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**DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES INTRODUCES RECYCLING PROGRAM
AT STATE CAPITOL**

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Department of Central Services (DCS) announced today that the *Re-Invent Your Print* recycling program will commence at the State Capitol building on Earth Day (April 22). The program will expand current paper recycling services to include aluminum, plastics numbered 1 & 2, and cardboard.

“Reducing the amount of waste generated is ultimately the goal.” said John Richard, Director of DCS. Richard went on to say, “Diverting recyclable materials from landfills and making them available for re-use in the manufacturing process is more than just good business practice; it is our responsibility.”

DCS Office of Facilities Management (OFM) and Property Reutilization divisions are partnering to manage system promotion, user education, material transportation, and market availability for the program.

“The program fosters cooperation of DCS divisions and state agencies alike.” Richard said. “The true beauty of the State Capitol lies not only in the landscape and buildings, but also in the people working together to achieve a common goal.”

The Capitol building houses over 900 government employees and welcomes more than 100,000 visitors annually, nearly all of whom generate various volumes of recyclable waste. Traditionally, these materials would enter the waste stream and eventually add to a landfill; however, with the new program in place all employees and visitors will be challenged to ‘Re-Invent Your Prints.’ By re-thinking daily behaviors and conserving resources, participants can re-invent the fingerprints they will inevitably leave behind.

April 22nd marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day; the day celebrated annually to generate appreciation for the environment and inspire awareness of environmental issues. For more information regarding the State Capitol recycling program and/or the *Re-Invent Your Print* campaign, please contact Liz Haigh at (405) 521-3315.

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