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WASTE REDUCTION PARTNERS EXPANDS TO TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RALEIGH—Waste Reduction Partners, a nationally-recognized technical assistance program operating in western North Carolina, is expanding its reach eastward. In partnership with the Triangle J Council of Governments and with funding from the State Energy Office, the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance is launching a technical assistance program that will utilize the growing number of the area's retired engineers, scientists and architects.

Retired professionals working with WRP provide business, industry and public institutions with pro bono technical surveys on ways to reduce energy use, conserve water and promote waste reduction strategies. The outreach helps N.C. businesses and institutions become more economically competitive and environmentally sustainable.

The new WRP office at Triangle J Council of Governments will serve 63 North Carolina counties and provide nearly 30,000 hours of technical assistance over a three-year period.

"We're at an opportune crossroads in the history of North Carolina," states Terry Albrecht, director of the western Waste Reduction Partners. "The WRP program engages the talents and 'brain power' of the state's growing baby-boomer demographics for both economic and environmental benefits."

WRP is actively searching for interested volunteers with industrial or facilities management experience to staff the expanding program. Volunteers receive a small stipend and travel expenses. For more information, contact Sharon Johnson at (919) 558-2702 or sjoh@tjcog.org.

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