Curtin wishes to reduce its carbon footprint and create savings by introducing a more efficient fleet of standard printer/copiers, as well as reducing its networked fleet from over 800 machines to around 400. The new service will improve sustainability by decommissioning unnecessary printers, right sizing devices to suit current and future usage and upgrading old printers with more energy efficient multifunction devices.

‘Curtin University and Fuji Xerox Australia have developed a working relationship over many years,’ says Earl Menezes, WA State General Manager, Fuji Xerox Australia. ‘Initially Fuji Xerox simply supplied print equipment, but by understanding the University’s needs to provide smart scanning and document services, and with a business model that requires cost recovery from students, we have worked together to create a document services contract that will help Curtin address these needs.

Our joint goal is to bring efficiency to the document and printing process and introduce more sustainable document services.’

Fuji Xerox will assist Curtin in reducing its current annual printing volume of 50 million sheets, including reducing the amount of paper wasted due to unwanted printouts. The implementation of the ‘follow-me’ printing capability will allow material to be printed only once the user swipes their Identification card at the printer. This will minimize the amount of printing that is currently sent to the machine and never collected as well as providing more secure printing.

The use of innovative new technologies will change the way people use printer devices at the University, with options to scan and save documents to Curtin’s file storage system thereby reducing the need to print. The introduction of an electronic monitoring system for all MPS contract devices will increase fleet efficiency and uptime.

‘This contract represents a significant opportunity to embrace a new way of doing things. We can gain productivity while reducing equipment expenditure, paper use, and electricity costs’

Ian Hill
CITS Executive Officer

For more information on the Managed Print Service contract go to: cits.curtin.edu.au/about/greenIT.cfm
Curtin IT Services has begun piloting a new cloud-based email system Microsoft Office 365, with the goal of implementing the system University-wide by the end of 2011. The CITS initiative, codenamed Curtin 365, involves replacing physical 'on-premise' email with an innovative new email system, hosted in Microsoft’s ‘Cloud’ environment.

Microsoft Office 365 offers a number of benefits including enabling staff to access significantly larger email storage, as well as providing improved archiving, comprehensive security, high availability of email and calendaring service, full compatibility with the latest email clients, and secure online access anywhere and at any time.

Since the migration of the pilot group, the Curtin 365 project team has been identifying and resolving complex issues. So far these have included users with shared folders and calendars, those with personal assistants and non-traditional email users. The project team is reviewing user feedback and addressing each issue to ensure the process will be transparent when migration begins for the rest of the University’s staff.

Curtin Chief Information Officer Peter Nikoletatos is adamant that the success of its strategic direction towards the cloud was benefited further by the strong Microsoft partnership and that of its consultation partner, Dimension Data. In 2010 Curtin moved its 50,000-strong student base and 150,000 registered alumni to Microsoft’s Live@edu cloud suite.

For more information on Office 365 go to: www.microsoft.com/en-au/office365/online-software.aspx