How Does the READ GWAC Work?

EPA has awarded contracts to companies that can evaluate each piece of unwanted equipment and its components, and then reuse, recycle, or dispose of them under the following hierarchy:

• Refurbish and resell them, using the proceeds to offset costs.
• Donate them to charitable causes.
• Recycle as much as possible.
• Properly dispose of the remainder.

Using the READ GWAC is easy. Visit <www.epa.gov/oam/read> to learn how you can access this useful program.

Did You Know?

The government disposes of approximately 10,000 computers each week, many of which end up in storage closets, warehouses, landfills, or overseas, where environmental standards may be lower.

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Point, Click, READ, Recycle

The **READ** Services Program for Recycling Obsolete Electronics

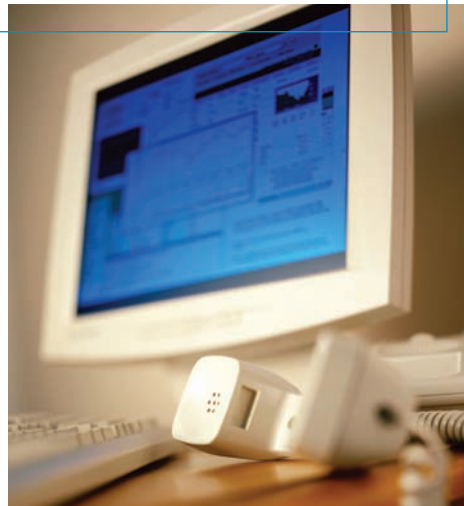**R**ecycling **E**lectronics & **A**sset **D**isposition

t's hard to imagine a life without computers and other electronics, but have you ever wondered what happens to the thousands of electronic products used by the federal government once they are considered obsolete? How can employees ensure that their old equipment does not end up sitting in a warehouse gathering dust, or even worse, in a landfill, potentially leaching toxic chemicals into the environment?

Now you can make sure that unwanted electronics are reused, recycled, or disposed of properly through EPA's READ Services Program. Administered under a government-wide acquisition contract (GWAC), the READ Program provides all federal agencies with a procurement tool to properly manage electronic inventories and unwanted equipment in an environmentally responsible manner.

What Items are Covered by the READ GWAC?

- Desktop PCs
- Computer monitors
- Laptop PCs
- Facsimile machines
- Printers
- Copiers
- Shredders
- Scanners
- Cellular phones

Benefits of Using the READ GWAC

- READ contractors ensure appropriate levels of security for sensitive electronic data contained in obsolete equipment.
- An audit trail of the equipment's final destination ensures that reclamation and recycling efforts are reportable.
- Federal agencies realize value and maximize potential revenues from electronic equipment in storage.
- Using READ helps federal agencies meet the requirements associated with Executive Order 13101.
- Using READ naturally fits in with the requirements of Executive Order 13148, which requires federal agencies to develop Environmental Management Systems.