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**LIGHT CYCLE
PICK-UP DATES:**

**MAR: 11 AND 12
25 AND 26**

**APR: 8 AND 9
22 AND 23**

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WasteCap of Lincoln is Awarded Grant from NDEQ

WasteCap of Lincoln was awarded a grant in the amount of \$32,500 from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program. Altogether, the state received 58 applications requesting more than \$1.6 million for litter and recycling projects. A total of \$1,050,000 was awarded to 54 projects throughout Nebraska. "The grant funded projects provide innovative ways to educate the pub-

lic about litter reduction and recycling and will reduce the amount of material sent to Nebraska's landfills," said Mike Linder, director of NDEQ.

The grant program provides funds annually to Nebraska projects in three areas: public education, cleanup, and recycling. New funds awarded to WasteCap of Lincoln through recycling funds will be used to host training sessions

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regarding pollution prevention in business and to design and demonstrate employee training modules for pollution prevention and recycling programs in business.

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Hakenkamp Selected as Co-Chair of National Committee

While in Seattle, WA attending a National Recycling Coalition (NRC) Annual Congress in January, Carrie Hakenkamp, Director of WasteCap of Lincoln was elected as co-chair of the Rural Recycling Council of the NRC. The Rural Recycling Council assists communities and businesses in developing cooperative programs,

such as INFORM, to increase recycling opportunities across the nation. The leadership of INFORM in cooperative program success has been recognized in communities nationwide. Hakenkamp is looking forward to working with other

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communities to help create successes for them as well.

Scrap Metal Recycling in Lincoln

As many of you are probably now aware, two of Lincoln's three scrap metal processors have gone out of business in recent months. L & S Metals and Northwest Metal closed their doors late last year. We have not received detailed information in our office regarding these companies, but do know that Lincoln is now limited to one major scrap processor, Al-

ter Scrap. WasteCap of Lincoln will be taking the initiative to seek additional scrap metal service providers to keep this transition smooth and ensure service for the Lincoln businesses that need new scrap metal services. If you can share some information regarding other options, please contact our office at 402-472-0888. Please remember that Alter

Scrap has been attempting to provide services to all of their regular customers as well as the customers of the other two scrap processors that are now out of business. This has been a strain on their staff, equipment and other resources. Please be patient with service during this transition phase.

New Member Profile

Late last year, WasteCap of Lincoln assisted LI-COR, Inc. with a waste assessment and proposed the development of various recycling programs. LI-COR is now working with Midland Recycling to recycle brown glass, cardboard, office paper and magazines. LI-COR joined WasteCap in January. Their member representative is their Safety and Compliance Specialist Lynda Marshall-Siffing.

LI-COR Biosciences designs and manufactures instrument systems for biotechnology, plant biology and environmental research. The company pioneered the development of infrared fluorescence labeling and detection systems for imaging, DNA sequencing, genotyping and AFLP® for genomic research and discovery. LI-COR instruments for photosynthesis, carbon dioxide analysis and light measurement are recognized world-wide for

standard-setting innovation in plant science research and environmental monitoring.

Founded in 1971, the privately held company is based in Lincoln, Nebraska, with subsidiaries in Germany and the United Kingdom. LI-COR systems are used in over 100 countries and are supported by a global network of distributors.

MARKETS CORNER



	DEC	JAN	FEB
OCC	35	35	35
CPO	40	40	40
MAG	0	0	0
NEWS	30	20	10
SOP	10	10	10

WasteCap Wisconsin: Providing the Link to Food Waste Recovery - 9,440 lbs. Diverted in First Week

With organics having the potential to make up 50% or more of a grocery store's waste stream, WasteCap Wisconsin is working to develop the link between food waste generators, haulers and markets for food waste in Southeast Wisconsin. To accomplish this goal, WasteCap Wisconsin has linked six Waukesha area grocery stores with a local hauler

and compost facility accepting pre-consumer organic residuals for composting.

As part of a three-month pilot program, the six participating grocery stores are separating their past prime produce, bakery and waxed corrugated cardboard in designated containers. The containers containing the organic residuals are

collected twice a week by the hauler, Best Disposal, Inc., and taken to Coldspring Compost's facility in Whitewater to be composted. During only the first week of the program, 9,440 lbs. were collected from the six participating stores. The collection pilot will continue through mid-May.

It's Cans For Books time again!

Cans For Books, the 2nd annual aluminum can recycling program to support your favorite elementary or middle school library, will begin **April 1st** for collection and end **April 30th, 2002**.

Just bring your aluminum cans to the south location at **A-Can Recycling 3255 S. 10th St.** or the north location of **A & J Recycling 3400 N. 22nd St.** (2 blocks north of Cornhusker Hwy). All cans will be weighed and **Midland Recycling and A-Can Recycling** will then donate \$.05 to your school's library and you will receive cash for your

cans! You may donate all or a portion of your aluminum payment to the Cans For Books program if you wish. Businesses are encouraged to participate by recycling as a group and support one or all of the elementary or middle schools.

Midland Recycling will award cash prizes toward the purchase of books (\$400, \$200, \$100) to the first, second and third place school that collects the most money per capita for the promotion. **Lee Booksellers** is offering first (\$50) and second (\$25) place gift certificates to the top two students who collect the

most pounds of cans. Midland Recycling will also give T-shirts and an environmental trophy award to the student winner.

Cans For Books is sponsored by Lee Booksellers, A & J Recycling, A-Can Recycling, Midland Recycling, LPS Library Media Services, LPS Recycling Office, and Ventures in Partnership (VIP).

For questions, call Midland Recycling Representative, Jacquie Hirschman at 476-5695.

Openings for WasteCap Advisory Board

The WasteCap Advisory Committee currently has two openings that need to be filled. Advisory members meet every other month to assist the WasteCap staff. This is a great

opportunity to meet other WasteCap members and become more involved and up to date on current activities offered for WasteCap members. To be considered for the

Advisory Committee, your company must be a member of WasteCap of Lincoln in good standing. Please call our office at 472-0888 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

11th and 12th Light Cycle Pickup Dates
17th St. Patrick's Day
20th Spring Begins
25th and 26th Light Cycle Pickup Dates
31st Easter Sunday

APRIL

7th Daylight-Savings Time Begins
8th and 9th Light Cycle Pickup Dates
22nd and 23rd Light Cycle Pickup Dates
24th Secretaries Day



WasteCap in the News

Look for the article "Setting a Cap on Business Waste" in the January 2002 issue of BioCycle magazine. The article gives a brief overview

of the WasteCap organizations around the country and some of their services. You can also find links to the other WasteCap

organizations on WasteCap of Lincoln's website at www.wastecaplnk.org.

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The ideas for these projects came from the survey that our members completed last May regarding the services that your businesses need. Thank you for your valuable input. We look forward to working with each of you on these upcoming projects in 2002. The WasteCap of Lincoln staff is

applying for two additional NDEQ grants to match our membership donations. The first grant will allow us to host at least one computer collection for businesses. A great deal of education has been included as part of that grant application. A second grant would allow WasteCap of Lin-

coln to select two Lincoln businesses for a Talk and Tour. This will give you the opportunity to co-host an open house and share your recycling success with peers in our community and in your industry. We look for notification sometime in June with grant projects beginning in July.