

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission

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DECISION

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Contract - Regional Collection Center Establishment Grant

Recommendation:

The Department received three (3) applications requesting \$232,000 in financial assistance through the Regional Collection Center Establishment Grant Program. After reviewing the applications and subsequent requested information, each applicant project is recommended for implementation in the total amount of \$232,000.

The total number of counties offering hazardous materials education and disposal to households and conditionally exempt small quantity business generators through the Regional Collection Center program will increase to eighty-eighty (88) counties statewide.

Funding Source:

These competitive grant contracts will be funded pursuant to the Waste Volume Reduction/Recycling Fund (455D.15), the Groundwater Protection Fund (455E.11) and the Household Hazardous Waste Fund (455F.8).

Background:

Iowa code requires the Department to establish facilities for the proper management and disposal of Household Hazardous Materials for both urban and rural counties. Regional Collection Centers are permanent facilities that provide hazardous waste management education and on-going access to proper disposal of hazardous materials generated by conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) businesses, urban and rural households, and farming operations. Household hazardous materials (HHMs) possess any or all of the following characteristics: toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive.

A total of 1,971,322 pounds of waste was accepted, processed, recycled and disposed of through the RCC Program in 2008. These materials represent some of the most toxic materials in the solid waste stream and are being prevented from entering Iowa's landfills.

Purpose:

Four counties will be provided hazardous materials education and new and expanded opportunities for on-going proper disposal of hazardous materials generated in the household, farm and small business.

A description of each recommended project is attached.

At this time, the Department is requesting Commission approval to enter into contracts with Hamilton, Lee and Pocahontas Counties, to expand the Regional Collection Center Programs in their respective service areas.

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REGIONAL COLLECTION CENTER ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

Following is a brief description of the RCC establishment grant applications recommended for funding.

Applicant: Great River Regional Waste Authority
2092 303rd Ave.
Ft Madison, Iowa 52627

Award Amount: \$100,000 **Contact:** Wade Hamm (319) 372-6140

Cost Share Amount: \$ 53,500

Description: This application will establish a main regional collection center providing proper disposal opportunities and HHM education for Lee County and the unincorporated areas of Henry County. Negotiations are taking place with Van Buren County. The facility will serve approximately 21,000 households and 420 conditionally exempt small quantity generator businesses. In addition to on-going access to the main RCC in Lee County, mobile collection events will be held in Henry and Lee County each year to facilitate convenience for all residents. Funding is requested for facility construction and site prep, hazardous materials storage unit, mobile collection trailer, equipment, supplies, and educational materials.

Applicant: Hamilton County Solid Waste Commission
2605 Mc Murray Avenue
Webster City, Iowa 50595

Award Amount: \$100,000 **Contact:** Terry Klaver (515) 539-4420

Cost Share Amount: \$118,552

Description: This application is to establish a main regional collection center providing proper disposal opportunities and HHM education for Hamilton County. The facility will serve approximately 16,458 residents and 132 conditionally exempt small quantity generator businesses. Funding is requested for facility construction and site prep, hazardous materials storage unit, equipment, supplies, and educational materials.

Applicant: Pocahontas County Solid Waste Commission
99 Court Square
Pocahontas, Iowa 50574

Award Amount: \$32,000 **Contact:** Jack DeWulf (712) 335-3361

Cost Share Amount: \$6,000

Description: This application is to establish a new satellite collection center providing proper disposal opportunities and HHM education for Pocahontas County. The facility will serve approximately 3617 households and approximately 61 conditionally exempt small quantity generator businesses. Hazardous materials accepted at the satellite facility in Pocahontas County will be collected by their partner RCC facility, Landfill of North Iowa, located in Cerro Gordo County, for final processing and packaging for final disposition. Funding is requested for site prep, hazardous materials storage unit, equipment, supplies, and educational materials.