

For more than 40 years, the Sanford-based Waban Projects has provided a range of social services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Last year, Waban formed SRMS to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities. All of the "social enterprise" company's profits support Waban's mission.

According to Waban's website: "Faced with funding reductions from government sources that threatened the sustainability of its programs and recognizing that there were dozens of people with disabilities who wanted to work but in this economy would never get a job, Waban decided to do something about it. By forming this social enterprise [SRMS], Waban has chosen not to be a victim and helplessly watch the eroding of its services; Waban has chosen to take its destiny into its own hands." Waban's CEO Neal Meltzer said, "We welcome the opportunity to partner with a great organization like CSI and have them join our other document destruction customers throughout Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. They recognize that by working with us they are receiving a high quality service, at a competitive price, with the value-added of providing jobs for people with disabilities."

CSI annually produces some 15 tons of confidential paper documents that need to be shredded and recycled, as well as computer documents (hard discs) that also need to be destroyed.

For nearly 50 years, CSI has provided integrated, comprehensive community mental health services to southern Maine children, adults and families. Today, the agency annually serves more than 7,000 southern Maine residents at its four clinical locations in Kittery, Springvale, Biddeford and Westbrook. CSI also provides York County with 24/7 mental health crisis response services.