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EPA SMM Webinar

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• Staples $21 Billion reseller of diverse products and services that businesses need to succeed.

• Retail, .com and Staples Advantage

• > 27% of our sales come from Staples branded sales

• Aspire to become our customer’s trusted sustainable business solutions partner
Staples Recycling

• Staples first national retailer in the US to offer everyday responsible recycling solutions for consumers and small businesses every day

• Today Staples accepts up to 7 pieces of technology at any Staples store for no charge. Technology recycled using e-Steward certified partner ERI

• Staples offer wide range of recycling solutions for furniture, technology, ink, toner, batteries, ballasts, lamps and hard to recycle items like personal protective gear, coffee pods, writing instruments etc.
Staples is committed to increasing and incorporating Sustainable Materials Management for products and material within our direct supply chains.

- Remanufactured furniture
- Remanufactured ink and toner cartridges
- 100% regrind materials from ink and toner recycling for Staples Sustainable Earth Brand calculators and staplers
- Increased post consumer content papers and agricultural waste fibers into all paper grades

Recovery and Recycling is not enough
Next Evolution the emergence of the Circular Economy

• Staples Sustainable Innovation Lab at RIT’s Golisano Institute for Sustainability
• Sustainable material and product design utilizing life cycle thinking
• Foundational research and development of what will be required to utilize SMM to build the framework for the new Circular Economy
• Understanding product flows for our customers and planning for recovery and reuse of products with the highest economic value and lowest social and environmental burden on the system.