

Mississippi Recycling Bin Grant Program

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Southeast Recycling Development Council, Alcoa Recycling Company,
the Mississippi Recycling Coalition and
the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**

The Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC), the Alcoa Recycling Company (Alcoa), the Mississippi Recycling Coalition (MRC) and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) are partnering to offer a Recycling Bin Grant Program in Mississippi. This partnership program will provide an opportunity for a grant of free recycling bins for schools, colleges and universities and public and non-profit office buildings. Initially the bins being made available are corrugated bins (picture on next page). The bins are designed to increase the collection of aluminum plastic and glass containers and various paper products for recycling from elementary and secondary schools, from community colleges and institutions of higher learning in the state of Mississippi, and from state government agencies, local government and non-profit community groups and organizations.

MDEQ will serve as the applicant reviewer and the distributor of the recycling bins on behalf of the partners. Completed applications as outlined below will be accepted by the MDEQ through **5:00 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2010**. All applications received by that date will be reviewed and evaluated based on the potential to collect the most recyclable material (s) as well as the required information outlined below. Bin grant recipients will be announced by **5:00 p.m. Friday, August 20, 2010**. MDEQ reserves the right to modify or to deny a bin request based on the number of bins available and on the needs identified by the applicant's proposal.

Successful grant recipients will receive recycling bins (see description and photograph on next page) and may need to collect the bins from a regional location on a date(s) to be determined, unless collection of the bins is otherwise arranged with MDEQ. If the recycling bins are not collected by the date(s) set, the bins may be awarded to another applicant.

Grant recipients will be asked to: (1) Place decals (provided by MDEQ and SERDC) on the bins to recognize program sponsors; and (2) Provide follow-up information (e.g., the amount of material collected for recycling) on the success of their program six months after receiving the bins.

All questions on the Recycling Bin Grant Program should be directed to the MDEQ Solid Waste Assistance Program Staff: Luis Murillo or Denise Wilson at the following email address or telephone number: Luis_Murillo@deq.state.ms.us or Denise_Wilson@deq.state.ms.us or (601) 961-5171.

Interested applicants shall provide the following information. Responses should be fully detailed and provided in the order listed below and numbered accordingly.

1. The name of the agency, government, school, non-profit/community group or institution requesting the recycling bins.
2. A contact person for the organization and their contact information (include e-mail address, physical address and telephone number)
3. The number of recycling bins requested by the applicant. (MDEQ requests that the number of bins requested match the actual needs of the applicant - generally not to exceed 50 bins unless otherwise addressed with MDEQ. The corrugated bins are contained in 5-packs and are depicted on the 2nd page. These bins are not intended for desk-side use; they are intended

- for building or floor drop off points such as break rooms or cafeteria areas, lobbies, event settings, copy rooms, mail rooms, and other similar settings, etc.).
4. Proposed recycling bin locations (provide building locations, general areas within the buildings, or the types of events or meetings the bins would be used at).
 5. Indicate the items that will be collected for recycling in the bins (e.g., aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, etc).
 6. Explain how and by whom the recyclables will be collected, stored and transported (if known) and the location to which the materials will be delivered for recycling. Applicants are encouraged to keep records of the amount of material recycled as those numbers may be needed to ensure continuation of this bin grant program.

Recycling bins currently available through this bin grant program are corrugated bins (depicted at right). The dimensions of the corrugated bins assembled are 21 1/2" long, 13" wide and 48 1/2" tall at the back of the box and 42 1/2" on the front of the box. The corrugated bins are designed primarily for recyclable container collection (e.g. aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc) in break rooms, offices, schools and at event settings.

In addition, MDEQ anticipates that plastic recycling bins (22 gallon capacity) may be available in the Fall of 2010 through the partnership and MDEQ will release a separate notice of the availability of those bins at that time.



All Recycling Bin Grant Program applications must be addressed and submitted to Mr. Luis Murillo with the MDEQ-Solid Waste Assistance Grants Programs by one of the following methods:

By regular mail at:

Mr. Luis Murillo
MDEQ
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39225

By email at:

Luis_Murillo@deq.state.ms.us

By hand delivery to:

Mr. Luis Murillo
MDEQ
515 E. Amite Street
Jackson, MS 39201

By legible fax at:

(601) 961-5785

The proposal must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2010

MDEQ wants to express appreciation to Alcoa Recycling Services and to the Southeast Recycling Development Council for making the recycling bins available and to Brown Bottling Group for providing temporary storage of the bins at their Brandon, MS location.