

## Willie Cade



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### CEO Graceful Solutions

A Chicago based real estate development firm specializing in twenty first century data centers that are more verdant and serve the community

### Founder and Chief Executive Officer PC Rebuilders & Recyclers (Founded in 2000) home of the Computers for Schools Program

Mission: To contribute to sustainability and to bridge the digital divide by reusing or recycling used computing equipment. Business closed June 2017

### Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR):

Chosen by Microsoft as one of the first Community Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher in the United States. Since then we have delivered over 100,000 refurbished PCs to Schools, not-for-profit organizations, into homes of at risk children and businesses. Elevated to MAR in 2012

### Conference founder

Electronics Reuse Conference: ERC (formerly: International Computer Refurbisher Summit) since 2004. In 2012 ERC expanded internationally.

### Voting member of several EPEAT standards focusing on sustainability.

Actively participating in the creation of ULE 110 3.0. Have participated in 3 other sustainability focus consensus standards, R2, NSF 487 and IEEE 1601.1.

**Regional Director and Board Member of Repair.org** Advocating for Right to Repair legislation focusing on agriculture. Member of the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

### P.A.C.E. Stakeholder and Co-Chair of Environmentally Sound Testing, Refurbishment and Repair of Used Computing Equipment Project Group

The Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention of the United Nations Environmental Program.

### Illinois SB 2313 Stakeholder

Stakeholder promoting the first state legislation to recognize and reward reuse in extended producer responsibility legislation for used electronic products.

### Adjunct Faculty, University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign

Designed and taught "Sustainable Life Cycle Design" in the Department of Art and Design. Co-Principal investigator on several National Science Foundation grants.

**Provided testimony before the House Committee on Science and Technology** for the 111th Congress on electronic reuse

### Winner of the Jim Lynch award

The computer refurbishment industry's highest honor.

### Appointee to Caterpillar's external sustainability advisory board, retired

Advisor to promote their mission of enabling economic growth through infrastructure and energy development, and to provide solutions that support communities and protect the planet. Participated in the creation of Caterpillar's 5th value; sustainability.

**Co-author of 7 academic papers on Sustainability of Used Electronics.** Our first publication was in 2015. We have also submitted 2 additional full conference papers.

**Chair of the Board of Montgomery Place.** A retirement facility owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. After first year of membership I was name treasure and then became Chairman. (I forgot **not** to ask questions)

### Personal

Education: BS Chemistry with honors, University of Hawaii—Manoa, Language studies at La Sorbonne Université—Paris, Amateur standup comedian, inventor of the Maximizing Data Storage Utilization and Security Software and avid Airbnb host of a 1905 Pullman Palace car. Parent to four grown children, and very proud grandfather to two. A granddaughter and grandson. Married to Carol Cade for 43+ years.