

## Electronic Recyclers International's Washington Facility Receives R2 Certification

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[Electronic Recyclers International](#) (ERI), the nation's leading recycler of electronic waste, announced today that it has successfully achieved Responsible Recycling Practices for Electronics Recyclers (R2) certification for its Auburn, Washington facility.

R2 Certification is a set of guidelines for accredited certification programs to assess electronics recyclers' environmental, worker health and safety, and security practices. Since January 2006, EPA has facilitated a multi-stakeholder group to develop this document. The voluntary R2 practices include general principles and specific practices for recyclers disassembling or reclaiming used electronics equipment including those electronics that are exported for refurbishment and recycling.

ERI is the world's first recycler of electronics to be both R2 certified *and* certified to the Basel Action Network's (BAN's) e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment.

"We are extremely proud to be the first electronic recycler in our industry and the world to receive both R2 and e-Steward certification at multiple locations," said John S. Shegerian, Chairman and CEO of ERI. "Not only does it show that ERI has met the strictest standards of environmental and operational excellence, it also shows that we are dedicated to sustainable, environmentally friendly operations – in Washington and in all of our other locations as well. We strongly support R2 certification as well as BAN's certified, third-party audited programs, and encourage the other companies in our industry to follow our lead in getting certified with both."

Shegerian also noted that ERI continues to see steady growth and will soon be expanding nationally and internationally. The company currently has locations in California, Washington, Colorado, Indianapolis, Massachusetts, Texas and North Carolina.

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