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CI Shred Receives National Accreditation

Kennewick, WA - Columbia Industries recently announced that their subsidiary, CI Shred, is fully accredited by the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID). The mobile unit is accredited through April of 2006.

(NAID) is the international trade association for companies providing information destruction services. NAID's mission is to promote the information destruction industry and the standards and ethics of its member companies.

Rich Foeppe, CEO of Columbia Industries commented, "This is great news for the business community. The Tri-Cities now has a fully accredited mobile shredding service, right here at home. Businesses can feel safe that their private information – and that of their customers – will be protected when using CI Shred's mobile service."

In 2004, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a new rule that required local businesses to properly dispose of and destroy sensitive consumer data. The rule was one of several new requirements intended to combat consumer fraud and identity theft and protect privacy required by the federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACT Act) which was enacted in December 2003. Businesses must come into complete compliance by June 1, 2005.

Established in 1963, Columbia Industries (CI) is a non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities or other barriers to employment by providing employment and training programs designed specifically for participants with unique abilities.

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