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**EPA Selects LSU to Receive Pollution Prevention Grant; Part of \$9.3 Million for Over 40 Organizations Nationwide**

**DALLAS - (Sept. 23, 2020)** Today, during Pollution Prevention (P2) Week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Louisiana State University (LSU) is among 42 organizations across 39 states selected to receive grant funding totaling \$9.3 million, supporting pollution prevention across the country. These grants will fund projects that provide businesses and other facilities with information, training, and tools to help them develop and adopt cost-effective changes in production, operation, and use of materials to reduce costs and the use of water, energy, and other natural resources.

“As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Act, we are proud to announce more than \$9 million in P2 grants which will help businesses in communities across the United States protect the environment and reduce waste and costs,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “The work done as a result of EPA’s P2 grants will create best practices that current and future organizations can use to cut pollution and advance innovation and economic growth.”

“By working with businesses and industry groups to find ways to reduce pollution, LSU’s P2 team shows that protecting the environment can go hand-in-hand with economic success,” said Regional Administrator Ken McQueen. “LSU’s work will help communities thrive by developing practical ways for businesses to operate more sustainably.”

LSU’s project will expand its P2 program by partnering with major universities and local partners to support direct technical assistance to more chemical, metal, and food and beverage manufacturers to reduce pollution while enhancing business profitability. LSU’s P2 team will provide on-site technical assistance with workshop training, follow-up and coordinating calls, and video guides and marketing material. LSU will build on these efforts by developing a regional sustainability committee to identify pollution prevention best-practices and offering an awards or certification program for all participants.

EPA anticipates that it will award individual grant projects ranging in the amounts of \$25,000 to \$498,000 once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

For these grants, EPA emphasizes the importance of grantees documenting and sharing P2 best practices that are identified and developed through these grants, so that others can replicate these practices and outcomes. Each grantee will be required to develop at least one case study during the grant period on P2 practices that are new or not widely known or adopted, or where detailed information on the P2 practices could benefit other businesses or P2 technical assistance providers. The work done under these grants will focus on at least one of the five **P2 priority areas**, also referred to as **National Emphasis Areas** and support several of the **agency’s Smart Sectors**. These areas include food and beverage manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, automotive manufacturing, aerospace product/part manufacturing, and metal manufacturing.

This year marks 30 years since the passage of the Pollution Prevention Act, which focuses industry, government, and public attention on reducing the amount of pollution through cost-effective changes in production, operation, and raw materials use. This week is also P2 Week, a time to celebrate the diverse and creative ways businesses, academic institutes, local governments, and other organizations are working to prevent pollution. In support of the Pollution Prevention Act and P2 Week, these grant awards encourage businesses and other stakeholders to find ways to prevent pollution from entering any waste stream, furthering EPA's mission to protect public health and the environment.

Read more about **P2 and the P2 Grant Program**.

2020 EPA P2 Grant Recipients:

Alabama: University of Alabama

Arizona: Arizona State University

California: University of California, at Berkeley

Colorado: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Connecticut: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Delaware: University of Delaware

District of Columbia: District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment

Georgia: Georgia Tech

Idaho: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Illinois: University of Illinois

Iowa: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Kansas: Kansas State University

Kentucky: Kentucky Department of Compliance Assistance

Louisiana: Louisiana State University

Maine: University of Southern Maine

Maryland: Maryland Department of Environment

Michigan: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Minnesota: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Mississippi: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Missouri: Missouri State University

Montana: Montana State University

Nebraska: University of Nebraska, at Lincoln

Nevada: Western Nevada College

New Hampshire: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

New Jersey: Rowan University; Rutgers University

New Mexico: New Mexico State University

North Carolina: East Carolina University; North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Ohio: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Oregon: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State University

Rhode Island: Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

South Carolina: Clemson University

Tennessee: Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation

Texas: University of Texas, at Arlington

Vermont: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Virginia: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Wytheville Community College

Washington: Washington Department of Ecology

West Virginia: West Virginia University

Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin

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