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Ameresco's Senior Project Developer Jim Bier Inducted into Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Hall of Flame

Jim Bier recognized as a mainstay of the industry, providing quality LFG development of beneficial-use projects, and leading advancement of the industry

FRAMINGHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC), a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy company, today announced that at the 41st annual LFG Symposium in Denver this month, Ameresco's Senior Project Developer Jim Bier was inducted into SWANA's Hall of Flame. Mr. Bier was recognized and introduced by this year's Distinguished Individual Achievement Award winner and former colleague, Tom Bilgri, Manager of LFG Engineering Services for Cornerstone Environmental Group, a Tetra Tech Company.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here: https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20180328005140/en/

Photo: Pete Carrico, VP, SCS Engineers; Tom Bilgri, VP, Cornerstone Environmental; Jim Bier, Senior Project Developer – Biogas, Ameresco; Jeff Murray, President of SWANA International Board; and David Biderman, Executive Director of SWANA. (Photo: Business Wire)

Since its inception in 1977, the SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) Landfill Gas Division's Hall of Flame has inducted only 70 people, which have included many pioneers of the landfill gas (LFG) industry. Since the 1970s, SWANA has grown from a fledging organization into the world's most prestigious solid waste industry association with over 10,000 members.

Mr. Bilgri said, "Jim has been a mainstay of our industry for more than 30 years, providing quality LFG development of beneficial-use projects and the advancement of the industry."

After graduating from the University of Cincinnati with a BS degree in Geology, Mr. Bier began his career with Getty Synthetic Fuels, one of the pioneers in the LFG industry. As a field technician, he helped test landfills for the economic viability of LFG recovery projects. He then moved on to Pacific Energy, another pioneer in the LFG industry and a subsidiary of Southern California Gas Company. His expertise helped maximize the volumes of gas extracted for its LFG utilization projects.

Mr. Bier subsequently spent ten years as a Vice President at SCS Engineers, nine years as a Vice President at EMCON, and the past twelve years as a Senior Project Developer at Ameresco. At every stop along the way, he has worked tirelessly to increase the knowledge-base of the LFG industry, expand the opportunities for renewable fuels and electrical production, and educate the public on the benefits of LFG utilization. He is masterful at

bringing stakeholders to the table for a common good – finding the benefits for all parties involved. Mr. Bier has served as a partner and mentor to many of SWANA's Technical Division members, and has served on the Technical Division with distinction, most recently as the Chairman of the LFG Utilization Committee, helping to bring LFG treatment and renewable natural gas (RNG) development to the forefront of the industry.

Michael T. Bakas, Executive Vice President, Ameresco said, "Ameresco is proud of the breadth and depth of our team members' technical expertise and we're thrilled Jim Bier has been recognized as a SWANA Hall of Flame inductee. During his tenure with Ameresco, Jim has helped to establish Ameresco as a premier developer of landfill gas-to-energy projects. As a valued team member and dear friend, I am proud to see Jim recognized for his tireless efforts to move our industry forward. This honor is well deserved and very much earned."

For more details regarding the Hall of Flame award announcement, please visit https://swana.org/News/NewsDetail.aspx?nc=370.

About SWANA:
The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is an organization of more than 10,000 public and private sector professionals committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management through their shared emphasis on education, advocacy and research. For more than 50 years, SWANA has been the leading association in the solid waste management field. SWANA serves industry professionals through technical conferences, certifications, publications, and a large offering of technical training courses. For more information, visit www.swana.org.

About Ameresco, Inc.
Founded in 2000, Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) is a leading independent provider of comprehensive services, energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, asset sustainability and renewable energy solutions for businesses and organizations throughout North America and Europe. Ameresco's sustainability services include upgrades to a facility's energy infrastructure and the development, construction and operation of renewable energy plants. Ameresco has successfully completed energy saving, environmentally responsible projects with Federal, state and local governments, healthcare and educational institutions, housing authorities, and commercial and industrial customers. With its corporate headquarters in Framingham, MA, Ameresco has more than 1,000 employees providing local expertise in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit www.ameresco.com.

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