

TWO SUSTAINABLE SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GET FUNDS FROM EPA

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Today, EPA awarded a total of \$1.9 million to 19 small businesses nationwide, including \$200,000 each to two Southern California companies developing sustainable technologies that address environmental issues.

Physical Optics Corporation in Torrance, Calif., received \$100,000 to develop its Regenerative Capacitive Electro-Desalination System (RECED). RECED is a compact, electrically driven system that efficiently converts brackish water or seawater into drinkable water at a low cost, making it ideal for use in small drinking water systems and portable personal water purification devices.

Waddan Systems, LLC., in Northridge, Calif., received \$100,000 to develop its Multi Air Pollutant Lab-On-A-Chip (MAPLOC). MAPLOC is a microelectromechanical sensor that simultaneously detects and monitors multiple hazardous air pollutants and volatile organic compounds, that will help facilitate remediation efforts and minimize air pollutant release.

EPA will be soliciting the next round of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I awards this month.