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*PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT*

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### OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE HONORS OUTSTANDING FEDERAL ELECTRONICS STEWARDSHIP

On April 21, 2006 Federal employees from across the United States gathered at the Eisenhower Executive Office building in Washington, D.C., to accept Federal Electronics Recycling and Reuse Challenge (ERCC) Awards for their outstanding environmental stewardship efforts. These awards recognized Federal employees and facilities for leading by example and recycling, reusing, or donating their used computers and other electronic equipment to local schools or Hurricanes relief efforts in the gulf area.

“Each Federal employee has the opportunity to make a significant contribution to promote the management of our electronic assets in an environmentally sound and energy efficient manner,” said Mr. Ed Piñero, the Federal Environmental Executive, “These voluntary efforts can collectively make a big difference in implementing practices, technological applications, and methodologies that will gain long term benefits for economic performance and our environmental and natural resource conservation efforts.”

In the award’s first year, 15 winners were selected from 11 agencies and 70 facilities who participated in the Challenge. The program successfully reused and recycled approximately 2 million pounds of electronics during the five-month period between November 11, 2005 (America Recycles Day) and April 22, 2006 (Earth Day).

A special award was also presented to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and EPA for their electronic recycling efforts in the Hurricane Katrina-affected Areas. As a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, EPA’s Region 6 coordinated with FEMA and to date have properly disposed of 10 million pounds of discarded electronics in New Orleans and surrounding areas.

**Electronics Recycling & Reuse Challenge 2005-2006  
Challenge Winners**

Small Facility – 150 employees or fewer

- East, Civilian: DOJ, Justice Management Division, Facilities and Administrative Services Staff, Washington, DC
- South, Civilian: USDA, Agricultural Research Service, South Atlanta Area Office, Athens, GA
- Midwest, Civilian: USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Cropping Systems & Water Quality Research Unit, Columbia, MO

Medium Facility – 151 to 1,000 employees

- East, Civilian: DVA, Veterans Hospital Administration, Beckley, WV
- East, Military: DHS, U.S. Coast Guard, Engineering Logistics Center, Baltimore, MD
- South, Civilian: DOE, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, NM
- Midwest, Civilian: EPA, Region 7, Kansas City, KS
- West, Civilian: EPA, Region 9, San Francisco, CA

Large Facility – over 1,000 employees

- East, Civilian: DVA, Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA
- East, Military: DOD, Navy, Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, MD
- South, Civilian: DOT, Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, OK
- Midwest, Civilian: DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration Kansas City Plant, Kansas City, MO
- Midwest, Military: DOD, Defense Logistics Agency, HDI Federal Center, Battle Creek, MI
- West, Civilian: DVA, San Diego Healthcare System, San Diego, CA

AGENCY AWARD: U.S. Department of Energy