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### **Each of AERC Recycling Solutions' Five Com-Cycle Facilities Attains R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® Designation**

**Flanders, NJ – November 14, 2011** – AERC.com, Inc. (AERC Recycling Solutions), one of the largest electronics recyclers in the United States, announces today that each of its Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facilities has the designation of being an R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler®. AERC's Electronics Processing Com-Cycle Facilities are located across the United States in Hayward, CA, Houston, TX, West Melbourne, FL, Ashland, VA, and Allentown, PA. All AERC / Com-Cycle facilities have been audited by Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc. (PJR Associates), an Accredited Certification Body for the R2 (Responsible Recycling) and RIOS™ (Recycling Industry Operating Standards).

Tomorrow, November 15, America Recycles Day, officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the General Services Administration are scheduled to recognize AERC/Com-Cycle for becoming the nation's newest Certified Responsible Recycler (R2) for electronics. With five electronics processing facilities across the country, AERC/Com-Cycle is one of the nation's largest single electronics recyclers. The Allentown facility processes more than 600,000 pounds of electronics monthly and is a zero-landfill facility.

"AERC was distinguished as one of the first electronics recycling companies to become a Certified Electronics Recycler® when the West Melbourne, Florida facility attained R2 / RIOS™ certification back in July 2010. By having attained this Certified Electronics Recycler® designation at all of its Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facilities, AERC further demonstrates its competitiveness in the marketplace and commitment to continuous improvement within the organization," states Lindsay L. Kissel, AERC Recycling Solutions company spokesperson.

"AERC Com-Cycle Facilities are clearly committed to the highest standards of quality, health and safety and protection of the environment as demonstrated by their certification to R2/RIOS," said ISRI President Robin Wiener. "The U.S. electronics recycling industry is growing rapidly, creating jobs in the United States and recovering valuable resources while also keeping electronics out of landfills. AERC and its facilities are excellent examples of how electronics recycling can be done safely and responsibly here at home and abroad."

RIOS™--the recycling industry's standard for integrated quality, environmental and health & safety management systems--is administered by ISRI Services Corporation (ISC). The R2 Practices is the consensus standard for responsible electronics recycling developed by a multi-stakeholder group convened by the U.S. EPA. R2 is supported by ISC via the RIOS™ program and is administered by R2 Solutions ([www.R2Solutions.org](http://www.R2Solutions.org)). R2 contains specific requirements for recyclers who dismantle, refurbish or recycle end-of-life electronics. Together, these industry standards make up ISRI's R2 / RIOS™ Certified Electronics Recycler® Program.

In addition to having attained R2 / RIOS™ Certifications at all AERC / Com-Cycle locations, AERC's other points of distinction further define key benefits that AERC has to offer its clients. All AERC facilities are registered with or permitted by the EPA and are in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, Local EPA and OSHA regulations. AERC stands out as the first company in the industry which now combines the rigorous permitting process under the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) for Hazardous Waste handling and

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processing as well as meeting the standards set by the R2 and RIOS™ Certification Programs. The Company has been permitted for almost two decades for the safe and best available technology for mercury recycling and recovery. AERC Allentown is one of the few mercury retort operations in the United States.

Other points of distinction for the Company include membership to Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), National Association of Information Destruction (NAID), Association of Service and Computer Dealers International (ASCDI), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG). AERC's Electronics Processing Com-Cycle facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania is NAID Certified. Company facility locations throughout the United States have been audited by CHWMEG, an independent auditor used by many Fortune 500 companies. In addition to electronics recycling services, AERC also manages Universal Wastes including lamps, batteries, ballasts, and mercury-containing devices.

The R2 standard can be found at the US EPA's website (<http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserva/materials/ecycling/r2practices.htm>) or R2 Solutions' website ([www.R2Solutions.org](http://www.R2Solutions.org)).

Information about RIOS™ can be found on ISRI's website: <https://www.isri.org/RIOS>

Certified Electronics Recycler® facilities are listed at: <http://www.certifiedelectronicsrecycler.com>

#### **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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