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Ohio EPA Awards Recycling Market Development Grants

Ohio EPA has awarded \$1.35 million in recycling market development grants to eight projects from around Ohio that include assistance with the creation and expansion of organic recycling facilities and equipment purchases for recycling facilities and manufacturers. As a result, more material will be diverted from regional waste streams including plastics, glass and fiber. The projects are expected to create 13 new jobs.

Businesses are eligible for funding, but must be sponsored by a public entity, such as a municipality, county, township or solid waste management district.

Projects approved for funding include (rounded to the nearest dollar):

- Kitchen Aid, in partnership with the Darke County Solid Waste District, \$44,433 grant to purchase eight vertical balers that will allow the company to convert waste material into usable feedstock for their production system.
- Price Farm Organics, in partnership with the Delaware, Knox, Morrow and Marion County Solid Waste District, \$250,000 to purchase a portable horizontal grinder with conveying stacker and compost screener to undertake organic recycling for the community.
- Econopia, in partnership with Franklin County, \$250,000 to purchase an organics in-vessel processing unit to assist with organic recycling at the facility in Columbus.
- Barnes Nursery, in partnership with the Lorain County Solid Waste District, \$66,538 to purchase two food waste trucks to assist processing organic recycling for Ottawa, Seneca, Sandusky, Huron, Erie, Lorain and Cuyahoga counties.
- I.D. Images, in partnership with Medina County Solid Waste Management District, \$108,027 to purchase a horizontal auto tie baler and label stock used to prepare the material for the waste to energy market.
- G.I.B., in partnership with the Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca Solid Waste District, \$138,195 to purchase a recycling truck and 12 commercial roll-off containers to provide recycling services for commercial establishments.
- Waste Management, in partnership with Summit and Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, \$250,000 to purchase a bag breaking unit and optical sorter for the Akron Materials Recovery Facility.
- Zanesville Energy, in partnership with The Ohio State University, Zanesville, \$250,000 to purchase an organics depackaging system to allow organics recycling at the University branch campus and servicing of other organic material generators.

Ohio EPA is responsible for implementing statewide waste reduction, recycling market development and litter prevention programs. All Ohioans are encouraged to reduce waste, recycle materials and buy recycled content products to make recycling in Ohio even more successful.

For additional information about the grant program, contact Chet Chaney at Ohio EPA at (614) 728-0043, or visit www.recycleohio.gov.