separation Policy (the Separation Policy) to ensure that Republic is able to attract and retain the most qualified and capable professionals to serve in key executive positions to maximize the value of Republic for the benefit of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee also established the Separation Policy to enable the Compensation Committee to cover executives under the policy who may be hired or promoted in the future rather than entering into individual employment agreements with those executives. The Separation Policy describes the benefits we will provide the executives under certain circumstances if their employment ends. The Separation Policy is in effect for any Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Vice President or Area President (collectively, the Covered Executives) who does not have an employment agreement with us. Currently, Mr. Rissman is the only NEO who does not have an employment agreement and is thus covered under the Separation Policy.

Under the Separation Policy, Covered Executives (other than those who have employment agreements) will receive severance benefits if we terminate their employment without cause (as defined in the policy). The Separation Policy also provides for enhanced severance benefits for a termination without cause or a resignation for good reason (as defined in the policy) within one year following a change in control (as defined in the policy). Severance benefits are payable only if the employee signs the appropriate form of our Non-Competition, Non-Solicitation, Confidentiality and Arbitration Agreement and signs a separation agreement containing a waiver and release of legal claims. The Compensation Committee may modify or terminate the Separation Policy prior to a change in control for all Covered Executives who have not had a termination of employment prior to the modification or termination as long as the modification applies to all Covered Executives in the same category.

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Employment Agreements

We maintain employment agreements with some of our senior executives to clarify their employment rights and responsibilities and to impose certain post-employment limitations on their rights to compete with us or to solicit our customers or employees. For information regarding these agreements, see [Executive Compensation](#) [Employment Agreements](#) and [Post-Employment Compensation](#).

Stock Ownership Guidelines and Anti-Hedging Policy

We maintain stock ownership guidelines for our executive officers and other members of senior management, ranging up to five times salary for our Chief Executive Officer. For a discussion of our stock ownership guidelines and anti-hedging policy, see [Security Ownership of the Board of Directors and Management](#) [Security Ownership and Anti-Hedging Policy](#) above.

Deductibility of Executive Compensation

Our compensation programs are structured to support organization goals and priorities and stockholder interests. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code currently limits the deductibility for federal income tax purposes of certain compensation in excess of \$1.0 million paid to each of any publicly held corporation's chief executive officer and three other most highly compensated executive officers (excluding the Chief Financial Officer). We may deduct certain types of compensation paid to any of these individuals only to the extent that such compensation during any year does not exceed \$1.0 million. Qualifying performance-based compensation is not subject to the deduction limits if certain requirements are met. We do not have a policy that requires all of our compensation to be deductible for purposes of Section 162(m). We consider accounting and tax treatments when making compensation determinations, but they are not determinative.

The options we grant to our executive officers are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation that is not subject to deduction limits. The restricted stock and RSUs we grant to our executive officers do not so qualify because they vest over time rather than based on performance. Payments under the Executive Incentive Plan approved by stockholders at the 2009 annual meeting, including annual, long-term and synergy payments, are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation that complies with Section 162(m). However, due to Mr. Rissman's promotion more than 90 days after the commencement of the relevant performance periods, his Synergy Incentive Plan award and his 2009-2011 LTIP award are not considered performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), and a portion of these awards may not be deductible.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Messrs. Flynn, Larson, Nutter, Sorensen and Wickham served as members of the Compensation Committee during 2011. No member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of Republic during the prior year or was formerly an officer of Republic. During the year ended December 31, 2011, none of our executive officers served on the compensation committee or board of any other entity, any of whose executive officers served either on our Board or on our Compensation Committee.

Compensation Committee Report

The following statement made by the Compensation Committee shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under either of these acts.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K. Based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Submitted by the Compensation Committee: