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Rationale

A substantial combination of public and private investments will be required over the next decade to expand the necessary recycling infrastructure to meet goals already established and those being proposed nationally.

Policy

Federal, state and local programs for economic development, community development, redevelopment, research and development and pollution control assistance should clearly authorize expenditures for source reduction recycling and composting collection, processing and market development activities to be eligible for participation in public investment tools Private investors, venture capitalists and alternative investment houses should all be educated about the demand for these investments and the prospects for their participation in the future. Federal and state programs should be developed to encourage the maximum investment by the private sector particularly in commercially available technologies.

Federal and state programs should also be developed to encourage the maximum innovation and research and development into new technologies by both the public and private sectors, including at universities and colleges throughout the country. Primary emphasis should be on policies and investments that expand the demand for recycled products, to provide the most efficient sources of supplies for the nation's manufacturing industries.

Cross-reference: Market Development; Procurement