

Electronic Recyclers International's California Facilities Receive e-Stewards® Certification

Fresno (March 29, 2011) – [Electronic Recyclers International](#) (ERI), one of the nation's leading recyclers of electronic waste, announced today that its three Northern California recycling facilities in Fresno, California have received certification to the e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment®.

The [e-Stewards](#) Certification program, created by the Basel Action Network (BAN), is the first such program backed by environmental organizations and major corporations alike. The accredited, third-party audited certification program is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and has been endorsed by Greenpeace USA, the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Electronics TakeBack Coalition and 68 other environmental organizations. It has also drawn the public support of major corporate "e-Stewards Enterprises" including Alcoa, Samsung, Bank of America, Capital One Financial Corp. and Wells Fargo.

At the heart of the program is the e-Stewards Standard created by BAN in conjunction with industry leaders and health and environmental specialists. It requires recyclers to eliminate exports of hazardous e-wastes to developing countries; to halt the dumping of such wastes in municipal landfills or incinerators; and to cease the use of captive prison populations to manage toxic e-wastes. It also calls for strict protection of customers' private data and occupational health safeguards to ensure that workers in recycling plants are not exposed to toxic dusts and fumes.

"The e-Stewards Standard is a market differentiator in an industry that needs one badly. If you care about security of your data, and the impacts of toxic substances in electronic waste on workers here at home and in developing countries, then you will choose to be held to this highest standard of environmental and social responsibility and accept no substitutes," said Lauren Roman, Business Director of the e-Stewards Initiative.

Certification body QMI-SAI Global conducted the audit that independently determined ERI's Fresno facility to be operating within all the parameters set by the e-Stewards Standard. In the process, the facility also received its ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certification for environmental management and health and safety management systems, respectively.

"We are extremely proud to have met the strictest standards of environmental and operational excellence," said John S. Shegerian, Chairman and CEO of ERI. "We strongly support BAN's certified, third-party audited program."

Shegerian also noted that ERI continues to see steady growth and will soon be expanding nationally and internationally. The company currently has six locations in California, Washington, Colorado, Indianapolis, Massachusetts and Texas and expects all of these facilities to be e-Stewards certified by summer of this year.

For more information on recycling needs, visit www.electronicrecyclers.com, <http://1800recycling.com> or www.urbanmining.org.

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Now one of the largest recyclers of electronic waste in the US, Fresno-headquartered Electronic Recyclers International is licensed to de-manufacture and recycle televisions, computer monitors, computers, and other types of electronic equipment. ERI processes more than 120 million pounds of electronic waste annually in its six locations in California, Washington, Colorado, Indianapolis, Massachusetts and Texas. For more information about e-waste recycling and ERI, call 1-800-884-8466 or visit <http://www.electronicrecyclers.com>.