

R2 and ISO 14001 CERTIFICATIONS

InterConnection is the only nonprofit in Washington State and the nation that has attained both of these rigorous certifications.

Certifications are what protects organizations from the environmental, business and legal risks that are inherent with disposing of old IT equipment. The leading certifications in the electronics recycling industry are R2 and ISO14001. To ensure zero liability for our corporate surplus computer donors InterConnection maintains both of these rigorous standards.

R2

The R2 (short for Responsible Recycling) Standard requires responsible management of electronic materials through the entire recycling process, prohibits illegal export of materials, and ensures recycling processes are safe and secure. The R2 Standard also requires that all downstream vendors of recycled equipment and material meet the same rigorous requirements and prohibits them from exporting toxic materials to countries that have enacted laws making their import illegal.



ISO 14001

The ISO 14001 standard requires InterConnection to implement a series of practices and procedures that, when taken together, result in an environmental management system. ISO14001 ensures InterConnection identifies and controls its environmental impact, improves its environmental performance and systematically works towards reducing its environmental impact.

In order to get recommended for ISO14001, InterConnection established an environmental policy, set tough environmental goals, trained personnel on communication and document control and set up monitoring and measurement devices and an audit procedure to ensure continuing improvement.



CERTIFICATIONS ENSURE:

- No materials are exported to other countries illegally.
- A system of accountability is in place for all materials accepted, all the way to final disposition.
- Data security is a top priority.
- The highest electronics recycling industry standards and best practices are adhered to.
- We are an industry leader in operations, safety, and environmental performance.