

Recycling Electronics and Asset Disposition (READ) Services

An EPA Initiative



EPA's READ Services are:

- A key component of EPA's organizing statute;
- Critical to EPA's core mission of protecting human health and the environment;
- An important aspect of EPA's strategic goal: Preventing Pollution and Reducing Risk to Communities, Workplaces, and Ecosystems;
- A key component in meeting Executive Order 13101, "Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Acquisition"

READ Services include:

- Recycling obsolete equipment;
- Logistical assistance for equipment pick-up or equipment redeployment;
- Reclamation of re-useable electronic items;
- Data security – safe disposal of sensitive or classified information;
- Reporting functions – real-time on-line audit trail of electronic component's final destination; and
- Revenue-sharing for refurbished items that are resold.



Private Sector Recycling Efforts

Businesses have been recycling their electronic equipment for the following reasons:

- Reduce taxes on business property;
- Reduce property inventory expenses;
- Proper and safe disposition of proprietary and sensitive electronic data;
- Environmentally responsible; and
- Generate revenue from refurbishment and remarketing.

Federal Government Electronic Recycling Efforts

- Most agencies follow FPMR process for asset disposition.
- A few Federal Property Utilization Officers use UNICOR for recycling electronics.
- GSA disposes of excess electronic property through either Federal donation, E.O. 12999, public auction, or a schedule scrap contractor.

U.S. Government Responsibility

- Promote improved electronic life cycle/end-of-life (EOL) management practices by:
 - Encouraging an infrastructure for re-use and recycling of electronics;
 - Establishing partnership efforts between federal agencies / public/ private sector; and
 - Increasing demand for environmentally preferable “green” electronic products

READ Accomplishments

- FedBizOpps announcement resulted in over 140 responses
- Surveyed over 30 Government entities who demonstrated an interest in READ Services
- Received OMB Approval for a Government Wide contract on March 19, 2004.
- Received proposals on April 19, 2004.
- Coordinating efforts with the Federal Electronic Challenge (FEC) workgroup for EOL issues.

READ Services: The Next Steps

- Award up to nine (9) contracts for nationwide READ services;
- Contracts will be Performance Based, Fixed Rate ID/IQ;
- Market and promote EPA READ Services throughout Government;
- Compete each Customer Agency's Task Order;
- Provide Contract Administration and Task Order Placement Support;
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