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Grant funding available for Colorado entities that recycle

DENVER —The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is accepting grant applications for waste diversion and recycling projects in Colorado. The application deadline is 3 p.m. March 2. Approximately \$1.2 million in grant funding is available for 2012.

Organizations eligible to apply are

- public and governmental agencies, including universities and schools;
- for-profit and nonprofit private sector organizations that have the approval and/or support of a local government agency;
- for-profit and nonprofit private sector organizations *without* approval of local government when the application includes documentation that the project will be beneficial to the local community;
- out-of-state companies or organizations that are expanding in or relocating to Colorado, or have an in-state business presence, and are registered as doing business in Colorado. Projects must benefit Colorado directly. Such organizations must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State's office prior to application submittal.

Grant applications may be downloaded from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website at http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oeis/p2_program/rreorfo.html.

Awards will be announced in May. The start date for projects is July 1.

Grant funding comes from landfill surcharges collected by the state. The surcharge is part of Colorado's Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Act of 2007 passed by the Legislature.

Grant selection guidelines were prepared by the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board's Assistance Committee, composed of 13 representatives of Colorado's recycling community and

appointed by the executive director and chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Dr. Chris Urbina.

To provide timely results to legislative sponsors demonstrating the funding is a good investment in Colorado's health and prosperity, the grants will be awarded for projects of 12 months in duration. Applications must clearly reflect the economic goals and criteria articulated in the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Act of 2007 at http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/sl2007a/sl_278.htm.

In making recommendations about which grant proposals to fund, the committee has refocused its mission to emphasize greater access to recycling in underserved areas of the state. The new emphasis will encourage grant proposals that establish market "hubs" where recyclable materials can be delivered from smaller "spoke" communities. Specifically, the hub-and-spoke recycling model consists of a centralized processing center for recyclables (hub) where material is sorted, baled and/or sold to market. Surrounding communities (spokes) feed the recyclables they collect to the main hub. More information on hub-and-spoke model can be found within the application and on the Department of Public Health and Environment's website:

http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oeis/p2_program/hubspoke.html