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Waste Not...and help MN schools

Guess what you can do with your old computers!

When ESP recently upgraded all the computers in our downtown office, we wanted to do something meaningful with our old equipment. Rather than allow our old computers to sit around gathering dust, or worse, end up in a land-fill, we partnered with Minnesota Computers for Schools (MCFS), a local nonprofit organization that helps to make a positive difference in the lives of Minnesota school children through computer technology donations.

Denise Morelock, our Director of Business Development, learned about MCFS last October by way of one of our client contacts, Steve Willems, the Board Chair for MCFS. Their mission and methods impressed us: "Minnesota students need an education that incorporates the skills required to succeed in a global economy...and technology plays an essential role. This isn't just about academic success; it's about setting the stage for lifetime achievement," Willems said.

MCFS' goal is to make it easy and beneficial for companies to donate: there are no added disposal fees and they follow U.S. DOD standards to wipe computers clean of data and identification. In addition, companies are able to receive tax deductions for the technology they donate. In short, donating to MCFS is an easy, economical, and secure way for businesses to donate computers, contribute to schools and give back to the community. It's a win-win solution that's good for schools and good for business.

After clearing data, MCFS refurbishes and rebuilds technology equipment, which can then be purchased by schools at a significant savings for computer labs or individual student use. What cannot be refurbished is scavenged for parts and then safely recycled. This technology helps schools better educate future business professionals and leaders, who will provide the "human capital" companies need to thrive, not just survive in a dynamic, global economy.

For more information on how you can donate your used technology, visit www.mncfs.org or contact Chris at 651-779-2816 or by e-mail at cdopkins@stw.doc.state.mn.us

About Minnesota Computers for Schools: Since 1997, MCFS has placed over 56,000 computers in schools across Minnesota, inspiring children to learn and achieve success. As a nonprofit organization, MCFS has helped hundreds of schools and companies save money. For schools, these savings often mean the difference between losing or keeping a teacher, or ending an education program due to budget constraints. Transforming usable computer technology into student success—that's the mission of MN Computers for Schools!