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## **Pinyon Environmental, Inc. Principal Staff Acquire Ownership Stake in the Company**

*President and CEO Lauren Evans, PE ENV SP sells company shares to six principal staff members*

**Lakewood, Colorado – October 10<sup>th</sup>:** On October 7, 2017, Pinyon Environmental, Inc. (Pinyon) principals Scott Epstein, ENV SP, Denise Krejci, Shannon Lucio, Jeremy Musson, Brian Partington, and Karlene Thomas, PE joined President and CEO, Lauren Evans as shareholders in the company. These six individuals have been instrumental in the success and growth of Pinyon and have demonstrated the leadership and strategic planning skills required to take the company to the next level. When discussing this transition Evans said, “It has been one of the greater pleasures of my professional career to work beside these individuals for at least the past 10 years and, in some cases, for over 20. They have earned this opportunity, and I look forward to working with them in the years to come.”

After experiencing three corporate buyouts prior to starting Pinyon, Evans decided that the transition plan for her company would involve selling to internal employees. In 2015, the Firm took the first step towards that goal with the formation of the Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP). This sale to the six principals represents the second step in that process.

The day-to-day operations of Pinyon will remain the same. Evans and the principals will retain their current titles and responsibilities. Pinyon remains a woman-owned and disadvantaged business enterprise (WBE/DBE) and Pinyon’s leadership is actively working on a strategic plan to position the company for continued growth.

**Pinyon Environmental, Inc.:** Pinyon is a Colorado-based firm with 24 years of demonstrated environmental consulting experience working for a variety of clients in the private and public sectors. Pinyon is a woman-owned consulting firm, and certified DBE. Headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, Pinyon has satellite offices in Colorado Springs and Scottsdale, Arizona. The Firm is a 2017 WTS Colorado Employer of the Year award winner, 2009-2017 ColoradoBiz Top 100 Woman Owned Companies recipient and a 2017 Denver Post Top Workplace.

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