



## **ERCC Workshop: Harmonizing State Programs September 28, 2010 State Program Element: Annual Registration**

### **Issue Overview**

In order to implement producer responsibility programs, state electronics recycling laws need information from the manufacturers on their brands, contact information, and in some cases plans for complying with the law. Some states are now also requiring an annual registration for recyclers and collectors. These stakeholders are then providing some of the same information multiple times over to each state. Due to the different timelines for state programs, it is difficult for stakeholders needing to register in all states to keep registrations current.

### **Products Impacted**

desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, printers, televisions, video game consoles (in NY only: small scale servers, electronic keyboards, electronic mice, fax machines, scanners, VCRs, DVRs, portable digital music players, DVD players, digital converter boxes, cable/satellite receivers)

### **States Impacted**

CT, HI, IL, IN, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO (plan), NC, NJ, NY, OK (plan), OR, RI, SC, TX (plan), VA (plan), VT, WA, WI, WV

### **Challenges**

- Differences among state programs with product scope, deadlines set in statutes
- Inconsistent definitions of manufacturer means different companies register the same brand in different states
- Need ability to allow states to review and approve, or request for more information before approving
- Different purposes for data questions on each form
- Confidential data, such as sales, on some state forms

### **Possible Solutions**

- Joint online reporting of basic or all information to one central registry, accessible to all states at time of state registration deadline
- Consolidation of registration questions to reduce overlap and promote consistency across state forms