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Blue Star Recyclers Receives Grant from Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

December 1, 2017. **Blue Star Recyclers**, a Colorado-based nonprofit social enterprise with a mission of recycling electronics to create jobs for people with disabilities, has received a \$50,000 grant from the **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** (www.meaf.org) to support Blue Star's national expansion initiative. This investment will help enable Blue Star to bring its' proven mission and social enterprise model to other cities in the US seeking a community-based solution to high unemployment for people with disabilities, and a certified solution for the electronic waste it produces.

Blue Star Recyclers today employs 42 people in Colorado at their facilities in Colorado Springs, Denver, and Boulder. To date they have recycled over 14 million pounds of electronic waste and, in doing so, have reduced taxpayer burden by \$1.5 million. Most recently, Blue Star was named 2017 Social Impact Business of the Year by the National Institute for Social Impact, and 2016 Colorado Social Venture of the Year at CO Impact Days.

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF) is the corporate foundation of the Mitsubishi Electric group companies in the United States. MEAF works to make Changes for the Better in society by investing in innovative strategies to empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives.

Blue Star Recyclers (www.bluestarrecyclers.org) is an award-winning, 501c3 social enterprise, with a mission of providing certified electronics recycling services to create local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities. Blue Star Recyclers delivers measurable results in job creation, taxpayer savings and environmental stewardship, and operates facilities in Denver, Colorado Springs and Boulder. Blue Star Recyclers offers pick-up services for businesses and accepts drop-offs from individuals at its facilities.