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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Partner Teno A. West presents at
18th Annual North American Waste-to-Energy Conference**

Providence, RI (May 10, 2010) – Nationally recognized municipal infrastructure attorney, Teno A. West, a partner with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) will present remarks at the 18th Annual North American Waste-to-Energy Conference (NAWTEC) Thursday, May 13 beginning at 9 a.m. His presentation is entitled “Successful Procurement of Emerging Waste to Energy Technologies.” The NAWTEC is widely recognized as the leading industry technical conference and trade show focusing on municipal waste-to-energy operational issues and policy, technology and research initiatives. This year’s conference is being held in Orlando, FL.

West, who leads the PLDW Municipal Infrastructure team, will provide an overview of the legal, technical, contracting and permitting issues associated with procurement of emerging solid waste technologies for municipalities. As lead attorney for the City of Taunton, MA for its procurement of a solid waste management public private partnership using conversion technology to create clean, renewable energy as a solution to decrease cost, eliminate waste and reduce the loss of open space for the Commonwealth, West has first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities faced by decision-makers in this new frontier.

“Waste to energy conversion technologies are proving to be a major step forward in environmentally sound and efficient management of municipal solid waste,” said West. “These technologies combine material management with alternative energy, biofuels, and reduce the destruction of open space caused by land-filling usable materials.”

Conference attendees will learn about the requirements and end-to-end procedures of developing the RFP, incorporating business principles into the process, contract terms, and permitting issues – including site assignment, zoning, air permits, carbon credits and renewable energy credits. In addition, West will review revenue sharing models and the inherent economic benefits and potential jobs growth for host communities.

West is a national authority on public-private partnerships, water and wastewater law, solid waste management alternative energy projects and procurement law; and design-build-operate initiatives. He represents government agencies across the country in his practice area, including drafting legislation required for undertaking alternative procurements and design-build and design-build-operate projects.

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ABOUT PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & WEST LLC

The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) are committed to developing practical and cost effective solutions while also being supportive of the community in a meaningful way. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that involves cross training of lawyers and a more practical approach to problem solving. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate and municipal law, civil litigation, government relations, and estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, to perform their work with an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness which is derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit www.pldw.com.

About the North American Waste-to-Energy Conference

The North American Waste-to-Energy Conference (NAWTEC) is widely recognized as the leading industry technical conference and trade show focusing on municipal waste-to-energy operational issues and policy, technology and research initiatives. This year's conference is co-sponsored by the Energy Recovery Council (ERC), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), and is being held in partnership with the Waste-to-Energy Research and Technology Council (WTERT) at Columbia University.