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Economic importance of recycling to PA on display in Capitol East Wing on Feb. 15

HARRISBURG—Private-sector recyclers and companies that use recycled materials to make new products will showcase their contributions to Pennsylvania's economy at the 2011 Pennsylvania Recycling Industries Congress on Feb. 15 in the Capitol's East Wing Rotunda.

The first-ever event is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA) and the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center (RMC).

More than two dozen recyclers and recycled-products companies will have exhibits and displays in the rotunda throughout the day.

"Recycling is a growing and important part of the private-sector waste industry, which contributes \$3 billion a year to our Pennsylvania economy and accounts for 31,500 jobs," said Tim O'Donnell, president of PWIA, which represents private-sector recyclers, waste haulers, and landfill operators. "The Recycling Industries Congress is an opportunity to get this message out to legislators and the public."

"Pennsylvania is a leading state in terms of the importance of recycling," said Michele Nestor, chair of the RMC board. "The private sector has invested more than \$66 million in recycling facilities, state-of-the-art sorting and processing equipment, and new recycling jobs in Pennsylvania in just the past few years. This event is our opportunity to show how private enterprise has made recycling an important part of our economy."

O'Donnell and Nestor agreed that Pennsylvania state government has done a good job of creating a favorable climate for the development and growth of recycling but that, ultimately, it's up to the private sector to make sure recycling operates with a sound business footing and is self-sustaining into the future.

The displays will include videos and models that explain how single-stream recycling works and samples of products made from recycled plastics, paper, glass, and other materials.

The following recycling industry leaders will have exhibits at the event:

Recycleries

Republic Services, King of Prussia
Waste Management, Pottstown
Veolia Environmental Services, Inc., McClellandtown
Penn Waste, York
Greenstar, Allentown and Pittsburgh
Cogle's Recycling, Hamburg

Paper

American Eagle Paper Mills, Tyrone
Henry Molded Products, Lebanon
Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster
Fiber America, Allentown

Plastics

Pandya, Inc., Ebensburg
Engineered Plastics, Inc., Lake City
Nursery Supplies, Inc., Chambersburg
Casual Living Unlimited, New Holland
Ultra-Poly Corporation, Portland

Glass

Greenstar, Allentown and Pittsburgh (also under recycleries)
LVH Industries, Orwigsburg
Cogle's Recycling, Hamburg (also under recycleries)

Electronics

Kuusakoski Philadelphia, LLC, Philadelphia
Eloop, LLC, Murrysville

Construction/Demolition

Zwicky Processing & Recycling, Fleetwood
Construction Waste Management, Philadelphia
USA Gypsum, Reinholds

Organics

AgRecycle, Pittsburgh
Two Particular Acres, Royersford
Ridgewood Soils, Reading

Rubber

Mahantango Enterprises, Inc., Liverpool

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!

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