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***CALVERT - JONES INVITES ALEXANDRIA BUSINESS AND CONSUMERS TO
DISPOSE OF OLD COMPUTERS AND CELL PHONES THE
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY***

Quarterly Free Drop Off Event for Used Electronics and Fluorescent Bulbs Oct. 8

WASHINGTON (September 2, 2008) – Calvert Jones Co., Inc., one of the Mid-Atlantic's leading providers of green building services and technology, offers computer users a unique opportunity to dispose of their obsolete computers, printers and other peripherals in an environmentally safe way at no charge on October 8, 2008, during regular business hours as part of the company's Fluorescent Bulb Drop Off Day. The quarterly event, which the company began a year ago as part of its effort to encourage Alexandria businesses and consumers to recycle hazardous fluorescent light bulbs safely, has been expanded to include out-of-date computers and printers, as well as used cell phones, items that would otherwise end up in already packed landfills presenting potential harm to the environment.

"Many households and businesses have computers and peripherals that were state-of-the-art five years ago but now are dinosaurs, and end up sitting around the house or office and taking up valuable space," said Stanley Peregoy, President of Calvert Jones. "Frequently, they have no idea how to get rid of the old equipment, and end up throwing them away with the regular trash. We collect out-of-date computer hardware and turn it over to a business that disassembles the terminals and recycles the usable parts, while safely and effectively disposing of what's left over."

Recycling System Neutralizes Toxic Substances

In addition to computer equipment, Calvert Jones will also accept used fluorescent lighting bulbs, which contain mercury and other toxic substances that must be disposed of using a special system to avoid contaminating the environment. Estimates state that one four-foot fluorescent tube contains enough mercury to contaminate 6,000 gallons of drinking water. Calvert - Jones has access to a specially designed system that neutralizes harmful mercury. The bulbs are crushed in a sealed container, trapping the mercury for safe disposal and leaving the ground glass for recycling. In addition, the recycling system employed by Calvert - Jones, when used consistently, helps businesses add to their LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points, an important indicator of adherence to green building standards established by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Add-1 Calvert Jones Spearheads Efforts to Raise Awareness of Proper Fluorescent Bulb Disposal

Many Business Owners Are Unaware of Safe Disposal Regulations

Regulations issued by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), describe the proper procedures for disposing of hazardous waste including electronic equipment such as computers, and fluorescent tubes containing mercury and other toxic substances, rather than throwing them into regular trash. However, the regulation is regularly overlooked by many businesses, resulting in thousands of tons of potentially hazardous refuse discarded in an unsafe manner. Calvert Jones has been in the forefront of educating local businesses and consumers in environmentally safe practices and technologies for home and work.

Used computer equipment, including monitors, keyboards, and printers, as well as fluorescent tubes, will be accepted at the Calvert Jones plant at 5703 Edsall Rd. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on April 24. The Company will accept all tube lengths and sizes, including U-tubes, T-12s, T-10s, and T-8s. Cracked and broken bulbs cannot be accepted.

Established in 1947, Calvert - Jones provides professional building maintenance services to commercial, industrial and institutional clients throughout the Washington area, keeping facility environments -- buildings and the equipment they contain -- in excellent running order. With a staff of more than 200 trained technicians who are experts in all areas of building maintenance, Calvert - Jones helps keep client buildings healthy through programs of planned preventive maintenance, practical energy efficiency measures, strong management and cost control.

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