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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Partnership With UNR Small Business Development Center Reduces Pollution

CARSON CITY — A unique partnership between the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the University of Nevada, Reno Small Business Development Center is reducing environmental pollution across the state, according to a new survey released today.

In the April 2006 survey, 72 clients of the center's Business Environmental Program (BEP) reported that the program assisted them in reducing hazardous and industrial waste pollution in Nevada by 248,607 pounds in 2005 with a resulting cost savings of \$486,900.

Ninety-eight percent of the respondents said they were able to maintain or improve their compliance with hazardous waste management regulations thanks to the program.

The center's environmental program provides free and confidential services to help businesses assess and improve their compliance with environmental regulations. The program helps businesses identify regulatory requirements; develop compliance strategies that improve business efficiency, quality and productivity; and apply proven and cost-effective methods for compliance, while reducing environmental impacts.

NDEP has been providing funding for the BEP each year since 1988, and is the largest funding source for the program, contributing \$150,000 to the BEP in 2006.

In 2005, the BEP staff of three answered 771 telephone calls, trained 544 seminar participants, and provided technical assistance during 49 on-site visits by business and government clients.

To obtain more information on the center's Business Environmental program, visit its website at <http://www.envnv.org/>. For information on NDEP's waste management programs, visit the division's website at <http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bwm/>.

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