



PROSHRED® Shredding Franchise Launching in Greater Raleigh, North Carolina

RALEIGH, NC May 7, 2007.....**PROSHRED®**'s continuing expansion will see its next new office located in the Greater Raleigh Area. The launch of the Raleigh location completes North Carolina with neighboring Charlotte office, and complements the company's current operations along the east coast from New York to Florida.

PROSHRED® was established in Canada in 1986 and is known as the pioneer of the booming multi-billion dollar shredding and recycling industry. Prior to launching its current USA expansion in 2003, the company opened franchises from coast-to-coast in Canada.

Jim Klemes, **PROSHRED®** Raleigh Franchisee, has been involved in the energy/electric industry, with various positions that have included developing, construction, acquisition and operation of various facilities and portfolios. Jim has overseen power plant operations globally, most recently with Progress Energy in the southeastern United States.

His experience includes operation and construction management of water treatment and power facilities, including the construction of 500 MW power projects in North Carolina and Georgia, reciprocating engine facilities in Spain, industrial waste water treatment facilities and operations for power facilities of various technologies. Business development initiatives have included power plant acquisitions and construction in the USA, Europe and South America. Jim's education includes an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, MS Environmental Engineering from the University of New Haven, as well undergraduate degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford.

Klemes' franchise will bring additional identity theft tools to a state which has been in the forefront of Identity Theft legislation. After years of advocacy by the state Attorney General's office, in 2005 the North Carolina General Assembly passed important legislation to protect consumers from Identity Theft. The North Carolina Identity Theft Protection Act became effective December 1, 2005, requiring any business in North Carolina to take all reasonable measures to protect against unauthorized access to or use of personal information in connection with or after its disposal. Reasonable measures include burning, pulverizing or shredding of papers containing personal information.

Identity theft continues to afflict millions of U.S. consumers, according to a study commissioned by the financial industry. About 9.3 million people were victims of the crime in the year studied. It is believed that that one in every 23 consumers is a victim of some form of identity theft.

PROSHRED® shreds confidential documents and other proprietary materials for thousands of customers in all industry sectors including medical, financial and high-tech; and is the only mobile shredding service to have earned ISO 9001 certification, meeting the rigorous quality standards of the International Organization for Standardization. **PROSHRED®** is the first company to offer service for home based businesses and residential consumers with its RISC™ Management Program.