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## **PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Attorney Steven A. Torres Releases Advisory on Massachusetts's Ban on Organic Materials in Landfills, beginning October 1**

Boston, MA – May 26, 2014 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) Partner Steven A. Torres, a member of the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Team and a leading authority on cutting edge projects in the areas of solid waste, advance bio-mass technologies and renewable energy, has released an advisory on Massachusetts's ban on organic materials in landfills, which begins October 1, 2014. Attorney Torres's essay, entitled [Massachusetts is Among the First States to Ban Commercial Organic Materials from Landfills](#), explains the Commonwealth's regulatory change, the impact the new law has on businesses producing food waste, emerging organics technologies for project development, and provides funding opportunities that the state is offering through a number of sources.

"Massachusetts is one of the first states to implement new laws and regulations that ban food waste in landfills. As this change happens and organics technologies advance, so do the complex technical, legal, regulatory, contracting, and permitting issues associated with project development in this area," explains Attorney Torres. "Options are available, but government leaders should seek out information and counsel from reliable and experienced advisors to ensure decision-making is right for their communities."

Attorney Torres is a highly skilled and experienced municipal construction and public-private partnership project advisor and legal counsel who has managed in excess of \$1 billion in project value in the areas of utilities, water and wastewater, transportation, building construction and renewable energy. He concentrates his practice on advising clients on a wide range of public procurement and contracting issues in the areas of water, wastewater, solid waste, building construction, environmental permitting, construction and environmental litigation and renewable energy. Attorney Torres is Vice-

President of the Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) North East Chapter, and a member of DBIA's National Water Markets Committee. He also serves as legal counsel to the Waste Conversion Technology Association. He is a frequent lecturer at regional, national and international professional trade associations, and is a published author in the areas of municipal law, constitutional law, labor law, international law and construction and renewable energy.

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