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EPA's CARE Program 100th Grant Celebration Partnership Panel Bio Sketches

Robert D. Brenner, 2011 EPA Retiree and CARE Champion

For over 30 years, Rob Brenner has been a national leader for clean air and clean energy policy in the United States. In recognition of that role, he received a Distinguished Career Service Award from Administrator Lisa Jackson upon his retirement from EPA in August 2011. Rob will be joining Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions as a Senior Fellow in October, where he will be leading a clean air and innovative technology initiative. From 1988 to 2011, Rob was Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Review, at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He played a key role in the development, Congressional passage and implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 – the most significant and far-reaching environmental law passed in the last twenty-five years. Rob has also been very active in nurturing and developing voluntary partnerships with local organizations to help them reduce pollution in their neighbourhoods. Rob successfully incubated the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program, a cross-media toxics reduction initiative, which is now an established EPA program helping nearly 100 communities nationwide to reduce exposures to toxic chemicals.

Sue Briggum, Waste Management

Dr. Briggum has been with Waste Management since 1987. She is Vice President, Federal Public Affairs, responsible for federal regulation and policy affecting environmental stewardship, recycling, environmental facility permitting, site cleanup, environmental justice and regulatory enforcement. Before joining Waste Management, Dr. Briggum was an environmental regulatory attorney and Superfund litigator with Piper & Marbury and its predecessor, where she co-authored the *Hazardous Waste Regulation Handbook: A Practical Guide to RCRA and Superfund*. Dr. Briggum co-chaired (with Richard Moore and Dr. Mildred McClain) the National Environmental Policy Commission, convened at the request of U.S. Representative James E. Clyburn (SC) and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mayor Ronald K. Davis, Prichard, AL

Mayor Davis has served the City of Prichard since 2004. He is the President for the World Conference of Mayor's, Inc., a member of the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee, a Vice President of the National Conference of Black Mayors, the Chairman of the Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Committee for the Alabama League of Municipalities and a 2009 CARE Recipient. He is a graduate of Troy State University, a Deacon in his church, and serves on numerous boards and committees.

David D. Fukuzawa, Kresge Foundation

As Program Director with The Kresge Foundation, an independent, private grantmaking organization, David directs the Health Program area, which seeks to reduce health disparities through addressing inequities in social and physical environments of vulnerable populations and improving access to quality health care. Prior to Kresge, he served as a Program Officer at The Skillman Foundation, a private foundation in Metropolitan Detroit, whose focus is on children, youth and families. Before entering the field of philanthropy he served as the Human Needs Director at New Detroit, Inc., the nation's first urban coalition, where, among other things, he

fashioned New Detroit's position against the state budget cuts in welfare in the early 90's and helped craft its policy on health care reform.

Peggy M. Shepard, West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (WE ACT)

Ms. Shepard is executive director and co-founder of WE ACT for Environmental Justice. Founded in 1988, WE ACT was New York's first environmental justice organization created to improve environmental health and quality of life in communities of color. A recipient of the 10th Annual Heinz Award for the Environment and the 2008 Jane Jacobs Medal for Lifetime Achievement, she is a former Democratic District Leader, who represented West Harlem from 1985 to April 1993, and served as President of the National Women's Political Caucus-Manhattan from 1993-1997. Ms. Shepard served as the first female Chair and Vice Chair (2000-2001) of EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Carmen Sirianni, Brandeis University

Mr. Sirianni is the Morris Hillquit Professor in Sociology and Public Policy at Brandeis University. He is also Faculty Fellow at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. His most recent book is *Investing in Democracy: Engaging Citizens in Collaborative Governance* (Brookings Press, 2009). His forthcoming "Environmental Organizations," will appear in *The State of Nonprofit America*, second edition, ed. Lester Salamon (Brookings Press, 2012). He coordinated the Collaborative Governance Workgroup in the Obama '08 Urban Policy Committee and is currently writing *What Time Is It in American Democracy? Configuring Self-Governance from the Revolution to the Present*.

Donele Wilkins, Green Door Initiative

Leader, visionary, results oriented, Donele Wilkins has demonstrated servant leadership in her hometown Detroit for nearly 20 years. She has been on the front-lines helping to lead the local movement for environmental justice. Her leadership style has motivated many to take their place in a truly transformative movement. Her achievements include the participation in the development and adoption of an Environmental Justice Policy in the state of Michigan as well as conceived and launched the first Green Jobs Training Program in the city. Ms. Wilkins has been an advocate for citizen involvement in Brownfield Redevelopment and other environmental policy, placing environmental stewardship on the agenda of many community leaders and decision makers. Donele is noted for inspiring young people to take a lead in their communities. As the founder of The Green Door Initiative, at the helm, Donele Wilkins plans to take not only the city of Detroit to the next level of environmental stewardship but the nation.