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ADEQ Director Owens Announces Availability of Recycling Grants

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ is seeking grant applications to enhance recycling efforts from private enterprises, political subdivisions, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations that serve Arizona communities.

“This grant program helps communities take action at the local level to protect Arizona’s environment by developing and promoting recycling,” Owens said. “We are also encouraging collaborative and community partnerships to promote recycling in Arizona.”

ADEQ provides funding for recycling projects statewide in three major categories:

- Waste Reduction Assistance (WRA), which funds projects that significantly reduce the solid-waste stream by purchasing recycling equipment and developing the recycling infrastructure.
- Waste Reduction Initiative Through Education (WRITE), which funds education projects that increase the awareness and use of recycling opportunities and educate the public of the need to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Recycling Research & Development (RR&D), which funds feasibility studies, solid waste audits and technology development for source reduction, recycling, composting and other environmentally responsible techniques.

More information plus grant application forms are available as part of ADEQ’s Recycling Program Grants Manual, which is available for download from our Web site:

www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/download/grant_manual09.pdf.

In addition, ADEQ is offering three workshops to help craft successful grant applications:

- Flagstaff: Monday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m., ADEQ Northern Regional Office, 1801 W. Route 66, Suite 117, (928) 779-0313
- Tucson: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m., ADEQ Southern Regional Office, 400 W. Congress Rd., Room #158, (520) 628-6733
- Phoenix: Friday, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m., ADEQ, 1110 W. Washington St., Room #250, (602) 771-4398

The deadline for proposals is Thursday, March 6, 2008 by 3 p.m.