

# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## FY 2011 Annual Report



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Indiana Recycling Market Development Program**

The Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP) established under IC 4-23-5.5-14 provides financial and technical assistance to help Indiana businesses increase recyclable material manufacturing capacity, as well as increase the use of recycled content products. Promoting the concept of collecting, using, and producing recycled materials in Indiana is a means of supporting the agency's initiatives of job creation and economic stability leading to environmental stewardship of natural resources.

### ***Suspension of Recycling Grant and Loan Programs***

As Indiana tax revenues decreased substantially in the fall of 2008, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) temporarily suspended many state-funded grant and loan programs for business, school, and local government recycling and pollution prevention projects.

In April of 2010, Indiana released a total of \$500,000 for grants to aid private businesses to purchase equipment specifically needed to remanufacture recyclable materials into finished products or industrial feed stocks. The following four grants were awarded at the August 19, 2010 Recycling Market Development Board meeting.

- **Cereplast, Inc.** awarded \$100,000  
Company manufactures biodegradable/compostable resin. Funds will be used for a bioplastic extrusion compounding production line.
- **Green Tech Transfer and Recycling, LLC** awarded \$100,000  
The transfer facility station will be concentrating in C&D recycling, including processed wood and asphalt shingles. Funds will be used for the purchase of an industrial grinder and loader.
- **Electronic Recyclers International—Indiana, Inc. (ERI)** awarded \$100,000  
Company works as a satellite processor in Indiana, manually separating components and then shredding material in California. ERI will expand operations to include processing by building a new facility which will serve as a main hub for the Midwest.
- **Plantic Technologies, Ltd.** awarded \$200,000  
Company manufactures biodegradable materials from starch for packaging industries. Australian-based, they will be locating in Indiana and funds will help purchase equipment, including mixing systems, screening, transferring and quality assurance equipment.

Due to reorganization of their corporate structure, Plantic Technologies, Ltd. withdrew their contract for consideration in April 2011. The \$200,000 granted by the Board was returned to the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund. The three remaining projects invested a total of \$5.6 million in the state of Indiana, including creating 160 jobs.

Funding for the Program comes from the Solid Waste Management Fee--a \$0.50 per ton charge on final disposal of solid waste at a landfill or incinerator. Accordingly, the Solid Waste Management Fund receives \$0.25, and the other half of the Solid Waste Management Fee is deposited in a separate fund: the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund, which supports the Recycling Market Development Program. Funding decisions for the RMDP projects are approved by the Recycling Market Development Board.

The total revenue received for the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund for FY 2011 was \$4,020,973, including Solid Waste Management Fee allocations of \$2,593,113 and \$1,427,860 in loan repayments.

### **Summary**

The Office of Compliance Support staff continue to further recycling's environmental and economic benefits by offering to help all Hoosiers through technical and financial assistance: whether businesses wishing to set-up shop or citizens needing guidance to find sellers and processors of recyclable goods.

For more information about recycling in Indiana and recycling resources, please visit the *Recycle Indiana* Web site at: [www.recycle.in.gov](http://www.recycle.in.gov).