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Environment Department Announces ARRA Stimulus Grant Application for ‘Hub-and-Spoke’ Recycling Projects

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – The New Mexico Environment Department is soliciting grant applications from public entities that desire to develop a recycling processing facility.

Proposed facility locations must be located in an underserved region of New Mexico and be based, registered (if applicable) and operated 100 percent of the time within the state for the New Mexico Recycling Hub American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant Program. The department, following review of submitted applications, will award contracts on a competitive basis. Contracts will support the development of a centralized recycling hub and will include financial and technical resources to provide basic recycling processing equipment and facilities acquisition and installation, formal supplier agreements for recycling collected outside of the contractors service area and other services as deemed necessary by NMED.

The *hub and spoke* model is a solid waste management system where a centralized processing facility (hub) provides its services to several regionally appropriate recycling collection programs (spokes). That model is designed to minimize capital and operating expenses while maximizing the financial, environmental and societal benefits of recycling. Hub and spoke systems achieve these goals by attaining economy of scale where resources are used to their fullest potential to the benefit of the largest population. Similar systems have been developed and proven successful nationally and internationally and in limited areas of New Mexico.

Those interested in pursuing upcoming grant funding should visit the bureau’s Web site at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWB/> for details.

Grant applications are due to the Solid Waste Bureau’s office by 5 p.m., Friday, July 16.

For more information about recycling and illegal dumping grants or the upcoming grant cycle, contact Tim Gray at (505) 827-0129 or tim.gray@state.nm.us.

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