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More Than 500 Recycling Facilities Now R2 Certified



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Boulder, Colorado -- R2 Solutions announced today that 508 electronics recycling facilities are now certified to the Responsible Recycling (R2) standard and more are in the pipeline. The number is the latest milestone reached by the certification, which last summer was updated to the latest version of the standard, R2:2013.

"It's been extremely exciting to see the growth of R2 certification around the world," said Henry Leineweber, Program Director for R2 Solutions. "R2 certified facilities are now present in 14 countries, and we expect this number to grow significantly this year."

The R2 standard certifies that electronics recycling and refurbishing facilities conform to best practices in environmental health and worker safety, data security, and comply with all applicable laws. The standard was originally developed in 2008 through a joint process convened by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and involving electronics recyclers and refurbishers, manufacturers, retailers, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders.

The new R2:2013 version of the standard emphasizes repair and reuse, record keeping and reporting, environmental health and safety planning, data security, and other updates.

The 508 facilities certified to R2 include a growing number that are certified to R2:2013, with the first such facility successfully certified in January. Over the next year, all currently certified facilities will need to update their certification to the new R2:2013 standard.

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About R2 Solutions

R2 Solutions is a non-profit organization established to house the R2 standard, based in Boulder, Colorado. The organization provides educational and outreach services, as well as administrative support for the R2 standard and the Technical Advisory Committee, which is charged with advancing and further developing the standard. For more information, visit www.r2solutions.org.

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