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## **Surplus from Hillsborough County (NH) Courthouse Renovation Sent for Disaster Relief**

**Four Shipping Containers With More Than 700 Items Shipped on February 11 and 12**

(Concord, NH, February 16, 2010) On February 11 and 12, the Institution Recycling Network ([www.ir-network.com](http://www.ir-network.com)) and the State of New Hampshire sent four shipping containers of surplus furnishings from the renovation of the Hillsborough County (NH) Courthouse for disaster relief in the Caribbean. The furnishings now are in transit to Jamaica, where they will be stored and then re-shipped where and when they are needed, including Haiti when recovery efforts shift from stabilization to reconstruction.

The Courthouse is in the first stages of a complete renovation, and IRN has been retained to manage reuse and recycling of the construction wastes. The first step in the renovation was to completely empty the structure of all furnishings and movable assets like doors and cabinets. Rather than dispose or recycle these assets, IRN coordinated their dismantling, removal, and shipment to humanitarian relief and development organizations.

According to Mark Berry, IRN's Surplus Program manager, this is the first shipment of State of New Hampshire surplus to disaster relief in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, and among the first container-load shipments to be sent from anywhere in the state. The shipment comprised some 700 pieces including complete sets of courtroom furnishings, office furniture including desks, tables, seating, filing cabinets, shelving, and other items.

Says IRN's Berry, "This will be part of a stockpile that will be sent into Haiti as reconstruction proceeds, and it will also help out in other areas where poverty is epidemic. Avoiding the landfill and doing something good socially and environmentally is a fantastic combination, and the State deserves real credit for making it happen."

[Photos of the project are posted on Picasa.](#)

### **About IRN**

The Institution Recycling Network ([www.ir-network.com](http://www.ir-network.com)) is a cooperative recycling organization headquartered in Concord, NH that works with over 200 colleges and universities, hospitals, K-12 schools, and private companies to improve the performance and economics of recycling. IRN negotiates transportation, processing, and marketing of recycled commodities, provides a single point of contact to recycle dozens of different materials, and manages the logistics to get materials to market efficiently and cost effectively. IRN handles over 75 commodities: everything from cardboard and fluorescent lamps to concrete and Astroturf. IRN is known particularly as the most experienced manager of construction and demolition recycling in the U.S. ([www.WasteMiser.com](http://www.WasteMiser.com)), and as a major channel that matches surplus furniture, equipment, and other property with U.S. and international relief organizations ([www.irnsurplus.com](http://www.irnsurplus.com)).

