

► **France offers \$500 million to recyclers**

The French government plans to offer more than \$500 million in incentives to support the recycling of items, such as trays, films, nonbeverage bottles, and textiles, that contain polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Direct grants will cover as much as 40% of the cost of recycling investments. Weighing in on the plan, the European Commission says the incentives are necessary, “as the beneficiaries would not carry out the relevant investments without the public support.” Two firms, Carbios and Eastman Chemical, plan recycling plants in France that will depolymerize PET. Carbios recently delayed its project because of difficulty obtaining financing.—ALEX TULLO