## **KBS**

# Understanding the Needs of the Environment and our Tenants.

### **Recycling Programs**

Recognizing the importance of effective waste management programming, in 2023, UBS Tower implemented two key recycling programs aimed at reducing total waste, diverting waste from landfill, and promoting sustainable practices throughout the building.

#### **Single Stream Recycling**

In May 2023, the property launched its single stream recycling program, building upon earlier efforts initiated in 2017. Partnering with the existing waste hauler, we introduced single stream recycling containers to facilitate the collection of mixed recyclables, including paper, cardboard, metal/aluminum, and plastics.

This streamlined approach simplified the recycling process for tenants and encouraged greater participation and adherence to the building's recycling guidelines. To optimize the program's effectiveness, recycling containers were strategically placed throughout tenant spaces and common areas, accompanied by enhanced communication and engagement activities.

#### **Electronics Recycling**

Partnering with a recycling organization that specializes in E-Waste, ITAD, and data management solutions, UBS Tower hosts annual events to facilitate the secure and responsible disposal of electronics. The process of each event involved placing collection bins across the building common areas and tenant floors, as well as distributing educational materials and electronic notifications to raise awareness and encourage participation during the collection period.

#### **Outcomes**

Since its inception, the single stream recycling program has achieved an impressive average diversion rate of 59%, indicating a significant reduction in waste sent to landfills. Additionally, the program has yielded benefits beyond environmental impacts with an anticipated cost savings of \$6,000 annually through reduced waste service.



#### **ABOUT UBS TOWER**

UBS Tower, a Class A Office Tower in Nashville, TN, is a dominant fixture on the city's skyline and one of the most recognizable and centrally located landmarks. The property was built in 1972, with significant enhancements in recent years that have restored the property to one of Nashville's best-in-class buildings. On-site amenities include Jeff Ruby's steakhouse, retail, a tenant lounge and coffee bar, fitness center with locker rooms, conference facilities, and a renovated outdoor plaza with seating.

In 2022, the E-Waste events successfully diverted 2,346 pounds of electronics, with a significant portion originating from a single tenant prior to move-out. This trend continued in 2023, with 502 pounds of electronics collected.

KBS, and UBS Tower, recognize the value of each of these programs to promote responsible waste management practices, underscoring commitment to the environment and tenants.