



Division of Mining and Solid Waste Management
S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program Awards
Application Fiscal Year 2026

The S.C. Department of Environmental Services's (SCDES) S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program seeks to recognize businesses, restaurants, hotels, non-profits, institutions, industries, and other organizations in South Carolina that implement recycling and other sustainability practices to reduce their environmental impact.

The application reflects efforts in fiscal year (FY) 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Your organization also may be featured as a recycling success story on <https://des.sc.gov/community/recycling-waste-reduction/smart-business-recycling-program>.

To be considered for recognition, your organization must:

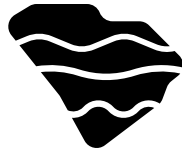
1. Submit recycling data through Re-TRAC Connect OR by completing SCDES Form D-0572 – Recycling Efforts of Commercial Business/Industry Reporting Survey (visit <https://des.sc.gov/community/recycling-waste-reduction/smart-business-recycling-program> and select *How Do I Submit Recycling Data and Awards Applications?* drop-down to find the survey).

2. Submit this completed application (D-0783).

BOTH RECYCLING EFFORTS DATA AND THIS APPLICATION ARE DUE October 15, 2026.

Email this completed application and any attachments to smartbiz@des.sc.gov. Questions? Email or call 1-800-768-7348.

SECTION 1: BUSINESS & CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of Business:	
Type of Business:	☐ Commercial ☐ Institutional ☐ Industrial ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Recycler
Give a brief description of your business:	
Number of Employees:	County of Business:
Contact Person:	
Telephone:	Email:
SECTION 2: RECYCLING PROGRAM DATA	
1. What materials are collected for recycling at your organization?	
2. Do you generate revenue from the sale of materials?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. What waste reduction activities do you practice?	
4. Describe how your organization has incorporated purchasing recycled-content products into its procurement practices.	
5. Have you seen decreases in waste disposal costs due to your waste reduction and recycling activities?	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. If yes, how much money have you saved?	
7. Describe any education or incentive programs that have been put in place for your employees.	
8. Describe any other sustainable efforts your organization has put into practice.	
9. If possible, explain how your organization has reached out to the community to share its waste reduction and recycling efforts.	
10. Have you reduced disposal costs through waste reduction/recycling activities?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11. If Yes, please share cost savings information.	
12. Did you report your recycling activities to your county or to SCDES for FY25?	☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Does your business have on-site food preparation, cafeteria, or canteen?	☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Describe how your business has incorporated food waste reduction techniques into your practices, if applicable.	



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SECTION 1: *Business and Contact Information*

- *Name of Business:* Provide the name of the company applying for the award.
- *Type of Business:* Provide the type of business applying for the award (e.g., commercial, industrial, institutional).
- *Give a brief description of your business.* Provide a brief description of your business activities.
- *Number of Employees:* Please include the number of employees from the building reporting the information or the total number of those participating in the recycling program.
- *Business Location (by county):* Provide the physical address of your business including the county.
- *Contact Person:* Provide the name of the person completing the application.

SECTION 2: *Recycling Program Data*

These questions should be answered in order to be considered for a S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program award. The questions should be answered to the best of your ability. The answers to these questions must be based on data collected for Fiscal Year 2026 (June 30, 2025 to July 1, 2026) and submitted along with your “S.C. Solid Waste Management Annual Report” data.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-768-7348 or email smartbiz@des.sc.gov.

The deadline to submit this application is October 15, 2026.

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