

# **Electronics Recyclers’ “Certification” Systems:**

**An Overview for  
CO Association for Recycling  
& Rocky Mtn. Electronics Recycling  
Working Group**

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# Current Market Situation

- **No comprehensive performance standards exist in e-cycling industry yet**
- **No 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification platforms are widely adopted**
- **Independently certified profile of vendor recycling and disposition practices and compliance with legal requirements would aid purchasers of e-cycling**
- **Market benefits from clear performance requirements**
  - **eliminates unfair pricing advantage of less responsible vendors**
- **New industry with hundreds of vendors**

# Current “Certification” Systems

- **Responsible Recycling “R2” Practices**
  - EPA convenor, multi-stakeholder
- **Electronics’ Recyclers Pledge of True Stewardship**
  - Basel Action Network
- **International Association of Electronic Recyclers**
  - Will become part of ISRI
- **ISRI - Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries**
  - RIOS standards address electronics
- **ISO 14001, Env'l Mgmt Systems**
- **CHWMEG**
- **EPA Plug-Into Recycling Guidelines**
- **Tied to state EPR or ARF laws**
- **EPEAT – a purchasing tool with some pts on e-cycling**

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