RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Rationale

Research, development and transfer of technology is needed within industry, commerce and all levels of government for uses of recycled, recyclable, secondary and waste materials as the feedstock of industry. These technologies will result in less dependency on limited and virgin resources by promoting the use of renewable, reusable and recyclable materials, as well as developing substitute feedstocks of primarily recycled and secondary materials.

Policy

The National Recycling Coalition recommends that the federal government allocate staff and resources to facilitate the transfer of information about existing and emerging recycling technologies for all commodities currently recycled from the municipal solid waste stream including, but not limited to, metal. glass, paper, plastics and yard waste. This technology information transfer should include, at a minimum: standardized definitions and specifications for use and application of these materials; and information on the value of these materials; e.g., the value of compost for agricultural productivity and landscaping.

Cross-reference: Education and Outreach