

**455D.5 Statewide waste reduction and recycling network — established.**

1. The department shall establish a statewide waste reduction and recycling network to promote the waste management policy contained in [section 455B.481](#) and the waste management hierarchy contained in [section 455B.301A](#). Programs established shall encourage waste generators to reduce the volume of waste generated and to recycle or properly dispose of the waste that is generated. The network shall utilize existing recycling companies when possible. The programs may utilize financial and legal incentives, education, technical assistance, regulation, and other methods as appropriate to implement the programs. The programs may involve the development of public and private sector initiatives, the development of markets and other opportunities for waste reduction and recycling, and other related efforts.

2. The elements of the network shall include but are not limited to all of the following:

- a. Promotion of efforts to increase the amount of recyclable materials used by the public.
- b. Promotion of efforts to recover recyclable materials from the waste stream.
- c. Promotion of local efforts to implement recycling collection centers located at disposal sites or other convenient local sites.
- d. Promotion of local efforts of curbside collection of separated recyclable waste materials.
- e. Provision of public education programs which promote public awareness of waste volume reduction and the use of recyclable materials.
- f. Promotion of the creation of markets for recyclable materials.
- g. Promotion of research, manufacturing processes, and product development, which provide for waste reduction through decreased material input, and resource consumption.
- h. Promotion of the concentration of the efforts of the business and industry resource search service by the small business assistance center for the safe and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances at the university of northern Iowa, to locate existing waste streams and materials from businesses and industries which generate small amounts of waste and to catalyze the reuse of these materials in the production of goods and services.

[89 Acts, ch 272, §5](#); [95 Acts, ch 44, §4](#)