

A beneficial relationship

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED

Beneficial Foundation (Materials Bank and Craft Centre) and CAPTEC Ltd

SUMMARY

NISP South East helped to establish a partnership that will see 11 tonnes of waste materials and packaging a year leave computer systems manufacturer CAPTEC Ltd for the Portsmouth charity Beneficial Foundation. The move has reduced disposal costs for the company and has also assisted in the implementation of its ISO14001 accreditation.



BACKGROUND

CAPTEC Ltd in Hampshire manufactures industrial computer systems. The production process generates approximately 11 tonnes of waste foam, plastic packaging, metal scraps, foil and wiring per year, all of which can be recycled. When CAPTEC Ltd contacted NISP, they were looking for ways to implement their ISO14001 accreditation (2004 Environmental Management Systems and W.E.E.E. procedures). Disposing of their waste materials in an environmentally friendly way met the set criteria, and it was also set to generate bottom-line savings and excellent PR for the company.

The Beneficial Foundation meanwhile run a materials bank and craft centre in Portsmouth, collecting 10 tonnes of non-toxic material per week for re-use by their member companies. Already a NISP member, the Foundation proved to be the ideal outlet for CAPTEC Ltd's waste.

Since their introduction by NISP South East, the two companies have struck up a partnership whereby the Beneficial Foundation now collect various unwanted resources from CAPTEC Ltd for use in their materials bank, amounting to around 11 tonnes per year. Not only has this diverted waste from landfill, it has also saved CAPTEC Ltd around £1000 per year in disposal fees.

THE NISP CONNECTION

CAPTEC Ltd contacted NISP South East for help in finding an outlet for the waste material generated as part of their production process. The South East team put them in touch with existing NISP member, the Beneficial Foundation, a Portsmouth based charity that provides education, training and rehabilitation to people of all ages. The Beneficial Foundation was able to take the materials to put in their craft centre, and they are now picked up by member companies for re-use in industry.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Saved industry around £1000 in disposal costs per year
- Provided industry with cost-effective, recycled resources
- Diverted around 11 tonnes of foam, plastic packaging, metal scraps, foil and wiring from landfill per year.
- Assisted industry with ISO14001 and WEEE compliance.

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