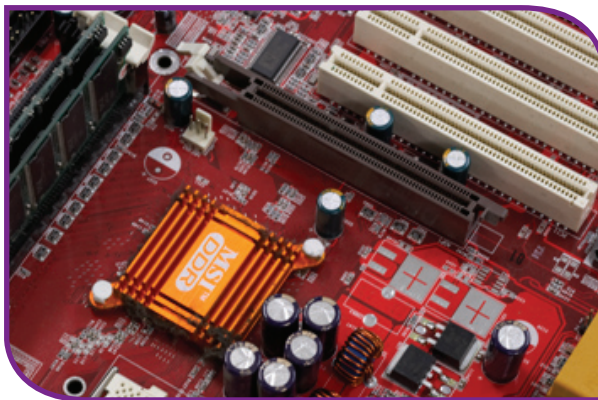


Electronic Data Systems (EDS)

The Challenge

With a large proportion of its employees being office based, the Department for work and Pensions is a vast user of IT equipment and services. System and hardware upgrades can therefore present a significant challenge. Aside from determining new requirements, the DWP needs to dispose of unwanted IT equipment responsibly.



IT equipment – old and new – is an asset and, as it depreciates, it represents a cost to the company. It is in the organisation's interest, therefore, to remove redundant equipment at the optimum time.

Often organisations are unaware of the possibility of redeploying or remarketing IT assets and the potential value these options represent. They assume old equipment will need to be disposed of and are often unsure of what to do next. Current Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) legislation dictates that all such waste is disposed of safely and responsibly and this can represent a significant cost to large users of IT equipment.

The Solution

EDS deliver a broad portfolio of information technology and business process outsourcing services to private sector clients and government clients around the world. As part of their service offering, EDS look after the removal and disposal of redundant IT equipment on behalf of the DWP. Certain elements of IT equipment contain hazardous waste and therefore needs to be disposed of in accordance with WEEE regulations.

In order to help the DWP achieve an improved return on investment from redundant IT equipment and meet broader social and environmental objectives, EDS partnered with Remploy to manage collections of used IT equipment from various DWP sites and deliver it back to their sites across the UK to be prepared for data cleansing, re-imaging and redeployment, donation, resale, or recycling.

All equipment was data cleansed, and any equipment that still had a useful life was then re-conditioned and redeployed or donated, or, where Remploy could obtain a significant resale value, remarketed to generate income for the client.



The Outcome

Redeploying and remarketing equipment that would have otherwise been destined for landfill has not only benefited the environment but also represents significant savings on disposal costs and enabled EDS to deliver a new revenue stream for the DWP.

What's more, working in partnership with EDS and the DWP has enabled Remploy to create a large number of sustainable opportunities for disabled people, employing a variety of different skill sets – from drivers to technicians and engineers.



With over 369,000 items passing through our workshops over a period of 21 months the partnership has enabled Remploy to employ 170 people on this contract alone. In turn this has helped EDS and the DWP achieve one of their major objectives of enabling disabled people to maximise their potential and make a full and valuable contribution to society.

By using Remploy e-cycle's linked resources, customers like EDS and the DWP can reach their business targets of saving money and revenue generation,

as well as meet government objectives to make local environments cleaner, safer and greener, help sustain local communities and increase the employment rate of disabled people.

Creating independence for disabled people

Remploy is a not-for-profit organisation, part funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, and is the UK's leading provider of employment opportunities for disabled people through work.

Remploy is the country's largest employer of disabled people operating 10 businesses at 54 locations across the UK. Last year Remploy found 6,600 jobs in mainstream employment for people with a range of physical, sensory and mental disabilities and plans to increase this figure to more than 20,000 by 2012.

e-cycle is one of Remploy's businesses which specialises in refurbishing and recycling end-of-life IT and telecommunications equipment on behalf of public sector and private sector clients across the UK. Operating nationwide, we provide public and private sector organisations with a range of effective service and manufacturing solutions, helping them improve performance, reduce costs and meet corporate social responsibility as well as equal opportunities objectives.

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