





# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Request for Applications (RFA)

### Illinois Recycling Grants Program

#### Traditional Recyclables: Fiber, Plastic, Metal, and Glass and Computers and Electronics Recycling

#### Application Deadlines

#### Computers and Electronics Recycling – December 15, 2006

#### Traditional Recyclables – December 15, 2006

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Energy and Recycling is pleased to announce two separate grant opportunities. The department is seeking applications from qualified entities for traditional recycling (fiber, plastic, metal, and glass) projects and/or computers and electronics recycling projects. The purpose of these solicitations is to divert recyclable commodities from Illinois landfills by increasing the quantity of materials recycled in Illinois and increasing the self-sufficiency of the recycling industry, as well as to establish permanent collection facilities, expand operations for processing computers and electronic equipment, and for the removal and proper management of electronic components. Projects that demonstrate public economic benefits, such as job creation, will be given priority.

Grants are available to assist local governments, for-profit, and not-for-profit businesses and organizations with their recycling efforts. Traditional Recyclables grant funds may be used to purchase project-related capital equipment such as collection, processing or handling equipment; project-related expansion and modernization costs; and the development and distribution of materials designed to promote and educate participants about the project. Computers and Electronics Recycling grant funds may be used to set up permanent drop-off and collection facilities; purchase recycling containers; site improvements; and purchasing processing and handling project-related equipment to collect, refurbish, demanufacture, and recycle computers and electronic equipment.

Last year the Illinois Recycling Grants Program awarded 11 grants totaling a little more than \$573,000 for Traditional Recycling and 13 grants totaling nearly \$673,000 for Computers and Electronics Recycling. Grant funds are made available from the Illinois Solid Waste Management Fund. The maximum grant amounts for the Traditional Recyclables grant program are \$60,000 for collection projects and \$120,000 for primary processing projects. For the Computers and Electronics Recycling grant program, the maximum grant request is \$60,000 for collection projects and \$75,000 for processing projects.

Entities interested in submitting an application for Traditional Recyclables are encouraged to schedule an individual consultation with their regional DCEO representative by calling 217/785-3416. Those interested in submitting a Computers and Electronics Recycling RFA should contact Sam Al-Basha at 217/557-5662 or at Sam.Al-Basha@illinois.gov. It is recommended that all interested entities attend one of the scheduled workshops. **Both RFAs can be downloaded via our website at <http://www.illinoisrecycles.com>** (look to the right for the navigation bar for the appropriate RFA).

To obtain a Traditional Recyclables and/or Computers and Electronics Recycling RFA, please call 217/785-3416, TDD customers call 800/785-6055, or write to:

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