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David A. Dougherty

David Dougherty is currently director of the Clean Washington Center, a new division in the Department of Trade & Economic Development. Prior to this appointment, he served as director of the Washington State Business Assistance Center.

Clean Washington Center is the state's focal point for developing markets for recyclable materials collected throughout the state through the curb side recycling program. Foreign markets for recycled materials have become saturated with supply. For recycling to continue to be economically viable, the state needs to aggressively develop local uses for these materials. As Director of the Clean Washington Center, Mr. Dougherty has the responsibility of developing commercially valuable uses for the recycled materials being collected.

David Dougherty is a central and prominent figure nationally on developing long term solutions to recycling as an option to our solid waste problems.

In recognition of his leadership in market development, Mr. Dougherty has been elected to replace Governor Florio of New Jersey on a 15-member Recycling Advisory Council (RAC) which is a project of the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) and EPA to provide leadership in the field of recycling. Mr. Dougherty is Chairman of the newly formed Market Development Committee of the RAC.

During the four years Mr. Dougherty has been with the State, he has been instrumental in the passage of the legislation creating a Washington Economic Development Finance Authority (WEDFA). The WEDFA is charged with developing financing for small- and medium-sized businesses.

In addition to the major financial initiatives, Mr. Dougherty has developed several other programs designed to diversify our state's economy through strengthening small businesses and has recommended many policy changes to improve our business climate.

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