Regional Telephone Directory

Campus offices are currently supplied with a regional phonebook published by either NYNEX or the White Directory. These directories consume natural resources (trees, energy, etc.) and generate pollution (air and water emissions, etc) in their production. As few members of the University community have a business need for a directory of regional telephone listings, there is a great potential for reduction.

The University at Buffalo will reduce the number of regional phone books it distributes on campus. The long-range goal, if possible, is to stop ordering the books entirely by taking advantage of new electronic directories formats, as they become available. The following steps are encouraged:

• Provide no more than one (1) regional phone book per office suite or department (as opposed to one per individual office or phone set) except in those relatively few offices or departments where the regional phone book is required by business necessity.

• Provide new regional phone books only every other year.

• Encourage the use of smaller, reduced-printed version of regional phone directories as well as white and/or yellow sections only for appropriate departments.

• Discourage the use of any non-recycled covers.

• Give preference to vendors using the highest percentage of recycled materials in their directories, and who also collect and recycle the old copies of the directories at the end of the year.

• Pursue acquisition and use of electronic format directory information wherever it is feasible.

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