



2005 - 2006 Award Winners

The Business Recycler of the Year *Portion Pac Inc. (PPI)*

Portion Pac produces salad dressings, sauces, and dry mix batters for the wholesale marketplace. PPI is dedicated to recycling and waste reduction in the workplace by way of an Environmental Management System Committee, general awareness, and targeted documentation. PPI is a Tennessee Pollution Prevention member and proudly achieved Partnership recognition in January 2005. PPI reduced waste by switching product containers of pickle relish from 55-gallon disposable drums to bulk reusable totes. This switch yielded a \$5,700 savings in landfill avoidance and process changes. PPI installed a silver recovery system to reclaim silver from silver nitrate solution. The elimination of hazardous waste through recycling has resulted in a facility cost savings of \$11,000 per year. PPI also implemented a cardboard recycling program, which diverts 205 tons of cardboard from a landfill. Portion Pac Inc. demonstrates how recycling and pollution prevention is also cost effective means of waste management.

