



*A Registered Charity*

## The ReUse People of America Backgrounder

### Mission Statement

*The ReUse People reduces the solid waste stream  
and changes the way the built environment is renewed  
by salvaging building materials and distributing them for reuse.*



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TRP's home office and warehouse are located in Oakland CA, with additional offices/warehouses in San Diego; Los Angeles; Sacramento; Arlington, Austin, Houston, Ft. Worth and San Antonio TX; Chicago; North Haven CT; Boise; Seattle; Salt Lake City; Milwaukee. Further expansion is planned.

By consistently focusing on its mission, TRP has diverted over 415,000 tons of used building materials from landfills, trained 71 contractors and provided full-time employment to hundreds of people.

TRP's *ReUse Solution*<sup>™</sup> embodies two programs. The first is environmental — keeping reusable building materials out of landfills through building deconstruction, building-materials salvage, transportation, storage and distribution. This is accomplished by:

- Contractors trained and certified by TRP to deconstruct houses and commercial buildings wherever the need arises.
- The delivery, storage, sale and donation of reclaimed building materials for reuse.
- TRP's ongoing identification of new markets for used building materials.

The second program is economic, and is designed to improve the standard of living in local communities. TRP fosters the reuse of high-quality building materials for cents on the dollar. It also trains unemployed and underemployed individuals in deconstruction and retail skills and helps them gain sufficient experience to move up to higher wage positions various industries. These efforts are achieved by:

- Operating retail warehouses in select locations throughout the U.S., some in partnership with other organizations.
- Training local workers, typically young adults, in the deconstruction process, and helping them advance to positions in solar installation, carpentry, HVAC, roofing, door and window installation, etc.
- Providing retail training to entrepreneurs and workers in the basics of operating a warehouse for used building materials.
- Training general and demolition contractors in the process of deconstruction and building-materials salvage, thus increasing the diversion of materials from landfills and creating job opportunities for trained deconstruction workers.
- Consulting with owners, developers, architects and contractors, encouraging the use of "best practices" in the removal of existing buildings to make room for new development.
- Providing local, state and federal governments with policies and implementation strategies that encourage deconstruction, building materials reuse and economic development.

These programs are carefully integrated to provide the public, building owners, contractors, and government agencies with the environmental benefits of building materials salvage. Beneficiaries include:

- All of us, through a healthier environment
- Consumers, particularly low-income families, who save money buying used materials
- Low-skilled workers, who acquire marketable skills
- Building owners by virtue of tax deductions for donated building materials
- Builders and contractors through better service to their clients
- Landfills, which enjoy longer life as more materials are diverted

Through our efforts, 75 to 80 percent of a building can be kept out of the landfill – in fact, on several projects we have diverted over 95 percent. We salvage framing lumber, doors, windows, cabinets, flooring, plumbing and electric fixtures, and more. Since its inception, TRP and its Certified Deconstruction Contractors have deconstructed thousands of buildings, including single and multi-family houses, military warehouses and large scale motion picture sets.

As a deconstruction practitioner, international distributor of used building materials, trainer and consultant, TRP is proud to be a driving force in the Green Building Industry. ***See partial TRP client list on the back of this page.***

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## The ReUse People of America Partial Client List



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### Deconstruction Clients

City of Chicago  
City of Dubuque IA  
Pulte Homes  
Warner Bros. & EON Entertainment  
U.S. Department of the Navy – Southwest Division  
Vandenberg AFB  
Fleet Industrial Supply – San Diego (3 projects)  
San Diego Naval Station (3 projects)  
Naval Ocean Systems Center  
East-West Partners  
County of San Diego  
Mammoth Mountain Resort  
Universal Studios  
City of Coronado, CA  
City of Chula Vista, CA  
Domaine Chandon Winery  
Over 3,000 residential clients  
Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.

### Consulting and Training Clients

County of San Mateo, CA  
City of San Francisco, CA  
City of Boulder, CO  
Cook County, IL  
Edwards AFB  
U.S. National Park Service  
California Conservation Corps  
St. Clair-Superior Community Develop Corporation, Cleveland OH  
Texas State Technical College, Harlingen TX  
Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City MO  
City of Muncie, IN  
City of Kankakee, IL  
YouthBuild Sacramento  
Safer Foundation, Chicago IL  
Ivanhoe Community Center, Kansas City MO  
YouthBuild Hartford  
Westmoreland Community Action, Greensburg PA  
City of Bridgeport, CT  
Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises, Inc.  
The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino  
Comprehensive Community Solutions, Rockford IL  
Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.  
City of Palo Alto CA  
County of Marin CA  
City of Burbank CA  
AIA, Washington DC Chapter  
Historical Society of Galveston TX  
City of Austin TX  
City of Houston TX  
City of Peoria IL  
Rocky River Community College, Rockford IL  
City of San Antonio TX