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SPLC Publishes Sustainable Procurement Guidance For Laboratory Supplies And Services

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 2, 2022 - The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council published a new comprehensive guide to best practices in purchasing sustainable laboratory supplies. The publication **Sustainable Procurement Guidance for Laboratory Supplies and Services** was developed by experts among the SPLC's procurement and sustainability membership, reviewed by outside experts, and produced in partnership with SPLC member My Green Lab.

"Laboratories are a massive energy consumer, using 5-10 times more energy than their office space counterparts, and they generate millions of tons of waste annually. The manufacturing of common lab supplies such as nitrile gloves has also been tied to the use of bonded labor and other human rights violations," noted Kris Spriano, SPLC's Director of Technical Programs, who spearheaded the guidance development process. "We developed this comprehensive guidance to equip procurement, lab management, and sustainability professionals with the knowledge and tools they need to create consistent and meaningful expectations for suppliers, reduce complexity and costs, and streamline integration of important sustainability considerations into purchasing systems." The publication addresses waste reduction, hazardous chemicals reduction, greenhouse gas emissions, human rights in production, and more – with specific strategies and supporting resources for procurement action.

SPLC members from the the State of OR Department of Environmental Quality the University of California at Irvine Davis Santa Barbara Riverside and the Office of the President My Green Lab the City of Santa Monica Multnomah County (OR) and Practice Greenhealth participated in the guidance development process as did the University of Georgia and SMS Collaborative. Reviewers of the draft document included the University of Pennsylvania Vizient Georgetown Law and New England BioLabs.

"My Green Labs is an expert in laboratory sustainability, but partnering with SPLC enabled us to draw on their members' deep knowledge of the procurement space and laboratory operations and supplies," said James Connelly, CEO of My Green Lab. "This joint effort was an efficient and

effective process with a valuable, applicable end product.”

“Since our organization’s launch nearly a decade ago, SPLC members have excelled at innovating – developing and testing cutting-edge solutions to address complex sustainability and procurement challenges,” said Sarah O’Brien, SPLC CEO. “This publication comes out of that agile collaborative tradition, and will be useful to all institutions looking to improve their overall environmental sustainability, starting at the lab level.”

The **Sustainable Procurement Guidance for Laboratory Supplies and Services** is the first publication SPLC has made available to the public for purchase through the SPLC [website](#). It is available (along with hundreds of other resources and individualized programming) to SPLC members at no cost.

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The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) leads a global community of purchasers, suppliers, advocates, and experts to develop and drive best practices in sustainable procurement. A mission-driven non-profit founded in 2013, SPLC enables public and private organizations to design, implement, measure, and amplify their procurement for positive environmental and social impact. SPLC’s public sector and corporate members represent over \$600B in annual purchasing power.

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