

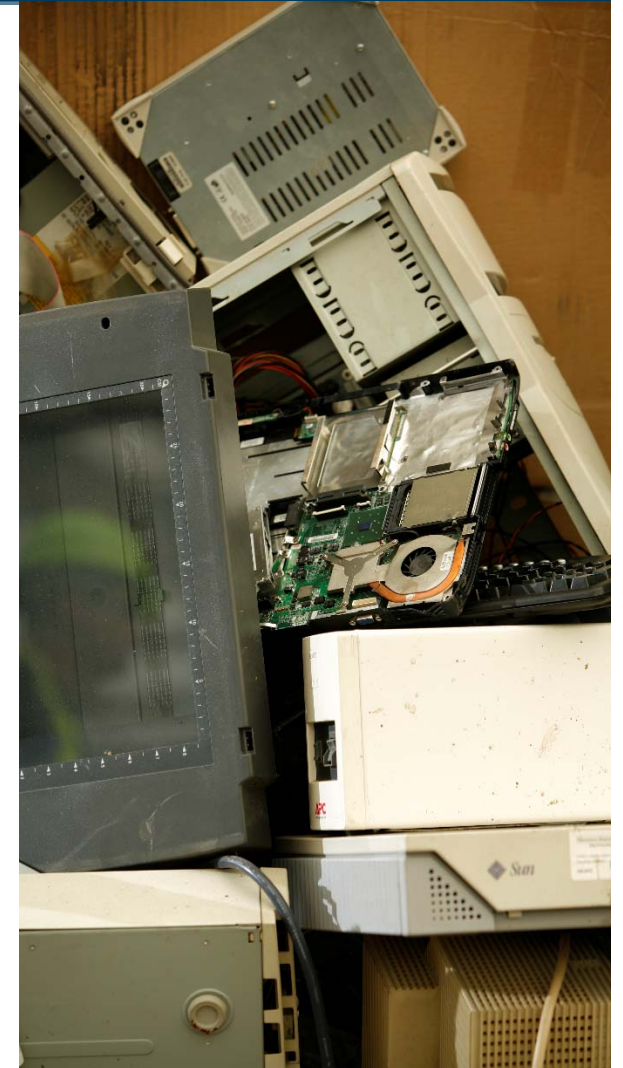
# Solid Waste Innovation and Investment Program Concept

October 31, 2017

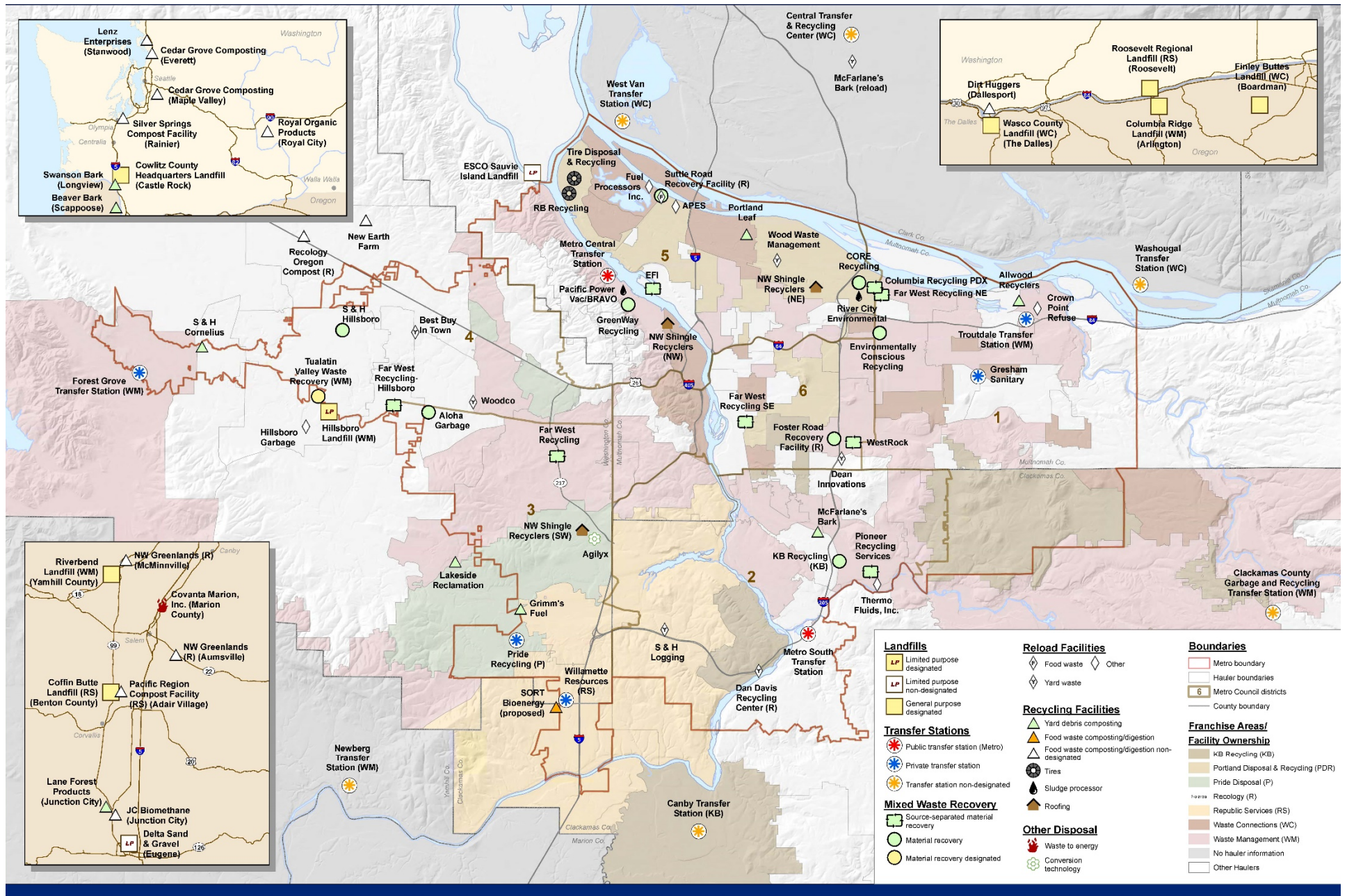


# Public benefits

- Protect the public's health
- Protect the environment
- Get good value for the public's money
- Keep our commitment to the highest and best use of resources
- Be adaptable and responsive in managing materials
- Ensure services are available to all types of customers







# Regional Solid Waste Facilities

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# Equity commitment

- Create economic opportunities
- Provide programs and services equitably
- Minimize negative impacts
- Generate community benefits



June 2016

Strategic plan to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion



# Regional Waste Plan discussions

Preparing the  
garbage and  
recycling system for  
2030

Discussions about  
ways to improve  
system, provide  
opportunities



# Input

Eight for-profit and non-profit organizations

Existing Metro grant program staff

Other public funding entities in Oregon

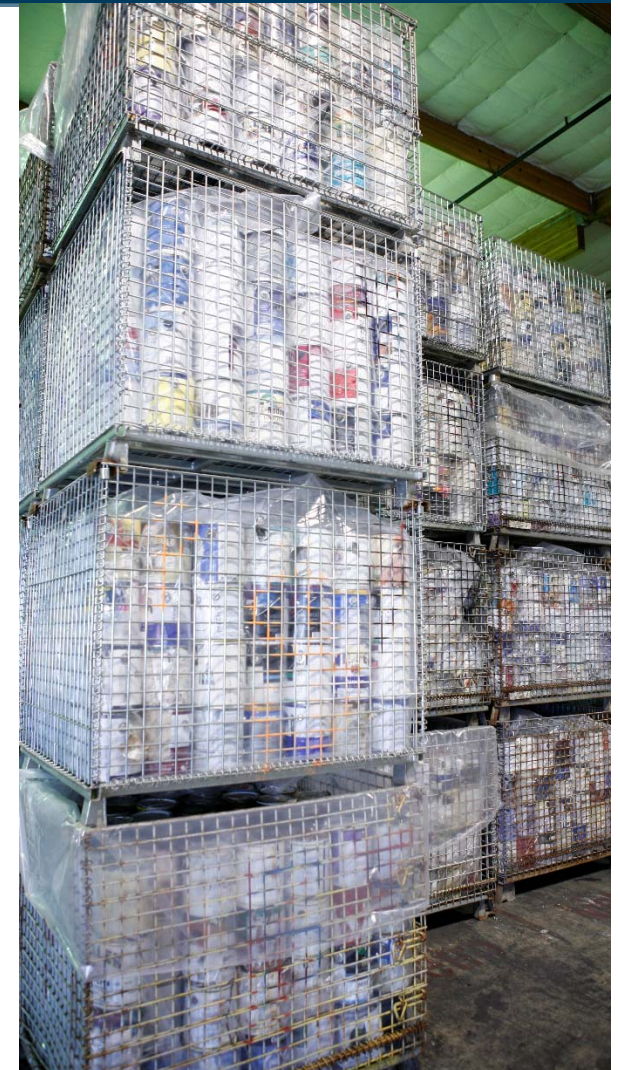
Out-of-state organizations





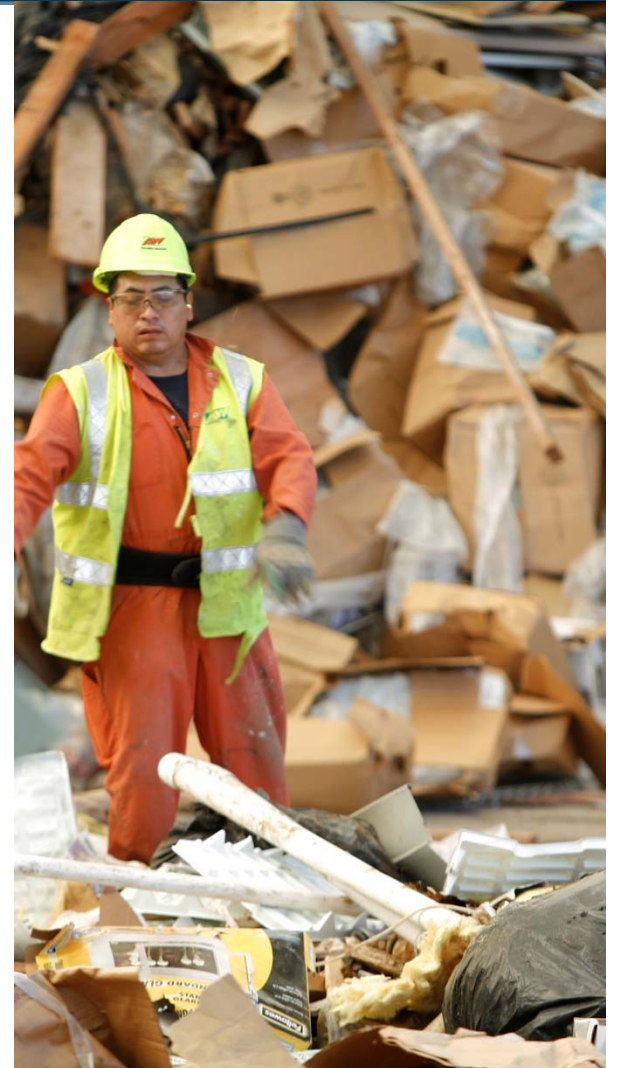
# What we learned

- Previous Metro efforts had too much process
- There are opportunities and needs in the system
- Existing programs offer loans, grants and loan guarantees
- Limited availability among public programs for support of solid waste projects



# What we learned

- Metro has significant experience in administering grant programs
- Opportunities to lead with a focus on diversity, equity, inclusion
- High demand for similar programs elsewhere



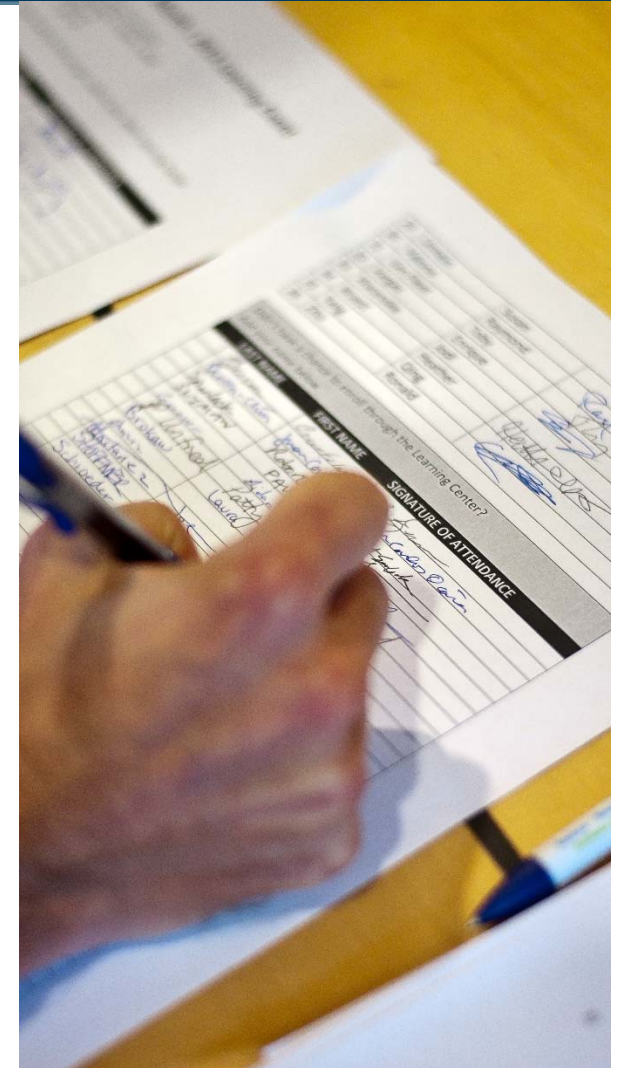


# Proposal

- Initial three-year grant program
- For-profit businesses and non-profit organizations eligible
- System improvement and DEI criteria focus
- Up to \$3 million per year, funded from solid waste reserves
- Two types of grants:
  - \$10K to \$50K for operations, equipment, personnel
  - \$50K to \$500K for larger capital investment

# Proposed selection process

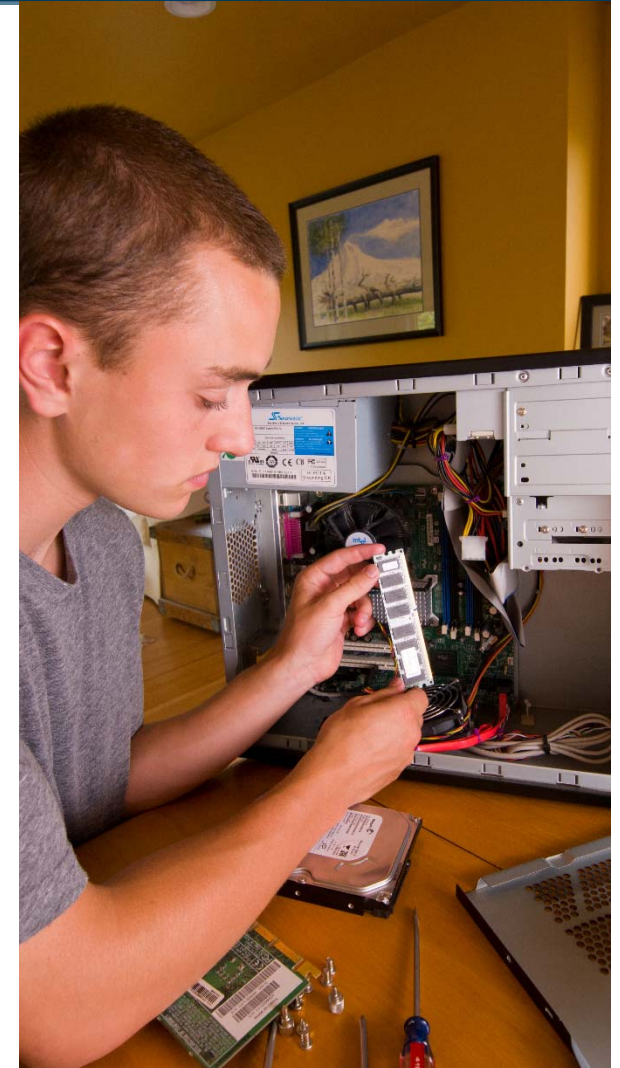
- Metro staff screens applications
- Selection committee to review proposals
  - Public employees from multiple agencies
  - Citizen representation, including from historically underrepresented communities
  - Other expertise as needed





# Proposed selection process

- Selection committee evaluates and scores proposals
- Committee's recommendations go to Property and Environmental Services director for final decision
- COO issues seven-day notice to Council, during which any councilor can request formal Council briefing and review



# What is needed

- Changes to Metro Code
- Budget amendment
- Refinement of program criteria
- Annual assessments of program administration
- Full program evaluation after 3 years





# Comments on draft program

Largely supportive  
with detail  
questions

Capital grant limit

DEI component

Time to comment



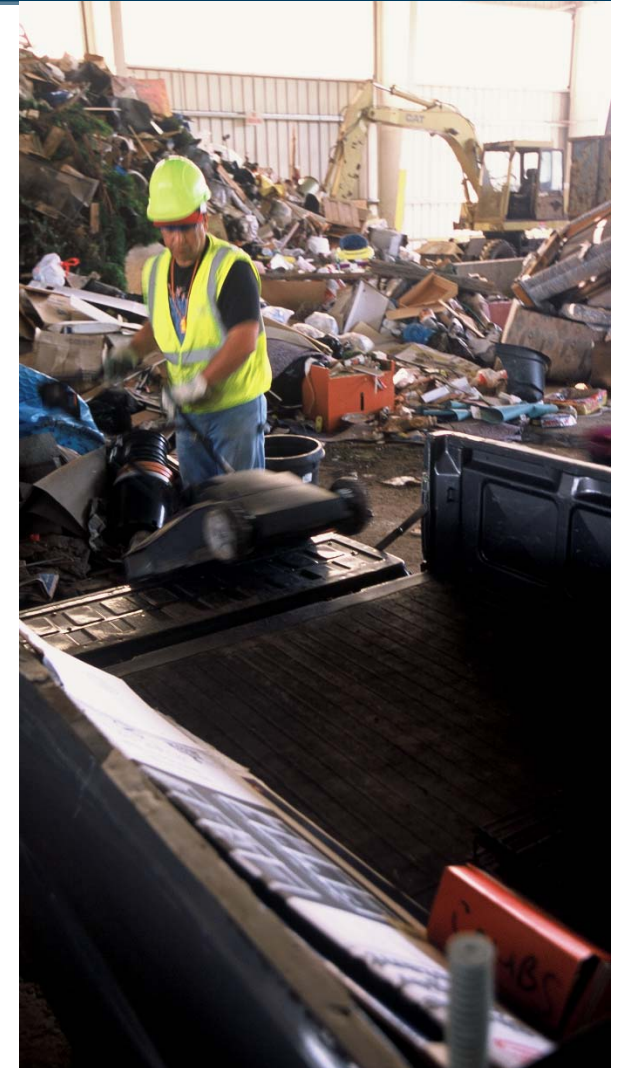
# Proposed next steps

- Consideration of Metro Code amendments before end of 2017
- Define the selection criteria and application process
- Budget amendment
- Solicitation of grants may begin in late Spring 2018



# Questions for Metro Council

1. Does Council have any guidance or suggestions that staff should incorporate in the development of the program?
2. Does Council wish to move forward with a budget amendment and Code change to re-establish this program?



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