

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Solutions for the Environmental Workforce

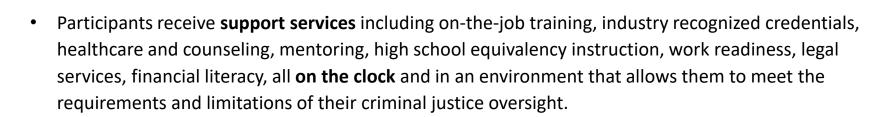
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#### **RecycleForce: WHO WE ARE**

- RecycleForce is a nonprofit Employment Social Enterprise (ESE) committed to reducing crime through employment and job training, while improving the environment through electronics recycling.
- Returning citizens participate in a transitional jobs program where they immediately begin earning a wage (and pay taxes) upon reentry from jail or prison.
- ABC Model: Any job Better job Career™



 The RecycleForce program is a critical crime reduction and violence prevention strategy, making Indianapolis communities safer.





## **RecycleForce: WHAT WE DO**

#### "We recycle e-waste while we recycle lives"

- RecycleForce operates an e-waste recycling business providing service to businesses, government agencies, municipalities, hospitals, universities, reverse logistics providers, and the public.
- Since 2006, RecycleForce has safely recycled more than 100 million pounds of electronic waste.
- Permitted by IDEM and R2 & RIOS Certified
- Provide HAZWOPER40, RCRA and OSHA trained staff for Indy Tox Drop collection events weekly through Keys2Work.





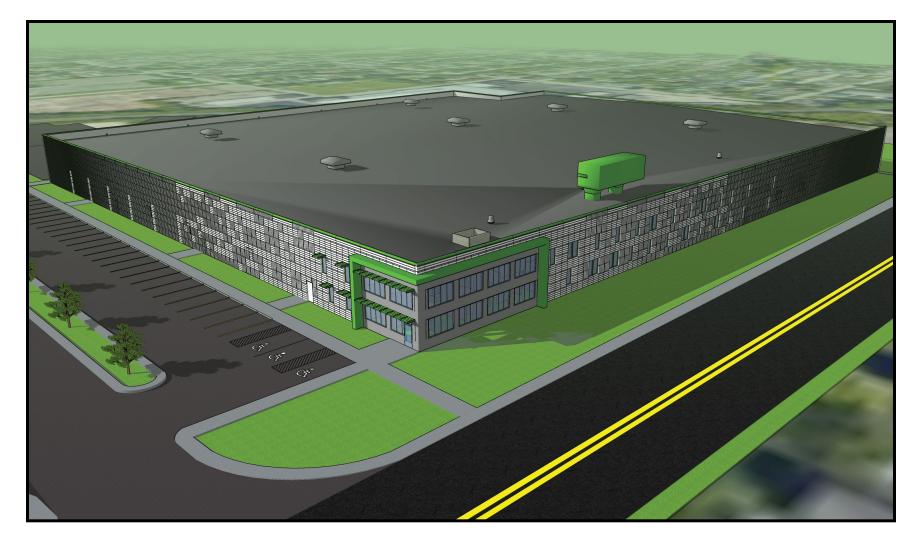
## WHERE IT ALL STARTED







## WHERE WE ARE GOING





# **RecycleForce: TRAINING**

#### **Workforce Training – Creating Jobs, Changing Lives!**

All RecycleForce transitional employees are trained and receive portable and stackable credentials

Our trainings and program are a stepping stone on the pathway to long-term employment in the environmental field.

#### Advanced Trainings Include:

- OSHA 10 and OSHA 30
- HAZWOPER 40
- EPA 608
- RCRA







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employment social enterprise (ESE)
delivering comprehensive recycling
services to businesses in order to
provide life-changing,
transitional employment
opportunities to formerly
incarcerated individuals.

We use the revenue we generate recycling to **help men and women rebuild their lives** with job training, gainful employment and comprehensive social services.



Thank you for the Opportunity to present today to the 2023 NIEHS Conference

At this time we'd like to open up for a discussion and any Questions you may have

