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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HONORS GPO

What does the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) have in common with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Walt Disney World, and Sandia National Laboratories? They are among 54 organizations that will be recognized at an awards ceremony in the Nation's Capital for their extraordinary accomplishments in reducing waste. GPO will receive a Program Champion award for the Federal Government from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WasteWise Program.

GPO saved \$20,000 in 2000 by initiating a program to repair approximately 4,000 wooden pallets equivalent to 80 tons. Pallets that cannot be repaired are chipped and sold by a contractor for use as mulch. GPO also achieved more than \$10,000 in net income from the sale of more than 11 tons of computers and electronic equipment for reuse. A new program to recycle all toner cartridges also saved GPO nearly \$27,200 in 2000.

GPO is a partner in the EPA's WasteWise program, which unites more than 1,160 businesses, government agencies, and institutions in an effort to reduce waste. The program is free, voluntary, and fosters cooperation among people working to find practical methods to reduce municipal solid waste and improve financial performance. Each year, the EPA formally recognizes those partners that achieve significant waste reduction results at an awards ceremony. This year's ceremony will take place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, November 14, 2001.

For further information about the November 14, 2001, Awards and Recognition Ceremony, contact the WasteWise Helpline at 800 EPA-WISE (372-9473). For general program information, visit the WasteWise Web site at www.epa.gov/wastewise.

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