

Recycling and Waste Reduction

Measure 48 – Government Non-Traditional Recycling Program

5 Points

Implement a recycling program for non-traditional recycling materials at local government facilities.

Discussion:

Cobb County has multiple initiatives to recycle non-traditional materials. The county's office supply vendor, Office Depot, has teamed with the Cobb County Purchasing Department to establish a program to collect and recycle used inkjet and laser toner cartridges from all government facilities.

In October 2008, Cobb County contracted with Atlanta Recycling Solutions (ARS), a local electronics broker, to provide recycling of all surplus "e-waste" at their (ARS) facility. Products for recycling include the county's surplus electronics (PC's, monitors, fax machines, etc.). Although not specified, the services include recycling of cell phones and batteries.

The Cobb County Purchasing department manages this program as part of their responsibilities for disposal of surplus county goods. They provide e-waste pick up service to all county facilities and centralized storage prior to transfer to ARS.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application:

- Atlanta Recycling Solutions service contract for e-waste recycling.
- A sample employee newsletter article in the county's employee e-news letter, "News and Events", promoting the Office Depot ink toner and cartridge recycling program to all county employees (article titled "We're Getting Greener" on page 2).
- Office Depot flyer on program details for toner and cartridge recycling.