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## **SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES \$1.3 MILLION FOR UNH'S RECYCLED MATERIALS INITIATIVE**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the University of New Hampshire's Recycled Materials Resource Center has received a \$1.3 million federal grant for new initiatives to promote recycling in highway construction while working closely with state transportation and environmental protection agencies. Senator Gregg secured \$2 million in federal funding in 1997 to establish the Center, which in the last few years has established itself as a national leader in transportation recycling.

Senator Gregg stated, "The Recycled Materials Center continues to provide a model for what is quickly developing into a significant national need. So far the Center has used its research data to help States establish five nationally-recognized standards for using specific recycled materials in road construction and expect several more to follow. These include an effective way of using waste glass in pavement and compost in roadside applications. That is practical science. The tangible results are fewer wasted resources at no increase in cost while ensuring that safety is not compromised."

Dr. T. Taylor Eighmy, Director of the Center, stated, "Today's grant will fund the development of an additional three to four recycling applications capable of utilizing large volumes of waste materials. It also will fund a special nationwide initiative to encourage appropriate uses of coal combustion by-products. Senator Gregg has been a friend of this program since he first heard about it seven years ago. He saw the opportunity and stepped forward to help. We are especially pleased to be able to deliver tangible results that show the wisdom of that support."

The Center funds research and demonstration projects through competitive awards, and it produces standards and specifications that can be relied upon by states and others to ensure the long term performance of applications using recycled materials. It also provides training for state and federal recycling experts and is available to help states and communities answer questions about specific recycling issues.

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