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## **All Green Recycling Inc. and Informative Technologies Announce Partnership to Lead the Innovation of regional solutions to the Digital Divide.**

**All Green Recycling, Inc.** an environmental technology, R-2 certified and a zero-landfill electronic waste recycling company, announced today that it will partner with Informative Technologies. This partnership will lead the innovation of regional solutions to the digital divide by reducing electronic waste, improving access to information, and enabling community organization like the Charlotte Housing Authority to connect their constituents and provide training for upwardly-mobile careers.

“Our mission has become a reality through our partnership with All Green Recycling and AGR Foundation. We will set a standard where technology is reused—not discarded—and where people are empowered to achieve success through affordable access to information,” stated James Walker, Founder and CEO of Informative Technologies.

Carol Jegou, CEO of All Green Recycling Inc. “Through All Green Recycling Inc. partnership with Informative Technologies we can be the ultimate recycler, while giving back to the community. Companies appreciate a socially minded vendor who has interests in the area where they do business. It is a win-win for the environment, business and the less fortunate in Charlotte. This partnership will lead the innovation of solutions to the digital divide by reducing electronic waste, improving access to information, and strengthen existing community-based resources.”

The agreement is in cooperation with the AGR Foundation, Charlotte NC a not for profit 501 c 3

All Green Recycling Inc. ([www.all-green.com](http://www.all-green.com)) is an environmental technology, privately held, woman-owned business incorporated in Dec. 2013. Its Charlotte Facility is an R-2 (Responsible Recycling) RIOS certified electronics recycler. The company focus is on the recycling and reuse of e-waste, providing its clients with e-waste management services that include collection services, data security, de-manufacturing and repurposing of components from a wide range of high-tech consumer and industrial electronics.

The AGR Foundation, ([www.AGRFoundation.org](http://www.AGRFoundation.org)), is a 501(c) 3 created to train and hire individuals with barriers to employment in all aspects e-Waste industry. Numerous individuals have completed the training and have found jobs within All Green Recycling Inc. and other companies in the Charlotte area. AGR Foundation has been successful in having individuals and corporations donate old equipment for this cause and help realize the vision and commitment to the community where they live and work. James Walker, who has been appointed as an AGR Foundation board member, has personally taken a lead in engaging students

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from some of the most challenged high schools in CMS, and has provided over 1,750 hours of paid IT internships to teens since 2015, and was recognized by Sustain Charlotte 2016 earning first prize in Improving Social Equity and Empowerment.

Informative Technologies Inc., ([www.InformativeInc.com](http://www.InformativeInc.com)) is a minority-owned social enterprise that has researched and developed scalable, market-driven solutions to the digital divide and electronic waste since 2014. The company is part of the Ventureprise innovation program located in UNC Charlotte's PORTAL building. This is made possible by their approach to data science and open source software, which breaks the cycle of planned obsolescence by reviving unused PCs to smoothly run thousands of Google apps and edit Office documents, for as low as \$50.

According to the EPA, over 60 Million computers are discarded annually. Yet, according to Pew's 2015 study of the "Demographics of Device Ownerships", half of families earning less than \$30K owned a laptop or desktop. This partnership allows companies to easily allow their IT departments to dispose of e-Waste not only securely, but ensure the best of it is used to bridge divides and create opportunities for all our neighbors.

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