The recycling industry employs 31,000+ Texans, putting it on par with the Petroleum Refining and Furniture Manufacturing industries, and contributing $2.3 billion through recycling workers' value-added activities. In addition to the direct economic impact, the Municipal Solid Waste Recycling industry pays more than $227 million in State and Local taxes and fees annually.

We are recycling 27.5% of the Texas Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) stream annually, but up to 50% of MSW is recyclable. The current recycling infrastructure in Texas manages over 12 million tons of resources annually.

STAR THANKS THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLING
STAR is proud to support and promote the opportunities, solutions, and recommendations identified in this plan. STAR furthermore throws FULL stakeholder support behind further development of solid waste diversion markets in the Great State of Texas as outlined in the Recycling Market Development Plan (RMDP).
TEXAS RMDP RECOMMENDATIONS
as Supported by
the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR)

CREATE

and operate a lead State Agency to promote the development and growth of the recycling industry in Texas; such agency being designated as the Texas Recycling Market Development Center.

COORDINATE

action among appropriate State Agencies to stimulate the growth of the recycling industry and increase its sustainable economic impacts in Texas.

SIMPLIFY

education and awareness efforts to reduce and eliminate contamination; led by state, regional and local efforts and policy. Contamination is the #1 problem and barrier identified by industry respondent surveys in the Plan.

DESIGNATE

and apply financial support to promote economic development and job creation for the recycling industry in Texas.

STAR Statement in brief:
STAR supports the development and passage of thoroughly vetted legislation in support of these recommendations of the Recycling Market Development Plan.