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# **EPA SMM Webinar**

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#### **Staples Profile**

- Staples \$21 Billion reseller of diverse products and services that businesses need to succeed.
- Retail, .com and Staples Advantage
- > 27% of our sales come from Staples branded sales
- Aspire to become our customer's trusted sustainable business solutions partner



## **Staples Recycling**

- Staples first national retailer in the US to offer everyday responsible recycling solutions for consumers and small businesses every day
- Today Staples accepts up to 7 pieces of technology at any Staples store for no charge. Technology recycled using e-Steward certified partner ERI
- Staples offer wide range of recycling solutions for furniture, technology, ink, toner, batteries, ballasts, lamps and hard to recycle items like personal protective gear, coffee pods, writing instruments etc.



### **Recovery and Recycling is not enough**

- Staples is committed to increasing and incorporating Sustainable Materials Management for products and material within our direct supply chains.
- Remanufactured furniture
- Remanufactured ink and toner cartridges
- 100% regrind materials from ink and toner recycling for Staples Sustainable Earth Brand calculators and staplers
- Increased post consumer content papers and agricultural waste fibers into all paper grades



#### Next Evolution the emergence of the Circular Economy

- Staples Sustainable Innovation Lab at RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability
- Sustainable material and product design utilizing life cycle thinking
- Foundational research and development of what will be required to utilize SMM to build the framework for the new Circular Economy
- Understanding product flows for our customers and planning for recovery and reuse of products with the highest economic value and lowest social and environmental burden on the system.

