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## **SYNAGRO OPENS CHARLOTTE COUNTY BIO-RECYCLING CENTER**

**Center Will Provide Sustainable Composting Solutions  
for Up to 100,000 Tons of Recyclable Organics per Year**

Punta Gorda, FL – February 13, 2014 – Synagro Technologies, Inc., the nation's largest recycler of organic residuals, has completed construction of its newest organics recycling center, a \$4.3 million composting facility in Southwest Florida. A grand opening ceremony is scheduled to be held February 20th as the center begins converting biosolids and green waste into Class AA compost.

“This new recycling facility helps to meet the region’s growing demand for a sustainable solution to the challenges of managing organic residuals” said Eric Zimmer, President and CEO of Synagro. “By converting these waste materials to a beneficial product we can create a safe and affordable agricultural nutrient as a sustainable alternative to these valuable organic materials just taking up space in the landfill. It’s a great solution to an ongoing challenge that provides a greener and lower cost alternative. We are proud of the achievements that our technical team - working with our many local partners - have made in making this center a reality. Together, we are creating an environmentally and economically sustainable solution to managing the region’s organic wastes.”

The center will minimize environmental impact by utilizing proven aerobic composting to recycle organics including biosolids, yard trimmings and other green waste. To gain approval and permitting for the operation of the facility, Synagro worked closely with local and County officials, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and US EPA to assure that the plant meets all regulatory requirements. The Synagro facility produces a valuable Class AA soil amendment for use in the local marketplace. The environmentally friendly design includes 100 percent recycling of the organic materials.

Synagro markets the compost under the name of AllGro™. The product is a natural soil amendment that is less expensive than synthetic fertilizers and is proven to improve the physical structure of all types of soil by introducing organic matter that helps promote plant growth.

Synagro currently operates three similar composting facilities, winning accolades such as U.S. Composting Council's Composter of the Year, the CalRecycle Waste Reduction Award Program (WRAP) Winner and the National Biosolids Partnership EMS Gold Certification.

"The bio-recycling center is a great asset to our sustainability programs, and a far-reaching benefit to the community" said Bill Truex, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, "The reduction of greenhouse emissions and elimination of landfilling will help create a healthier environment for everyone, while saving the County money and bringing in a new revenue stream from contractors paying to use the facility."

Under a 20-year lease agreement with Charlotte County Public Works the facility located at the Zemel Road landfill will help divert organic material from the landfill and will provide a long-term sustainable and economic recycling solution for the region.

### **About Synagro**

Founded in 1986, Synagro provides a system of solutions for civic and commercial organizations that manages by-products to create new, environmentally compelling options. The Company's reliable, lasting system transforms industrial and municipal waste into environmentally sustainable resources that benefit our communities and our planet—before an environmental footprint is left behind. As the largest recycler of organic by-products in the United States, Synagro uses best-in-class processes from beneficial reuse to renewable energy that adhere to the strictest of environmental regulations to provide sustainable solutions for communities across the nation. Serving more than 600 municipal and industrial water and wastewater facilities throughout the U.S., the Company's leading systems of by-product management services help municipalities of all sizes save money and meet environmental regulations.

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