

# WHY WORK WITH AN R2/RIOS™ FACILITY?

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Three to four million tons of electronics equipment are recycled each year, making digital privacy, employee safety and environmental responsibility primary concerns. As the electronics recycling industry continues to burgeon, the market has stipulated that electronics recycling facilities operate at the most responsible level. R2/RIOS™ was created to meet that market demand.

Specifically designed for electronics recycling facilities, R2/RIOS™ offers guidance and necessary tools to comply with industry requirements and federal regulations to protect personal and other sensitive data, and to help customers meet corporate responsibility goals.

Companies committed to doing the right thing prefer to work with an R2/RIOS™ facility. R2/RIOS™ provides assurance that reuse and recycling are the foremost objectives in the lifecycle of electronics, yielding many environmental benefits. Those benefits include decreasing the amount of materials sent to landfills and returning tested, functional electronics equipment and commodity-grade materials back into the marketplace in the U.S. and abroad. This gives companies confidence that their electronics are being recycled with the highest regard for the environment and the health and safety of employees and the public.

An R2/RIOS™ facility undergoes several audits by accredited third parties who verify conformance to responsible recycling standards. In addition to establishing quality, environmental, health and safety standards, R2/RIOS™ mandates proper management and execution of exports, providing confidence to companies that materials being transported overseas are safe and legal.

In the U.S., certification has been increasingly included in state regulatory language. Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont and Virginia laws each reference electronics recycling certification.

R2/RIOS™ is the highest achievable certification in the industry.

- Developed through a transparent, multi-stakeholder consensus process led by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state governments, original equipment manufacturers, NGOs and recyclers
- Holds the highest standards for data protection, adhering to HIPAA regulations
- Requires proper data destruction to wipe out confidential information stored on electronics, protecting individuals and organizations
- Serves as the singular electronics recycling standard that promotes safe, environmentally sound practices for domestic and international trade
- Remains the sole program that combines quality, environmental, health and safety requirements into a single management system

Working with an R2/RIOS™-certified facility enhances a company's corporate responsibility efforts and promotes its reputation as a brand dedicated to the highest standards for recycling electronics and IT assets.