

Colorado Council for Sustainable Purchasing

The Colorado Council for Sustainable Purchasing (CCSP) is a group of likeminded organizations who share procurement and supply chain management strategies and learn from each other.



The members of CCSP are major purchasers of goods and services that are essential to operations. The procurement decisions being made can have a significant impact on the environment and society. CCSP acknowledges that Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) policies have helped these organizations create significant environmental and cost benefits and have stimulated innovation for environmentally preferable products (those that use less energy and water, create less waste and reduce emissions) through conversations and collaborations with vendors. Even with EPP in place, there are still major challenges to overcome.

Vision

The CCSP believes that by harnessing their collective knowledge and experience they can better align their efforts and significantly leverage resources and influence in creating a cleaner environment, a healthier community and better workplaces.

Goals of the CCSP

- Stimulate greater demand for and use of products and services that support positive social, economic and environmental impacts,
- Help organizations meet their strategic goals through sustainable procurement, and
- Continuously seek to improve our environmental and societal performance through our operations, activities and products.

Value of Participation

- Learn effective methods of engaging vendors in your program
- Possible development of standardized environmental specifications for common products and services purchased across the group
- Learn best practices for incorporating ethical or local considerations into purchasing practice
- Understand best available technology from a sustainability perspective (i.e., is there a more sustainable alternative for a product or service)
- Develop and access shared tools or resources for implementing sustainable purchasing (e.g., training modules, total cost of ownership tools, supplier scorecards, etc.)
- Facilitate group support, conversation and learning around sustainable purchasing
- Benchmark against one another, and other organizations

Who should participate?

Any organization in Colorado committed to more sustainable purchasing policies and procedures is invited to join.

We, as a Council, share best practices related to how we each evaluate the social, economic and environmental impacts of the goods and services we procure, as well as experiences in addressing common challenges in implementing change through procurement.

How to Join

Your organization must be a member of CAFR. To join today, visit:

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