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Ship-in-Shredding Provides Safe and Easy Computer Recycling Solution; DataGuard USA LLC Announces Online e-Waste Processing

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 11, 2004--For many companies and individuals, the holidays and New Year signal the time of year for upgrading computer systems. More than ever it's critical to develop a plan for both protecting the sensitive data on the system that is being replaced -- and to follow state laws that dictate how to safely dispose of computers.

While dumpster diving undoubtedly reigns supreme in identity theft, new high-tech thieves called data rustlers may rule the future. With computer life cycles shortening, trillions of sensitive electronic records are at risk of pilferage if the computers that host them are improperly discarded.

In response to this potential info-theft, DataGuard USA announced today a safe and economical online solution for disposing electronics. Using its one of a kind Ship 'n' Shred service, customers can now ship their old computers, called e-waste or e-scrap by industry insiders, to the closest authorized contractor for processing.

Steven Hastert, DataGuard USA's vice president of technology explains, "There is a tremendous amount of sensitive data stored on the average desktop computer, potentially including credit card numbers, financial records, account information, and security codes. Reformatting the hard drive does not render this information irretrievable. Consumers need to destroy the hard drive to fully protect the data."

Hastert adds because electronics are a regulated hazardous waste, it is now illegal in most states for businesses, organizations and governments to landfill e-wastes.

"What's great about the Ship-n-Shred solution is how easy it is to solve the problem. Customers simply go to www.shipnshred.com and order a FedEx shipping label. FedEx picks up the computer and delivers it to the closest plant," says Hastert. "We destroy the data and properly recycle the components. The customer gets a Certificate of Destruction."

It is believed many of these computers will be improperly disposed, creating what the environmental attorneys call "serious downstream liability" for the original owners.

"Our service virtually eliminates two company-killing risks for our clients. We can ensure the client's data is destroyed and we certify his old electronics do not illegally pollute."

Ship 'n' Shred's online service also facilitates shredding of documents, official uniforms, pill bottles, defective products, credit cards, X-rays and other sensitive

items requiring secure destruction.

For more about e-waste handling, go to www.shipnshred.com or call Greg Miller 1-800-747-3365.

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