



SPLC Recognizes 5 organizations with Highest Honors for Exemplary Leadership *Sustainable procurement non-profit recognizes sustainable purchasing leadership and impact*

PORTLAND, DC, December 16, 2021 – The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) announced its annual Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing Awards today, recognizing five organizations for their commitment to making meaningful change in the world through strategic sustainable procurement and supply initiatives.

SPLC is the leading space for procurement collaboration and innovation. For nearly ten years, sustainable procurement professionals have collaborated through the SPLC to jointly build strategies that work - driving social and environmental impacts for their own organizations, in supply chains, across sectors, and in the communities where they operate.

The SPLC Leadership Awards recognize purchasers, suppliers, and individuals who have demonstrated exemplary commitment and leadership to drive innovative and impactful change through procurement and supply chain initiatives. The Leadership Award winners prove the immense power of procurement to drive change by defining and rewarding more sustainable products and practices.

“Sustainable procurement is no longer on the margins,” said Sarah O’Brien, SPLC’s CEO.

“Transformational change requires that every organization, regardless of size or sector, harness the power of its procurement to raise market demand for products and services with positive social and environmental impact. The organizations we recognize today are blazing the trail for the procurement community with strategic, impactful initiatives that drive concrete results.”

AWARD WINNERS include:

- **CBRE**
Leadership Award for Overall Sustainable Purchasing Program
- **Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**
Leadership Award for Special Sustainable Purchasing Initiative
- **Microsoft**
Leadership Award for Supplier Engagement
- **State of Maryland Department of General Services**
Leadership Award for Sustainable Purchasing Business Case
- **Kristen N. Taddonio** (Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development IGSD)
Award for Individual Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing

The 2021 Leadership in Sustainable Procurement winners were selected by a prestigious jury from the public and private sector, and civil society which included: Karl Bruskotter (City of Santa Monica), Rex Hardaway (Emory University), Sanjay Kumar (Government of India), Rekha Menon-Varma (Vertaeon),

Brad Molotsky (Duane Morris), Nora Neibergall (ISM), Judy Panayos (Sodexo), Adam Rubenfield (World Bank), and Julia Salant (Ecovadis). The awards were presented in a Zoom ceremony on December 16th.

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About SPLC:

The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC), founded in 2013, convenes a global community of purchasers, suppliers, advocates, and researchers to develop and propel best practices in sustainable procurement. A membership-driven non-profit, SPLC enables public and private organizations to be strategic in their sustainable purchasing for the greatest social, economic, and environmental impact. Based in Portland, OR, SPLC has over 160 active members wielding over \$800 billion in annual purchasing power. For more information, see www.sustainablepurchasing.org.

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