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NATIONAL AWARDS HONOR INNOVATION OF VA EMPLOYEE

Brad Erlewine is honored for repurposing obsolete computers, using the Linux Terminal Server Project's thin-client technology

January 7, 2004 (Iowa City, IA) Both the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) and the Iowa Recycling Association (IRA) have recently honored, Brad Erlewine, a computer **specialist** at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, for a cutting-edge strategy to recycle computer hardware. Erlewine was awarded the NRC's 2003 Outstanding Recycling Innovation Award at the organization's national conference in September. He received a similar award at the IRA state conference in October.

Mr. Erlewine diverted a group of 100 obsolete computer terminals from the landfill waste stream and upgraded their capabilities using **open source** software obtained **from the Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP)** on the Internet. The computers were deployed using LTSP's advanced thin-client technology and run on Linux.

LTSP leverages the economies of scale demonstrated by a thin client environment and provides users with a powerful, reliable desktop experience. The estimated savings to the Medical Center is over \$60,000 annually.

The NRC award is given to "a business, nonprofit, or other recycling entity that has developed an innovative product or process relating to recycling, composting or waste reduction." The IRA's 2003 Murray J. Fox Recycling Innovation Award is given for "outstanding research into, or application of recycled material in a new way."

About the Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP)

Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP) delivers advanced thin-client capabilities to Linux, increasing deployment options for business, education and government. LTSP is an open source project that develops its technology in a free, non-proprietary fashion. Headquartered in southeastern Michigan, LTSP fulfills a critical need by providing attractive, powerful and cost-effective deployment options for Linux. More information on LTSP is available at www.LTSP.org.

Photo at http://www.nrc-recycle.org/congress/baltphotos/awards/pages/DSC_2460.htm

Photo identifications, left to right

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