



## Federal Electronics Challenge: Pilot Phase

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### PURPOSE

The Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC) is a partnership program that encourages federal facilities and agencies to: purchase greener electronic products; reduce impacts of electronic products during use; and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally safe way. This document provides a brief overview of the FEC Pilot Phase, which started in 2003 and ended with the national program rollout in 2004.

### INTRODUCTION

During 2003, five federal organizations joined together to develop and pilot test an incentive program to encourage federal departments and facilities to purchase greener electronic products, reduce impacts of electronic products during use, and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally safe way. In addition, these federal organizations sought to provide partners with the tools and resources they would need to successfully achieve these goals. These organizations: the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive; the Department of Defense; the Federal Network for Sustainability; the General Services Administration; and the Environmental Protection Agency, formed a steering committee to guide this effort.

### PILOT PARTNERS

The FEC Pilot Phase Steering Committee recruited partners from different agencies in different areas of the country to pilot test the FEC approach to better manage their electronics. Nine partners accepted the challenge, including:

- Ames Research Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy
- Customs House, General Services Administration
- Fort Lewis, Department of Defense
- John Weld Peck Federal Building, General Services Administration
- Kluczynski Building, General Services Administration
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Department of Energy
- National Park Service, InterMountain Regional Office, Department of Interior
- Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency

### STAKEHOLDERS

During the pilot phase, the FEC Pilot Phase Steering Committee asked nonprofit, industry, and academic stakeholders involved in manufacturing, purchasing, and recycling electronics to assist in developing necessary tools and information for partners. Although the pilot phase is complete, stakeholders can continue to add value to the program by:

- Providing information on environmentally preferable products to federal government purchasers.
- Identifying best management practices for the use and end-of-life management of electronic products.



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- Providing information on organizations that provide end-of-life services to the federal government.

### NATIONAL ROLLOUT

The FEC Pilot Phase Steering Committee launched the national rollout of the FEC on October 21, 2004 at a White House Summit. Shortly after the program launch, the Executive Office of the President and eleven federal departments and agencies, signed an Electronics Stewardship Memoranda of Understanding on November 15, 2004 - America Recycles Day.

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