

## That's a monstrous pile of old computer stuff

IT collections team saves cash for the corporation, prepares for 18-state roll out

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When the IT Workplace Technologies & Services "Green Team" challenged Kansas City to turn in surplus computer assets, they never dreamed their next challenge would be how to sort and transport the huge electronic junk heap.



Over a four-day period in March, the team collected the following:

- 92 laptops
- 218 desktops
- 293 monitors
- 23 servers
- 595 peripherals (mice/keyboards & docking stations)

Savings to EMBARQ from those collections top \$176,000, said Vallerie Parrish-Porter, chief information officer. Savings come from licenses on software, reusing computers and peripherals for other EMBARQ employees and recycling obsolete equipment.

As far as transporting the electronic heap to the recycling center, no problem. An informal call around EQ for help produced pick up trucks, vans and more than enough capable volunteers to dispose of the junk and transport the salvageable items to the refurbishing center.

### Nationwide roll out set

Project Recovery is now ready for a nationwide EQ roll out starting Monday, April 14. The team challenges EQ employees across the enterprise (including Kansas City) to look in empty cubes, cabinets, meeting rooms and everywhere throughout their buildings to collect and turn in surplus computer equipment.

The Project Recovery team has set up a couple ways to assist in recovering surplus computer assets.

- Contact your local desktop support person. He or she will arrange pick up.
- E-mail [ProjectRecovery@embarq.com](mailto:ProjectRecovery@embarq.com) with the office/cube location of the surplus asset. A technician will stop by and pick it up.

Surplus computer assets create more than clutter in your office space. They cost EMBARQ

money.

**We pay for:**

- Taxes on all computer assets whether they are in use or not.
- Software licenses even if computer assets are not being used.

Plus, computers not regularly on the network are a security risk, as they do not receive necessary software updates. Returning unused computer assets allows IT and EMBARQ to recoup costs. You will demonstrate **Teamwork** and **Be a Role Model**, two of The EMBARQ Way attributes, when you turn in old computer equipment.

Computers collected may be re-imaged and sent off to a new life with an EMBARQ employee, saving money for EMBARQ. Older items with expired warranty are cleaned of all data and sold as salvage.

Help Project Recovery by rounding up computer assets and turning them in. Look for posters and look for the IT “Green Team” in your building soon.