



Recycling Market Development Program Profile: Electronic Recyclers International

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Program brief

➤ Company name/Location

Electronic Recyclers International Inc.
2540 Airwest Blvd.
Plainfield, Indiana 46168
Hendricks County

➤ Amount Funded

The company received a \$100,000 grant from the RMDP in August 2010. The company had requested \$200,000, but because overall program funding was limited to \$500,000, many projects received lesser amounts. The total project investment was \$5 million.

➤ Project summary

ERI is a California-based company and one of the nation's largest recyclers of electronics and related waste. At that time they applied for the grant, ERI had to separate components at the Indiana facility and then ship those parts to their California base to shred the material. By moving to a new facility in Plainfield, which serves as a main hub for the Midwest, ERI now processes the e-scrap on-site, increasing capacity by more than 300 percent.

The company hired 125 additional employees; 25 more workers than originally projected.

Electronic Recyclers International Inc. Expands in Indiana

Electronic waste (e-waste) is one of the fastest growing waste streams in the U.S. Electronic Recyclers International Inc. sought to lead the industry when it came to managing end-of-life electronics by growing its Indiana presence from a manual de-manufacturing facility to a state-of-the-art e-waste shredding and processing facility. This required the purchase and installation of high volume shredders and balers, forklifts, and pallet jacks.

That investment has proven its worth, as ERI's processing capacity since installation has grown from a monthly throughput of 4.86 million pounds of e-waste per month to more than 12.6 million pounds per month. The benefits of the shredding technology include higher quality and value commodity output, lower exposure risks to employees and highest consistency in quality and environmental responsibility.



From left to right, IDEM Commissioner-Thomas Easterly; ERI Co-founder, Chairman and CEO-John S. Shegerian; Governor Mike Pence; and, OCS Assistant Commissioner Rick Bossingham.

Their contributions to the e-waste industry were recognized by Indiana's Governor Pence, who awarded ERI's CEO with a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.