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NEWS RELEASE

Benitez Named to Waste360's First Annual 40 Under 40 Award List

EL PASO, Texas – City of El Paso's Solid Waste Operations Manager Cristian Benitez has been named to the *Waste360's* first annual 40 Under 40 awards list.

The award showcases the next generation of leaders in the waste and recycling field who are shaping the future of the industry.

"This is a wonderful recognition for Cristian Benitez and for our department. We are so proud of his hard work and accomplishments. He deserves to be recognized as an emerging leader in the waste and recycling industry," said City of El Paso Environmental Services Director Ellen Smyth.

Benitez manages the Greater El Paso Landfill for the City of El Paso.

The *Waste360* 40 Under 40 awards program recognizes inspiring and innovative professionals under the age of 40 whose work in the waste, recycling and organics industry has made a significant contribution to the industry. The winners are involved in every part of the waste and recycling industry, including haulers, municipalities, composters, recycling professionals, policy makers and product suppliers.

A panel of expert judges from *Waste360* evaluated the nominations and consulted with an external advisor to select the finalists and winners.

Benitez will be formally recognized at WasteExpo, North America's largest solid waste, recycling and organics industry event in June.

"We are passionate about the waste, recycling and organic industry and we believe our list of winners will make a significant mark on our industry," said *Waste360* Editorial Director, David Bodamer. "We congratulate all of the professionals we've recognized, and we look forward to watching them chart the course for the industry in the years to come."

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