

### Department of Environmental Quality

#### 1. Does DEQ's Recycling Grant Program focus on electronics recycling?

The Governor's recommended budget included a \$300K nonrecurring increase to the Recycling Business Development Grants program. This program is operated out of the Recycling Business Assistance Center in the Division of Energy Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS). These grants are offered via a competitive process to recycling businesses that propose solutions to building private sector capacity to divert materials from the waste stream. These projects are for recycling broadly, which may or may not include electronics recycling. The program does emphasize that projects concerning construction & demolition waste recycling, food waste collection, and/or material recovery facility upgrades are eligible to receive additional priority points.

As for DEQ's efforts specifically toward electronics recycling:

- DEACS works to assist county and municipal programs adopt the best management practices that enable them to minimize program cost and maximize operational efficiencies.
- DEACS partners with the Department of Administration to support State Term Contract 926c, which is a convenience contract that offers local governments across the state the choice of six vendors offering any local government in North Carolina electronics recycling services at a pre-established price. All six of the vendors on this contract are obligated to offer electronics recycling services to any local government in the state.
- DEACS offers public recycling programs the opportunity for financial assistance through our Community Waste Reduction and Recycling (CWRAR) Grant Program. This recurring annual grant cycle provides funding to local governments through a competitive grant round, and public programs may seek funding to invest in the infrastructure that will support their electronics recycling efforts.

### Department of Labor

#### 2. Please provide information on Labor's spending on technology

In 2015-16, the Department spent a little over \$1.7M in IT-related personnel and services, including personal computers, IT applications, servers, etc. The full report is available at [http://qa.osc.nc.gov/financial/IT\\_Expenditure\\_June\\_30\\_2016.pdf](http://qa.osc.nc.gov/financial/IT_Expenditure_June_30_2016.pdf); the summary is on page 5.

Of the \$250K request in the Governor's recommended budget, \$125K would go to offset the increased cost of maintaining their IT infrastructure at the Department of Information Technology. The remainder would go to bolster the salaries of their IT staff. Page 20 of the report linked above shows that the average salary for the Department's IT staff is just under \$80K, which is the second lowest average of all State agencies (above only the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources).