

# Why implement an ITAD program?

## IT Lifecycle Services



### **Risk mitigation. Value recovery. Responsible recycling.**

IT Asset Disposition, or ITAD, is the process of managing the decommissioning of end-of-use IT assets in a manner that ensures data security and environmental compliance while maximizing residual value.

An ITAD partner will collect your IT assets and make sure your company data is removed either by using software to overwrite the data or physically destroying the hard drives. Once the data has been sanitized and if the system still has value, the equipment can be redeployed within the organization for reuse or sold on the secondary market, allowing the company to recover the residual value. If the systems are non-functional, too old to be of further use, and are unable to be reused or resold, the ITAD processor will recycle the assets in a responsible and compliant manner.

An ITAD program protects organizations from liability using secure and compliant services to manage the end-of-life of their IT assets. Such programs are important for the following reasons.

#### **Protects from data breaches.**

Every year, thousands of data breaches expose millions of records. In 2025, the average global cost of a data breach reached \$4.44 million, with U.S. organizations averaging more than \$10 million per breach. While many incidents result from stolen credentials, ransomware, and phishing attacks, any retired IT asset containing sensitive information presents a risk if data is not properly sanitized. Ensuring data is destroyed through certified wiping, shredding, or degaussing is a critical component of any secure IT asset disposition program.

#### **Ensures regulatory compliance.**

Organizations of all sizes face growing requirements for data privacy, security, and disposal. Failure to comply can result in significant financial, legal, and reputational consequences.

Partnering with an ITAD provider that delivers certificates of recycling, data erasure, destruction, and disposal—along with liability indemnification—helps simplify compliance and provides confidence that retired assets are handled according to applicable regulations.

#### **Maximizes recovery values.**

Extracting the maximum residual value from your company's end-of-use products is one of the most profitable ways to use IT disposition and recovery services to your advantage.

Equipment that is not needed for redeployment, but that still has value, is sold in secondary markets through a variety of channels (B2C, B2B, liquidation and auction) to receive an optimal return on the assets.

#### **Promotes environmental sustainability.**

Sustainability has become a key consideration in IT asset disposition. Prioritizing data sanitization and extending the life of functional equipment through reuse can help organizations reduce environmental impact while protecting sensitive information. For assets that cannot be reused, a certified ITAD program ensures responsible recycling practices that support environmental goals, data security requirements, and broader corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Ingram Micro helps organizations maintain control of IT assets throughout the lifecycle—from procurement and deployment to storage, recovery, and retirement. Contact us to learn more.

## Questions? We've got answers.

Connect with the Ingram Micro ITAD team to learn how our services can help improve inventory visibility, streamline asset distribution, and support your broader IT lifecycle management strategy.

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