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DEVENS RECYCLING CENTER OPENS LARGEST CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION RECYCLING FACILITY IN NATION

PROJECT TO CREATE 50 NEW JOBS

Officials from the Devens Recycling Center (DRC), MassDevelopment, the Department of Environmental Protection and state and local office today celebrated the grand opening of New England's largest construction and demolition recycling facility. Located at 45 Independence Drive in Devens' West Rail Industrial Park, the 90,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art DRC will process 1,500 tons of brick, concrete, steel, wood, asphalt, carpet and gypsum daily, returning much of it to market as recycled products like wood fuel and pot-hole patch. The company plans to hire 50 new employees during the next several months, and will continue to add jobs during the next three years. DRC officials also plan to establish an educational outreach program for students across the Commonwealth.

"Devens Recycling Center demonstrates that environmental preservation and economic development can go hand in hand," said Robert L. Culver, MassDevelopment president/CEO. "Not only is the center contributing to the state's economy by creating jobs and new products, it is working to preserve the environment by removing debris from the waste stream."

Building projects in Massachusetts generate nearly five million tons of construction and demolition (C&D) waste annually. The state incinerates 43 percent of its waste, landfills 19 percent and recycles the remaining 38 percent. State Department of

Environmental Protection regulations prohibit the disposal of construction and demolition materials in Massachusetts landfills and require developers to recycle more than 75 percent of C&D materials associated with an individual project.

“We are excited to bring our cutting edge technology to Devens’ diverse business community,” said DRC Principal Kurt Macnamara. “Our method of reducing waste benefits the Commonwealth by saving space in area landfills, creating jobs and preserving the environment by recycling valuable resources.”

MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development authority, works with businesses, financial institutions and local officials to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. Between FY2004 and FY2006, MassDevelopment financed or managed 589 projects statewide representing an investment of more than \$4 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are supporting the creation of 5,505 housing units and more than 23,000 jobs: 12,381 permanent and 10,679 construction-related.