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State Electronics Challenge announces 2014 award winners

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A dozen organizations have earned recognition for their efforts to purchase "green" electronics, reduce energy and paper use and responsibly divert e-scrap.

The government and nonprofit organizations received awards through the [State Electronics Challenge](#), a program managed by the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC).

"The Challenge is a unique program that works to change the way organizations look at their own operations, and to recognize that simple changes have a true impact," said Lynn Rubinstein, challenge program manager. Rubinstein is also executive director of NERC.

The following organizations received gold awards:

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority (Pennsylvania)
Chewonki Foundation (Maine)
Corvallis, Ore.
DuPage County, Ill.
Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC)
La Crosse, Wis.
Providence, R.I. School Department
Regional Technology Cooperative, Borough of State College, Penn.
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

The following received silver awards:

Fort Collins, Colo.
Upper Merion Township, Penn.

The following received a bronze award:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Some of the above organizations have won awards from the State Electronics Program in the [past](#). Those receiving awards for the first time include Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, Chewonki Foundation, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center and the City of Fort Collins.

To earn awards, organizations have to meet standards in the following areas: implementing environmentally friendly procurement policies and purchasing EPEAT-registered products, taking steps to conserve energy and reduce paper usage, responsibly reusing or donating old electronics or recycling them through third-party-certified organizations.

Currently, 150 organizations from 37 states participate in the challenge. This is the seventh year of the program.

The challenge is funded through sponsorships from Samsung, Panasonic, the Consumer Electronics Association and the R2/RIOS program.

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