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2,000 Cubic Feet of Used Computer Equipment and Cell Phones Collected at <http://www.GoGreen.OK.gov> eRecycle Event

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – April 27, 2009 – Oklahoma citizens and businesses donated more than 2,000 cubic square feet of used computer equipment and used cell phones during the recent eRecycling event at the Oklahoma state capitol on April 22.

“We will be able to help a lot of deserving people with computers thanks to the citizens of Oklahoma. I’ve always known they were special – this just proves it one more time,” said Adri-Anne Trammell, ASK Project Manager. “We’re just down the road in Norman so if you have more computers you want to donate, the information on where and when is on our website: www.soonerambucs.org.”

Equipment collected from the eRecycling event was donated to the AMBUCS share4Life Komputers Project and Cell Phones for Soldiers. The donations will generate at least 150 refurbished computers for disabled Oklahomans and over 11,500 minutes in talk time for Oklahoma soldiers in the Middle East.

“Donating your old cell phone is a small, easy sacrifice to make to support our troops,” says Brittany Bergquist, Cell Phones for Soldiers co-founder. “But for the troops overseas, it provides a priceless connection to their loved ones at home.”

The eRecycle event was sponsored by GoGreen.OK.gov: an OK.gov initiative showcasing how Oklahoma eGovernment is helping to reduce the carbon footprint by reducing paper consumption and citizen travel to government facilities. According to a study available on <http://www.gogreen.ok.gov>, the state of Oklahoma has reduced paper consumption by over 35.9 million sheets of paper through the use of online government services.

By moving government services online, state agencies receive the benefit of removing paper-based processes from their daily routine and reducing traffic to their office. Currently, 23 state agencies are participating in the study available at <http://www.gogreen.ok.gov>.

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Event Photos & Captions



Oklahoma citizens and businesses were encouraged to recycle their used computer equipment and cell phones at the first ever "eRecycle" event at the Oklahoma state capitol last Wednesday, April 22.



2,000 cubic feet of used computer equipment was collected at the eRecycle event on April 22 at the State Capitol. Used computer equipment donations generated enough equipment to provide about 150 disabled Oklahomans with a personal computer.



Nearly 200 cell phone donations were collected at the eRecycle event on April 22 at the State Capitol. Cell phone donations generated over 11,500 calling card minutes for Oklahoma soldiers in the Middle East.

