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### **EPA and GSA Recognize AERC's Electronics Processing Com-Cycle PA Facility as the Newest Electronics Certified Recycling Facility**

#### **AERC/Com-Cycle Receives Certificate of Acknowledgement from EPA and GSA**

**Flanders, NJ - November 15, 2011** – AERC.com, Inc. (AERC Recycling Solutions) celebrated America Recycles Day today at its Electronics Processing Com-Cycle Pennsylvania Facility, hosting an event with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. General Services Administration. AERC/Com-Cycle was recognized today by the EPA and GSA for becoming the region's newest electronics Certified Responsible Recycler (R2) facility. AERC has announced that all of its Com-Cycle locations have attained the designation of being an R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® facility. Com-Cycle PA was the last of AERC's facilities to attain this distinction. Com-Cycle PA is also a NAID Certified facility.

During the event, the EPA and GSA issued a Certificate of Acknowledgement to AERC/Com-Cycle for its commitment to responsible recycling practices.

"An expanding electronics recycling industry has tremendous environmental and economic potential. This industry makes addressing pollution profitable, and conserves natural resources while creating green jobs," said EPA Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. "Traditionally most people think of recycling as cans, bottles and paper. But electronics is a growing area of concern. Industry leaders like Com-Cycle are demonstrating that environmental stewardship and job creation go hand-in-hand".

Today's America Recycles event at AERC/Com-Cycle's Allentown facility highlights EPA's partnership with industry aimed at promoting environmentally-sound management of used electronics, and encouraging businesses and consumers to recycle their electronics with certified recyclers. As an R2 certified electronics recycler, AERC/Com-Cycle operates all its facilities in accordance with the most stringent certification standard in the electronics recycling industry.

EPA Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin and GSA Regional Administrator David Ehrenwerth got a tour of the plant and learned how the company operates as part of the Obama Administration's National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship.

On July 20, 2011, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, EPA and GSA released the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship. The strategy focuses on improving the design of electronic products and enhancing our management of used or discarded electronics.

As part of the new strategy, GSA and EPA are promoting the development of new environmental performance standards for categories of electronic products not covered by current standards. GSA is also eliminating products from its information technology purchase contracts that do not comply with comprehensive energy efficiency or environmental performance standards.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, as of 2008 each American household owned about 24 electronic devices. And as technology advances and newer models become more attractive, only about 10 percent of cell phones and 18 percent of computers are recycled each year in the U.S. As a consequence, Americans generate almost 2.5 million tons of used electronics yearly.

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The responsible management of electronic products is important since they are made from valuable resources such as precious metals and rare earth materials, as well as plastic and glass. It also provides an opportunity to create economic development and jobs by developing a strong domestic electronics recycling market while preventing pollution at home and abroad.

“Having all of its Electronics Processing Com-Cycle locations around the nation distinguished as R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities, AERC continues to demonstrate its commitment to compliance, investment in its best practices and the ability to provide its clients with a competitive solution as the electronics recycling industry continues to develop. Electronics are one of the few waste streams that are 100% recyclable. AERC’s positioning in the marketplace demonstrates the Company’s commitment to recycling electronics in a safe and environmentally friendly way here in the United States. The Company is pleased to be a part of a solution that facilitates the creation of jobs, turning the economy around and ultimately protecting the environment - all through proper electronics recycling,” says Lindsay L. Kissel, Spokesperson for AERC/Com-Cycle.

For more information about the EPA and industry collaboration go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/electronicstrategy>

For more information about GSA’s electronic stewardship goals and promoting federal agencies’ purchasing Environmentally Preferable Products go to:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/234565>

### **About AERC Recycling Solutions**

AERC Recycling Solutions is committed to a green world by helping clients in proper end-of-life management of assets, including those containing sensitive data and components hazardous to our environment. AERC has become an industry leader through its partnerships with clients by providing unmatched convenience, regulatory compliance and expert consulting to handle Electronic and Universal Waste issues. AERC develops comprehensive programs for its clients around the nation in providing full service solutions for handling End-of-Life Electronics, Secure Data Destruction, Asset Management, Electronic and Universal Waste needs. Acceptable Universal Waste materials include fluorescent lamps, batteries, ballasts and mercury containing devices.

AERC owns and operates five wholly owned Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facilities in five separate geographic locations. Each of these facilities has the industry designation of being an R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® facility and has been independently certified to these industry designations. These Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities are in Allentown, PA, Ashland, VA, West Melbourne, FL, Houston, TX, and Hayward, CA. AERC maintains a Zero-Waste-to-Landfill Policy for all of its hazardous electronics / electrical recycling services. All electronics are dismantled domestically by AERC’s highly trained staff. Any information on data storage devices is either wiped to the standards set by the Department of Defense or physically destroyed. AERC offers its clients compliance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

For additional information please visit [www.aercrecycling.com/](http://www.aercrecycling.com/) or [www.com-cycle.com](http://www.com-cycle.com). You can also search for AERC Recycling Solutions on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Linkedin](#) and [YouTube](#).

AERC is committed to responsible recycling practices for a healthier tomorrow.

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