

NEWS ADVISORY: 2017 Awards for Sustainable Purchasing

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2017 LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

DENVER CO – On Tuesday, May 9th, the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) – a non profit organization with more than 180 members representing over \$200 billion in collective purchasing power – will recognize thirty six organizations and nine individuals who have leveraged institutional purchasing power to advance the long term health and vitality of society, economies, and the planet.

The award winners employed a wide range of sustainable purchasing strategies and documented measurable environmental, social, and/or economic benefits. Examples include:

- The State of New York's comprehensive interagency approach to sustainable procurement resulting in 43 green specification being developed covering 86 different commodity, service or technology products.
- The State of California Department of General Service's work analyzing the environmental impacts of over \$97 billion in spend using a life cycle analysis approach;
- Shaw Industries Group, Inc.'s unique collaboration with suppliers *and* customers to develop a commercial carpet tile product made largely from reclaimed materials, which uses significantly less energy and water than standard carpet, and which is fully recyclable; and
- A collaboration between University of Pennsylvania and Wash Cycle Laundry to process and deliver laundry in the most sustainable way possible, while also generating upwardly mobile job opportunities for vulnerable job seekers in the area.

Winners of the Council's Outstanding Case Study Award will be honored for documenting how they achieved these results in detailed case studies that are published in SPLC's Case Study Library.

(See full list of the Outstanding Case Study Award winners below.)

The winners of the Council's highest honors – the nine juried Leadership Awards – are selected from this pool, and will be revealed and presented with their awards during the ceremony on Monday the 9th May. A single individual will also receive the Council's prestigious Individual Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award winners were selected by a prestigious jury from government, the private sector, and civil society. When case studies were submitted by judges' own organizations, the judge did not review any cases in that category.

<i>Juror Name</i>	<i>Title and Organization</i>
Dana Arnold	Chief, Sustainability Branch, General Services Administration
Lisa Colicchio	Director Corporate Responsibility, CBRE
Cynthia Cummis	Director Private Sector Climate Mitigation, World Resources

	Institute
Christopher Davis	Sustainability Consultant Global Energy & Sustainability, CBRE
Whit Faulconer	Independent
Stacey Foreman	Sustainable Procurement Coordinator, City of Portland Oregon
Betsy Hayes	Chief Procurement Officer, Minnesota Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement
Judy Pines	Director Sustainability & Responsible Sourcing, Hilton
Tiffany Rodriguez	Expert Supply Chain Responsibility Program Consultant, PG&E
George Schutter	Chief Procurement Officer, District of Columbia
Matthew Swibel	Director Enterprise Risk and Sustainability, Lockheed Martin
Justin Troy	Sourcing Manager - Supplier Relationship Management, FedEx Services

SPLC's Leadership Awards recognize organizations that have demonstrated or actively supported the kind of leadership envisioned in the SPLC's *Principles for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing*. The Principles state that an organization demonstrates leadership in sustainable purchasing through:

- **Understanding.** Understanding the environmental, social, and economic impacts of its purchasing.
- **Commitment.** Taking responsibility for the environmental, social, and economic impacts of its purchasing by committing to an action plan.
- **Results.** Delivering on its commitment to improve the environmental, social, and economic impacts of its purchasing.
- **Innovation.** Actively promoting internal and external innovation that advances a positive future.
- **Transparency.** Soliciting and disclosing information that supports a marketplace of innovation.

"The winners of these Awards have each demonstrated their commitment to leadership in sustainable purchasing," says SPLC Executive Director Jason Pearson. "Collectively, they focus the powerful purchasing influence of organizations — in public and private sectors alike — to advance a socially just, ecologically robust, and economically prosperous future. The winners of SPLC's Leadership Awards exemplify, encourage, and support a constructive cycle of innovation that will define the global marketplace of tomorrow."

About the SPLC:

Founded in 2013, the *Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council* convenes buyers, suppliers, and public interest advocates to develop programs that simplify and standardize sustainable purchasing efforts by large organizations. The Council has quickly attracted, from a wide variety of sectors and regions, more than 180 members with over \$200 billion in collective purchasing power. In 2015, SPLC released *Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v1.0*, which has been called the "most comprehensive literature to date" on sustainable purchasing. Hundreds of organizations are

now using SPLC's Guidance, resources, and online community of practice to create strategic sustainable purchasing programs, or enhance existing ones.

About the Awards: www.sustainablepurchasing.org/awards
 About the *Principles*: <http://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/principles>
 About the *Guidance*: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/guidance>
 About SPLC's members: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/members>

List of Outstanding Case Awards

The following organizations or individuals will receive an Outstanding Case Study Award in recognition of their contribution of a valuable case study to the online library of case studies in SPLC's online Community.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Case Study Title</i>
Apex Clean Energy	Providing Energy Security to Fort Hood
Booz Allen Hamilton	Booz Allen Gets a Great Green Idea to Redirect Waste from Landfills
Caesars Entertainment	The Wine Keg Program at Caesars Entertainment
Center for Environmental Health	Kicking Toxic Chemicals Out of Office Furniture - Getting Rid of the "Hazardous Handful"
China Environmental United Certification Center	China Government's Procurement of Environmental Labelled Products
Citi	Citi's Supply Chain Sustainability Program
City of San Francisco, California	Charging Ahead: How To Find Powerful Rechargeable Batteries That Go On...And On
City of Santa Monica, California	Meatless in March
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Operational Services Division	The Healthy Furniture Contract
Compliance Hub	Compliance Support and Supplier Engagement
Digital Realty Trust	Responsiveness: How One Buyer is Using Renewable Energy to Meet Multiple Objectives
EarthCheck	Sustainable Supply Chain Tool: Partnership with Banyan Resorts
Ecomedes	Leveraging Data to Simplify and Streamline Sustainable Procurement
Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance (EUISSCA)	A Leader in Driving Towards a Robust and Sustainable Electric Utility Industry Supply Chain
FedEx	Developing a Closed Loop Recycling System for Plastic Sort

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	Bags
	Diesel Exhaust Fluid Waste Reduction
	Leveraging a Shared Services Model to Impact Sustainability
	The Baddour Center
Hilton	Organic Waste Diversion
	Sustainable Landscaping Solution
HP	Bringing Sustainability Full Circle: HP's Circular Economy Journey
Indian Railways	Increasing Participation of Micro & Small Enterprises in Public Procurement
King County, Washington	King County's Long-Term Renewable Electricity Purchase
King County, Washington	Solar Security Lighting for Metro Bus Shelters
Lockheed Martin	Small Business Strong
MindClick	Improving EPP Information to Enable Better Purchasing in Healthcare
Multnomah County, Oregon	Enterprise Resource Planning System RFP Project Management
Office Depot	Integrating Sustainability into the Business System: Creation of Internal 'Change Agents'
	PG&E's Supply Chain Responsibility Program
Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)	Street Light Replacement
	V-gard GREEN Hard Hat
Railsponsible	The Railway Industry's Sustainable Procurement Initiative
Responsible Purchasing Network and USDN	Creation of a Sustainable Procurement Playbook for Cities
Shaw Industries Group	What if Carpet Never Had to be Sent to the Landfill?
State of California, Department of General Services	Spend Analysis Pilot Project California's State Spend for Fiscal Years 2012-2015
State of Minnesota, Office of State Procurement	Combined Approaches for Increasing Diversity & Inclusion
State of New York, Office of General Services	The New York State Green Procurement and Agency

Services	Sustainability Program
Stockholm County Council	Leading Human Rights Due Diligence in Global Supply Chains Through Public Procurement
Swedish County Councils	Surgical Glove Manufacturing in Malaysia
TCO Development	Measuring Social Responsibility Improvements in IT Product Manufacturing, 2016
University of California, Office of the President	Procurement and Sustainability Partnership: Energy-Efficient Research Freezers
VF Corporation	VF Paper Program
Wash Cycle Laundry	Anchor Institutions and Small Businesses Implementing Sustainable Solutions

Individual Awards Nominees

The following individuals were nominated for the Individual Leadership Award.

<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Alicia Culver	Responsible Purchasing Network
Kevin Funk	General Services Administration
Kristy Garcia	City of Mesa, Arizona
David Green	BASF Construction Chemicals
Johanna Kertesz	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Sanjay Kumar	Ministry of Railways, Government of India
Will Smelko	Ora Organic
Julia Wolfe	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Melissa Yusilon	City of Los Angeles