

Sustainable Procurement for Local Governments

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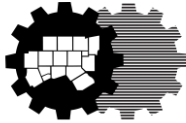
As part of this work, we provide workshops, webinars, and technical assistance on a variety of energy management, energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy topics.

What We Do

How do we support energy management efforts for entities across the region or state?

NCTCOG's Regional Energy Management Program is an ongoing effort to:

- Identify energy management needs
- Increase awareness on the local government energy reporting requirements
- Provide resources to assist local governments in energy and water management and conservation efforts



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SECO partners with local governments, public K-12 schools, public institutions of higher education and state agencies, across Texas to reduce utility costs and maximize energy efficiencies.



Today's Agenda

1. Presentations:

- Sustainable Procurement 101: Building the Foundation for Local Governments
- Environmentally Preferred Procurement
- Alameda County's Approach to Green Purchasing

2. Q&A Session

3. Resources

- North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace

4. Upcoming Events



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Presentations





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Sustainable Procurement 101: Building the Foundation for Local Governments

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South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource



SPEER is a trusted regional advisor driving energy efficiency, sustainability, and resiliency in Texas and Oklahoma.



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Overview

What is Sustainable Procurement?

Why Local Governments Do It?

Energy Alignment with Green Purchasing

Case Study- Travis County

Influencing Leadership

Green Purchasing

Implementing a Purchasing Plan

Resources

Key Points



What is Sustainable Procurement?

Purchasing that not only addresses internal business needs and goals such as cost and risk to the organization, but also provides external benefits – such as purchasing that strengthens the economy, society and the environment. Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC)

- Economy
- Society
- Environment



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Why Local Governments Do It



COST SAVINGS



ENERGY
SAVINGS



REDUCED RISK



REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS



CLIMATE GOALS



COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP



Energy Alignment with Green Purchasing



High-Efficiency HVAC Systems



LED Lighting and Controls



Energy-Efficient Equipment



Building Automation & Smart Building Controls



Microgrid, Solar, and Battery-Ready Procurement



Water-Efficient Equipment



Renewable Energy Purchasing (RECs)



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My Experience at Travis County





Lessons Learned from Establishing an EPP Program

- **Lesson #1** Start with willing departments.
- **Lesson #2** Do not try to green every contract at once.
- **Lesson #3** Focus on high-volume purchases first.
- **Lesson #4** Use existing certifications.
- **Lesson #5** Procurement staff must be partners, not gatekeepers.
- **Lesson #6** Track a few metrics before tracking everything.



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Five Questions Before Writing a Policy



WHAT ARE
OUR LARGEST
PURCHASING
CATEGORIES?



WHAT
SUSTAINABILITY
GOALS
ALREADY
EXIST?



WHICH
DEPARTMENTS ARE
READY TO
PARTICIPATE?



WHICH
CONTRACTS ARE
RENEWING SOON?



HOW WILL
SUCCESS BE
MEASURED?



Measuring Impact and Success

PURCHASING - GREEN SPENDING

GRAINGER	FY22	OFFICE DEPOT	FY22
Total Spend	\$2,006,913	Total Spend	\$637,846
Total Green Spend	\$168,323	Total Green Spend	\$213,833
Green Percent of Total Purchases	8%	Green Percent of Total Purchases	34%

- Define what success looks like for your organization
- Annual Reporting
- Annual presentation to leadership
- Bi-annual meeting with stakeholders



Policy and Collaboration



- [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing \(EPP\) Task Force, which began meeting in February 2019](#), cooperatively developed a policy which was formally adopted in October 2019 (FY20) by the Commissioners Court. The policy adoption made Travis County the second county in the state of Texas with an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy.
- In [FY22, Travis County spent a total of \\$2,883,156](#) on office supplies, with \$480,337 or 17% spent on products that qualify and were recorded as Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) products.

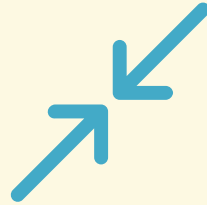


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Challenges in Incorporating New Purchasing Approaches



Common Challenges Faced by
Leaders



Resistance to Change



Balancing Short-term Goals
with Long-term Sustainability



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The Role of Leadership

Importance of Leadership in Driving Change

Influence on organizational success
Implementers have guidelines and support
Support for funding mechanisms



Characteristics of Sustainable Leaders

Vision and long-term thinking
Inclusive and diverse perspective
Responsibility and accountability



Leading by Example: Successful Sustainable Leaders

City of Houston
Travis County: Commissioner Brigid Shea
Senator Eckhardt: District 14 Texas Senate



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Influencing Leadership



Data



Advocates



Identify Stakeholders



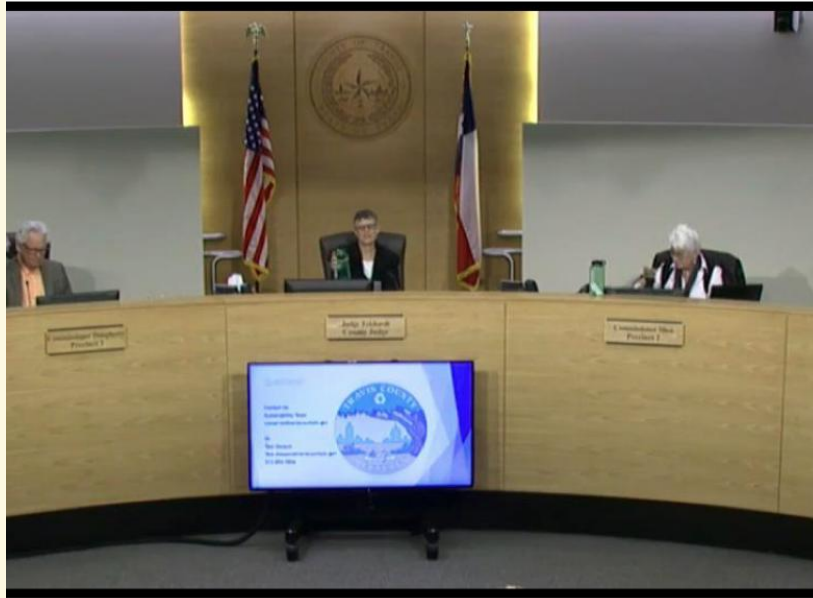
Technical Advisory Group



Feedback Loop to Leadership



Strategies for Influencing Leadership



- Education and Awareness Programs
- Integrating Sustainability into Organizational Culture
- Setting Clear Sustainability Goals and Metrics



Engaging Stakeholders



"Being socially responsible allows you to attract talent, because good people will align with the company that really cares about employees and communities. We link social responsibility to talent retention." [Robert Lawless, chairman, president and CEO, McCormick & Co. Inc.](#)



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Empowering Future Leaders

SUSTAINABILITY



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- Importance of Leadership Development Programs
- Mentorship and Coaching
- Encouraging Innovation and Creativity



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Overcoming Challenges



Discuss common challenges in promoting sustainability and green purchasing.



Offer solutions and strategies to overcome these obstacles.

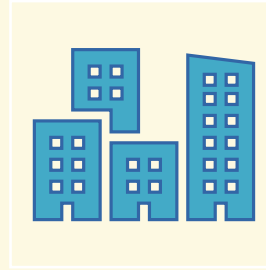


First Step- Explore



[Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council](#)

The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) is a global community of purchasers, suppliers, advocates, and experts committed to driving positive impact through the power of procurement.



[Federal Buy Clean Initiative](#)

Information on procurement of lower-carbon infrastructure materials in state-funded projects



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Call To Action: Every Leader Can Make



Examine top 10 highest purchased items



Explore green energy contracting and demand savings



Empower staff to create the innovation



Practical Implementation Tools- End of Slide Deck

- Sample supplier questions
- RFP language
- EPDs and certifications
- Texas examples
- Energy Contracting Resources
- Peer learning
- CELC resources
- References



Powering Texas Energy Strategies: Summer Workshop Series

August 25th:

Community Input, Practical
Impact





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**CELC- Success
through Partnership**



**TEA-UP- Connect to the
Workforce Pipeline**



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date on Energy in Texas**

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Oklahoma

CELC- Government Focused
Community

Energy Code- Focused on all
aspects of Energy Code

Policy- ERCOT, Policy, and new
reports

Oklahoma Energy



**Calendar- Upcoming
Events and Webinars**



Recap of Key Points



Education and
Awareness Programs



Integrating
Sustainability into
Organizational Culture



Setting Clear
Sustainability Goals
and Metrics



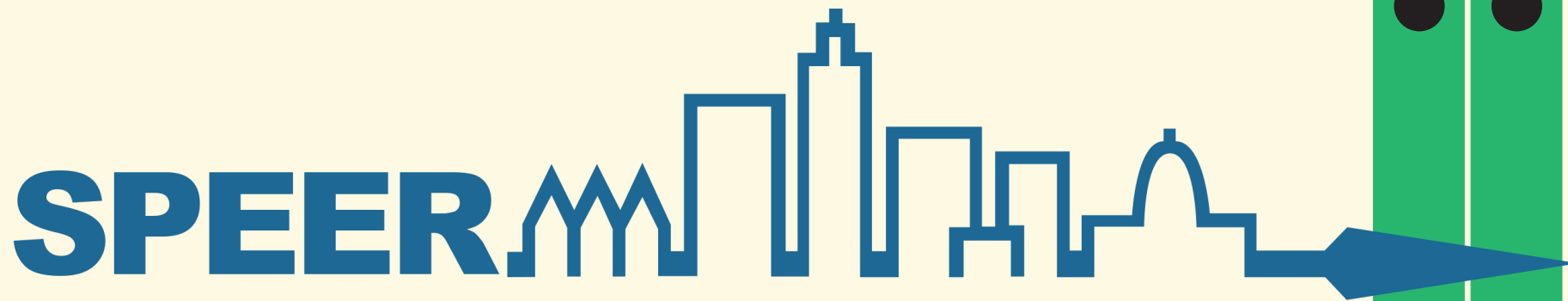
Creating the structure
for feedback loops



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The South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource





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Environmentally Preferred Procurement (EPP)

Austin Climate Action & Resilience



Austin Climate Action & Resilience

Our mission



Protect and improve Austin's quality of life now and for future generations by leading efforts to achieve:



net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions,



a healthy and just local food system,

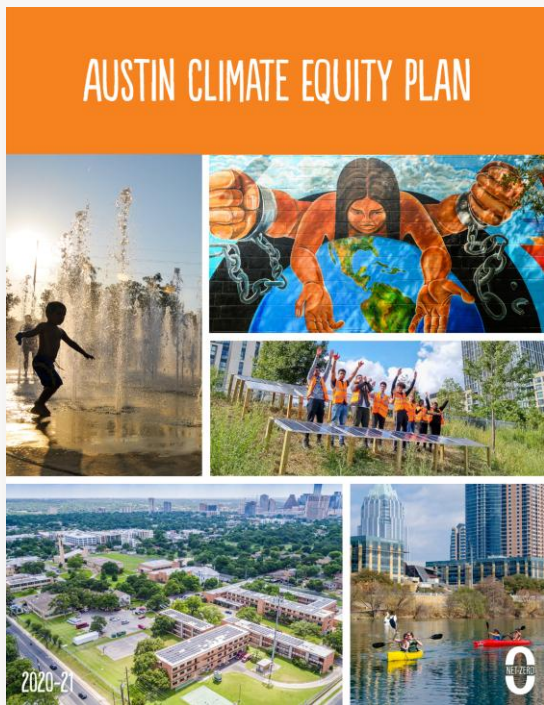


a thriving urban forest,



and a climate-adaptive city.

Austin Climate Equity Plan Overview



- **Adopted by City Council in September 2021**
- **Goal: Net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040**
- **5 Sections:**
 - Sustainable Buildings
 - Transportation and Land Use
 - Transportation Electrification
 - Food and Product Consumption
 - Natural Systems
- **17 Goals:** To be accomplished **by 2030**
- **75 Strategies:** Progress in **next 5 years**

Sustainable Building Goal

By 2030, reduce the embodied content of building materials used in local construction by 40% from a 2020 baseline.

- Lead by example through design and construction standards
- Incentivize lower-carbon materials
- Educate stakeholders on materials best practice
- Stimulate decarbonization with local producers



Product Consumption Goal

By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from institutional, commercial, and government purchasing by at least 50%.

- Measure institutional lifecycle emissions
- Strengthen the City's sustainable purchasing program
- Strengthen non-City institutional purchasing programs
- Expand the City's Circular Economy Program



EPP Timeline & History



2004

Air Quality
Improvement
Through contracting
preference



2005

United Nations Urban
Environmental
Accords Zero Waste
by 2040



2007

Carbon Neutrality
Plan, Sustainability
Standards in
Municipal Projects



2021

**Austin Climate
Equity Plan goals
adopted**



2022

Parametrix Baseline
Procurement
Emission Inventory
Year

EPP Timeline & History



2023

Resolution No. 20230420-024 Transition Contracts and Projects to Low-carbon concrete



2023

Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council program support



2024

Resolution No. 20240229-058 "Systemic approach" to EPP, piloting concrete construction and greenspace maintenance

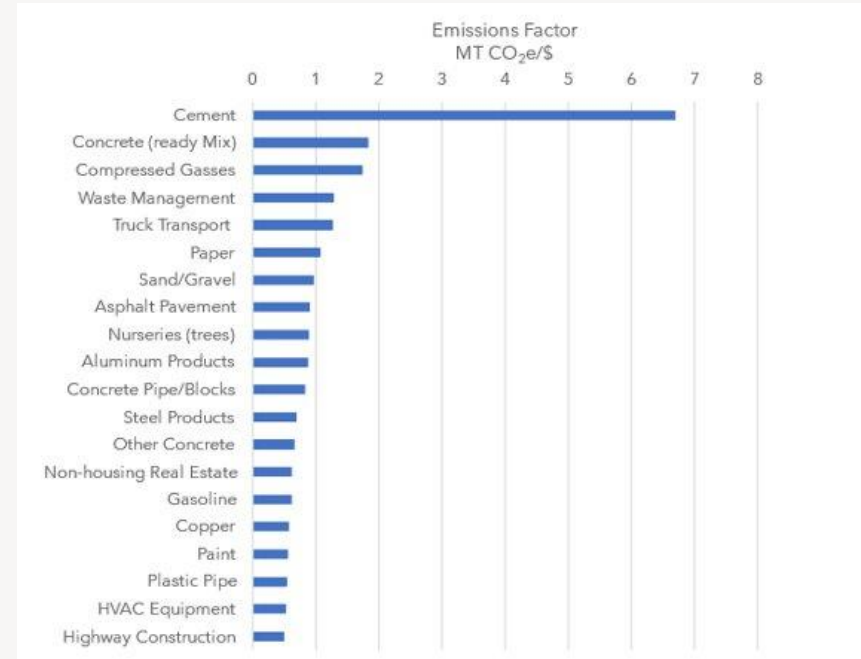
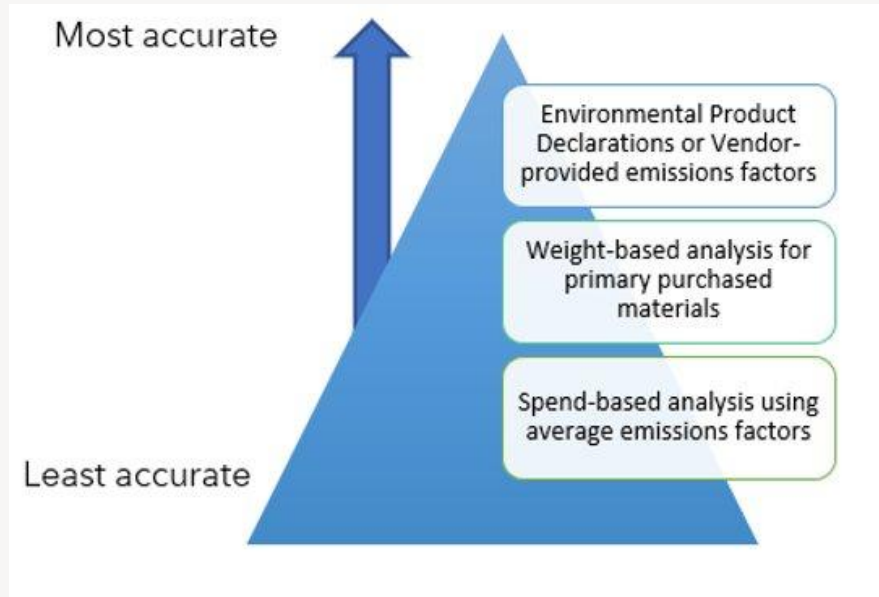


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Draft EPP Charter

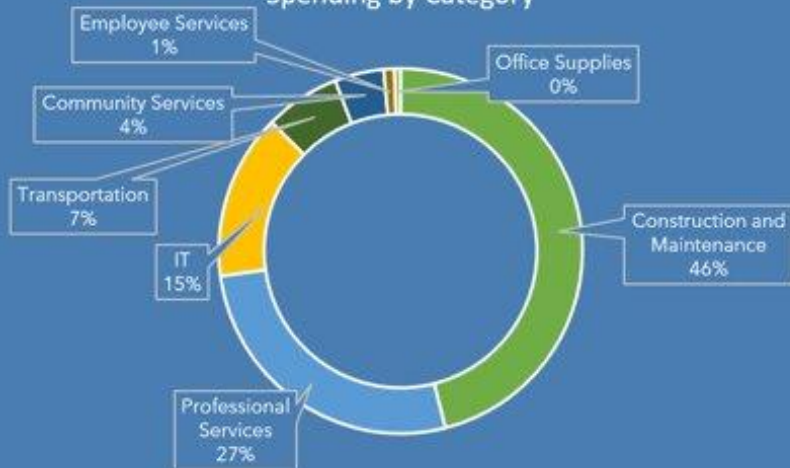
2022 Austin Procurement Emissions Inventory

$$\text{Spend} \times \text{Industry-wide Emissions factor} = \text{Emissions}$$

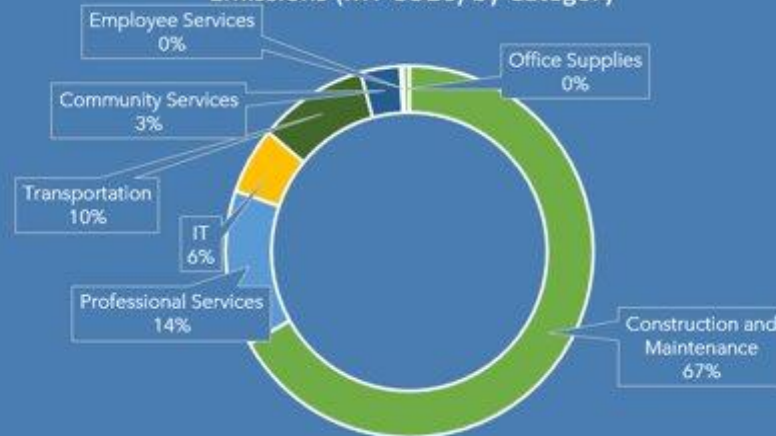


Procurement Emissions Inventory

Spending by Category



Emissions (MT CO₂e) by Category



Procurement Data Provided: Reporting Method Examples

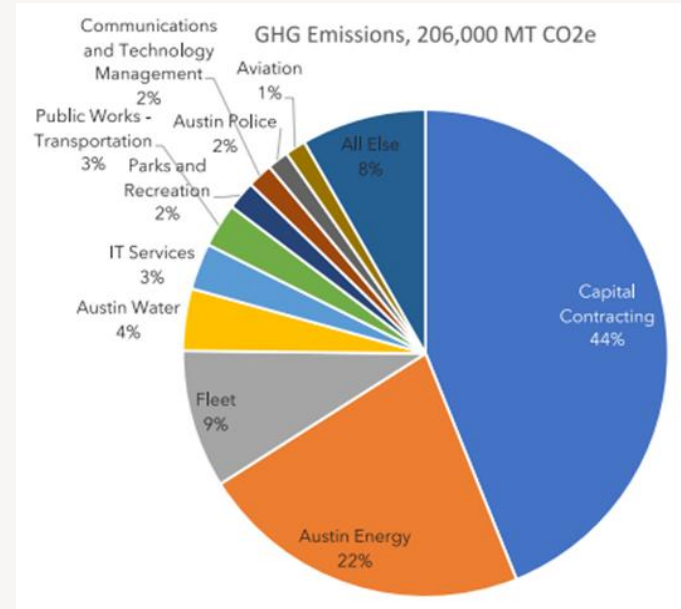
Reporting 2 Codes:

- Codes input into financial system by PS
- Reporting Goal
 - Provide contract quantity and frequency of attributes

Code	Impacts the Following
A	Air Pollution – Greenhouse gas emissions
N	Noise pollution
P	Power or electricity used
R	Recycled Content
S	Solid waste
T	Toxins – Chemicals, petroleum, VOCs
W	Water use reduced

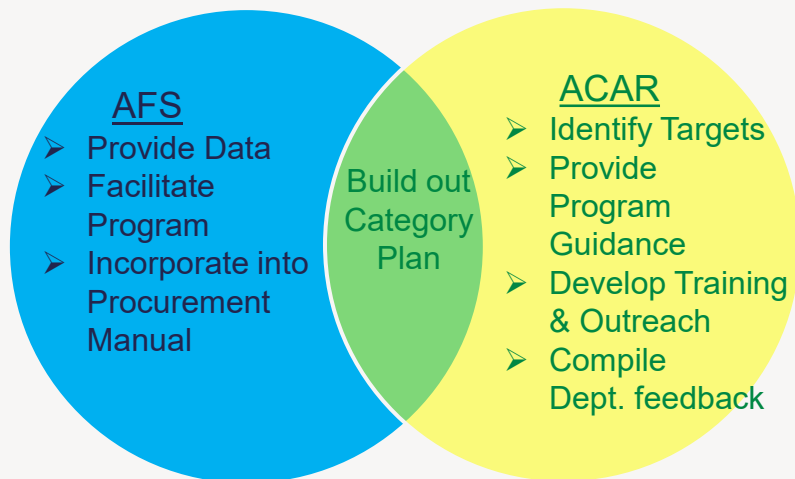
Spend Data:

- Spending Impacts and Opportunities Report
 - Reporting year: 2022

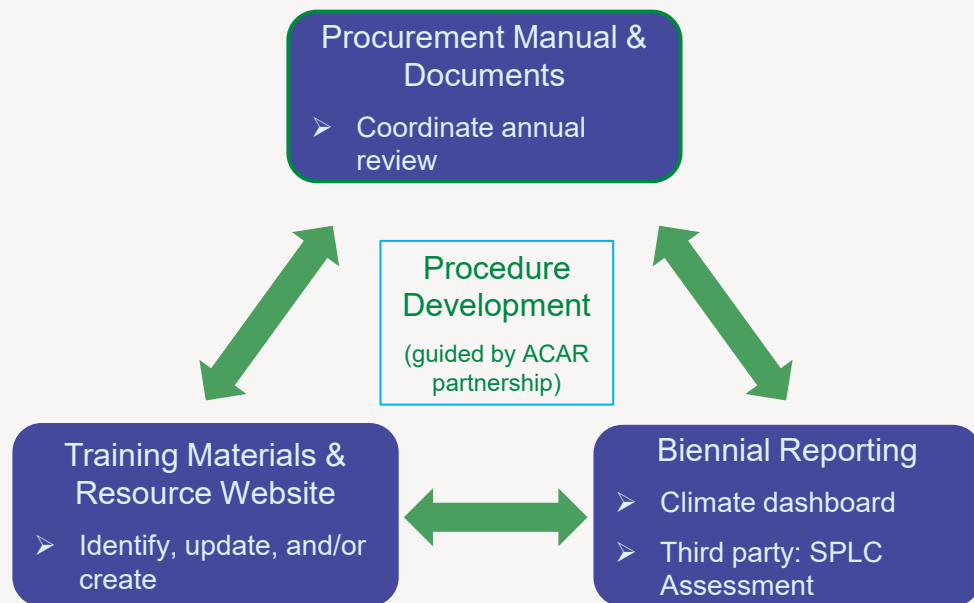


Environmentally Preferred Procurement Program

Collaborative Development



Ongoing Initiatives:



2026 Austin Environmentally Preferred Procurement Program



Vision

We envision a future where every purchase we make is a statement of our commitment to sustainability, fostering a balance between people, planet, and prosperity. By choosing climate-friendly, environmentally preferred and ethically-sourced products, and investing in small businesses, we strive to create a positive impact on the environment, communities, and future generations.

Priority

Environmental Impacts

Environmental

Zero Waste
Improving Human & Environmental Health
Protecting Air Quality and Climate
Using Energy Efficiently & Promoting Clean Energy
Using Water Efficiently & Protecting Water Quality

Social

Diversity & Equal Opportunity
Labor Rights
Safe & Healthy Working Conditions
Supplier Diversity

Economic

Community / Local Business Development
Protecting from Conflicts of Interest
Value for Money
Circular Economy

Current Focus

Develop reporting and contracting procedures, update training materials

Areas

Low-Carbon Concrete

Landscape Services & Equipment

Refrigerants

Goals & Metrics

2021 Climate Equity Plan: Reduce procurement emissions to <50% 2022 baseline value; Resolution 20240229-058

- Carbon emission reduction

2024 NAAQS Federal AQ standard compliance; EO 13126

- GHG and PM/Ozone reduction

2020 EPA AIM Act: Refrigerants leak detection

- GWP reduction from avoided leaks

Active Projects

Establish a reporting procedure of concrete usage on capital projects to ensure that concrete volumes are being tracked to establish Austin's carbon footprint

Municipal Landscape Equipment Pilot Implementation

Refrigerant management plan and reporting procedure development, procurement policy update

Concrete:



- In accordance with Resolutions 20230420-024 and 20240229-058, Austin requires EPDs from contracted concrete suppliers.
- In alignment with the "[Austin Plan to Transition to Low-Embodied Carbon Concrete in pursuit of a Carbon Neutral Austin](#)", Austin to update its contract language to reflect current EPD and reporting requirements.
- Contracted concrete producers to submit EPDs and report volume sold to Austin quarterly.
- The EPDs and reported concrete quantities will be used to estimate annual GHG reduction

Landscape and Lawn:



- In accordance with Resolutions 20240307-020 and 20240229-058, Austin has prioritized the greenspace maintenance purchasing category.
- Commercial Landscape Equipment Market Survey and Report
- Municipal Survey and Landscape Equipment Pilot Design (paused)
- Municipal Landscape Equipment inventory
- Contract language consolidated

Refrigerants:



- In accordance with the EPA [AIM Act](#), Austin will shift away from procuring high Global Warming Potential (GWP) refrigerants like R-410A to lower-GWP alternatives (R-32, R-454B) when replacing HVAC systems.
- Austin to update contract language and follows federally required documentation.
- Total GHG quantities are used to develop reporting in the Climate Implementation dashboard.

Lessons learned

Austin EPP Program
development

Lesson learned:



Build on existing policies



Develop methodologies to track progress

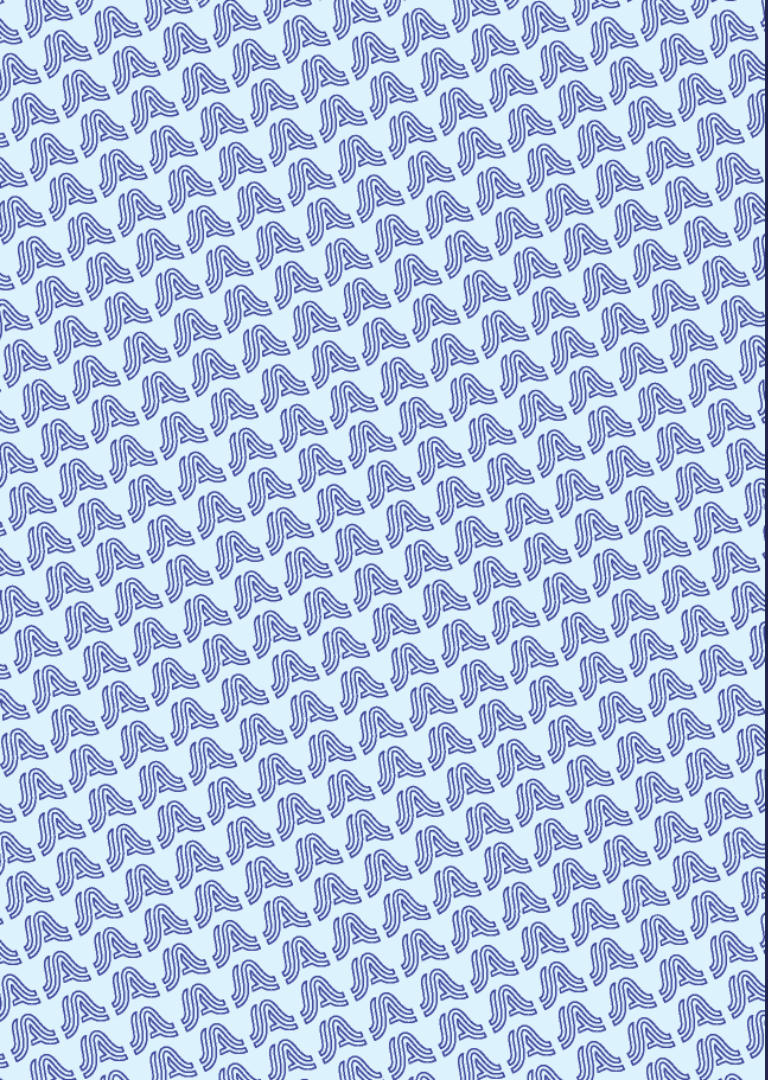


Trainings for new policies and procedures



Join a Professional Support group like Sustainable
Purchasing Leadership Council





Thank you.



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Alameda County's Approach to Green Purchasing

Karen Cook | Alameda County, CA
August 18, 2026



Alameda County

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Local Action, Global Impact.

Our Green Purchasing Policy

(Board adopted in 2011)

- Prioritize **efficient use** of goods to reduce cost and impacts
- Buy products and services with **lower impacts**
 - Energy efficient | Recycled content | Healthier

<https://www.acgov.org/sustain/what/purchasing/policy.htm>

Other Model Policy Example:

- StopWaste Model Policy
[Sustainable Purchasing | StopWaste](#)



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Products & Services To Be Greened...

Centralized Purchasing

Departmental Purchasing

De-Centralized Purchasing

- Office paper
- Multi-function devices
- Janitorial papers & chemicals
- Electric vehicles & charging stations
- LED streetlights
- Inmate food services
- Furniture

- Carpet
- Paint
- Lighting
- Landscape materials
- Road building materials
- Maintenance supplies

- Office Supplies
- Toner & Ink Cartridges
- Printing Services
- Computers
- Plastic & rubber maintenance products



Where to Start?

Opportunity-based

- Go with the willing
- Follow the lead of others
- Piggyback on green contracts (e.g., state or cooperative contracts like NASPO ValuePoint or OMNIA Partners)

Strategic

- Set strategic goals
- Align with leadership priorities



Organize by Purchasing Audience

Public Works

- Mulch & Compost
- Landscape Services
- Vehicles & fuel
- Asphalt & Concrete

Facilities

- Janitorial supplies or services
- Furniture, flooring, and paint
- Concrete

Admin Staff

- Office supplies and paper
- Printing services
- Catering services

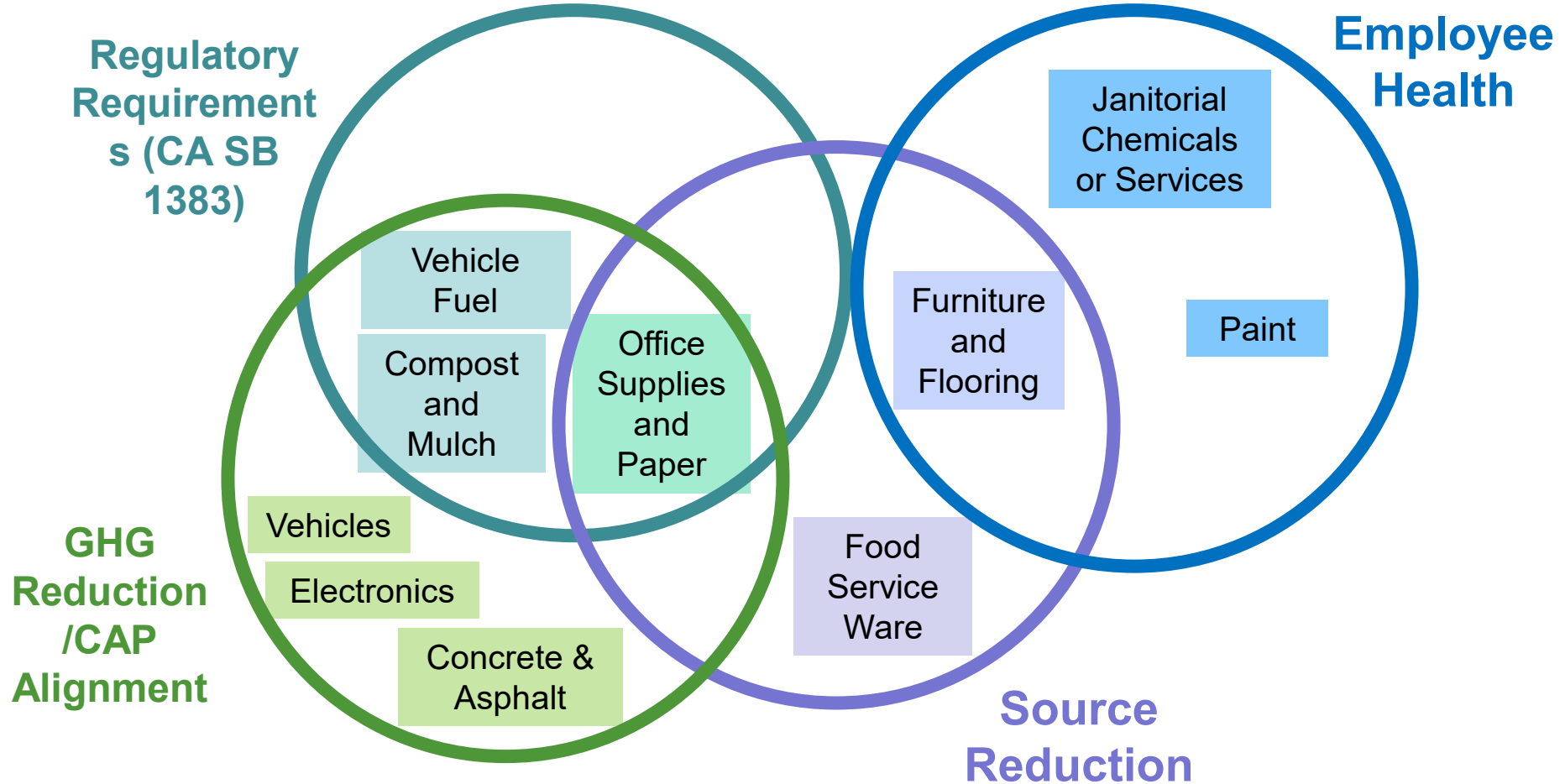


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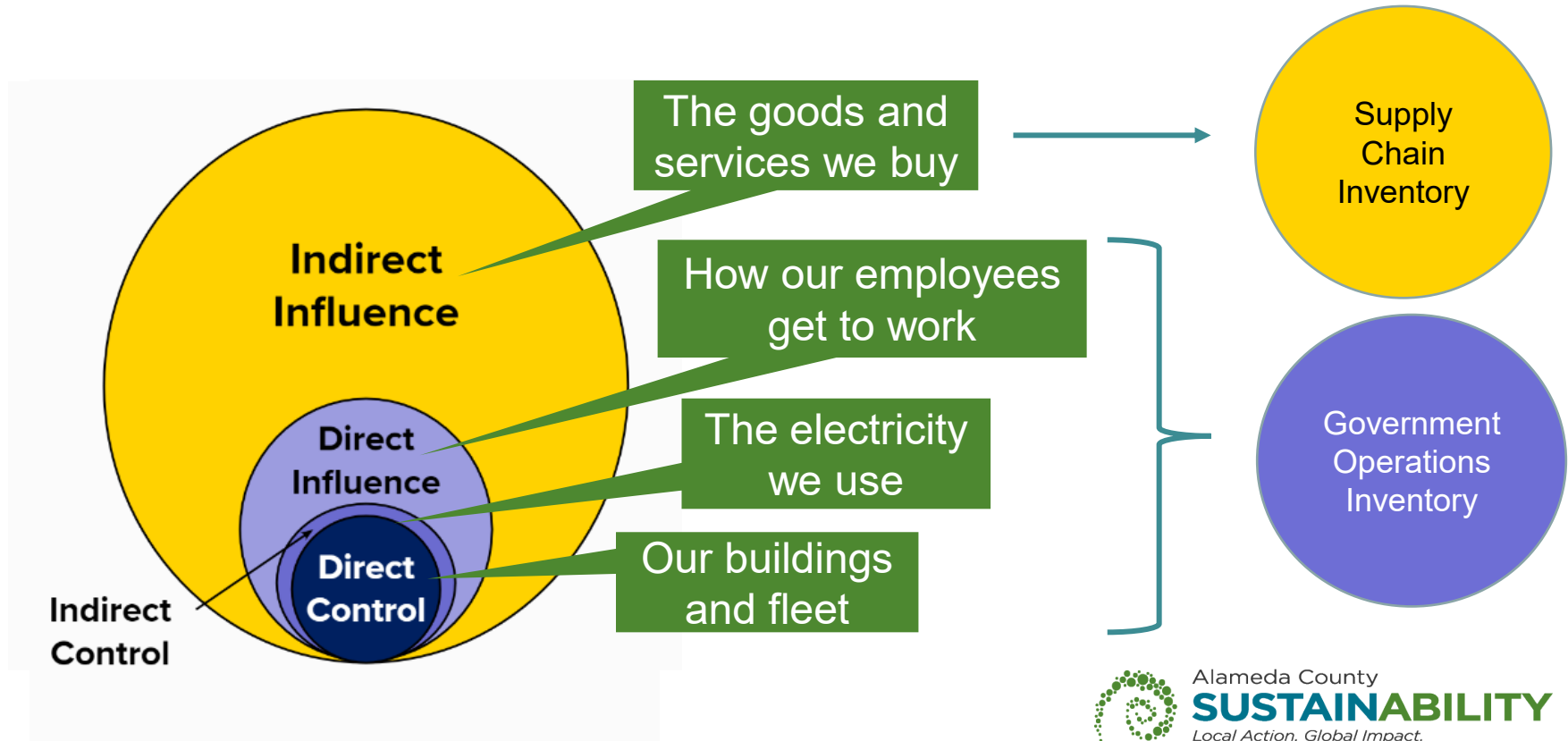
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Organize by Policy Goal

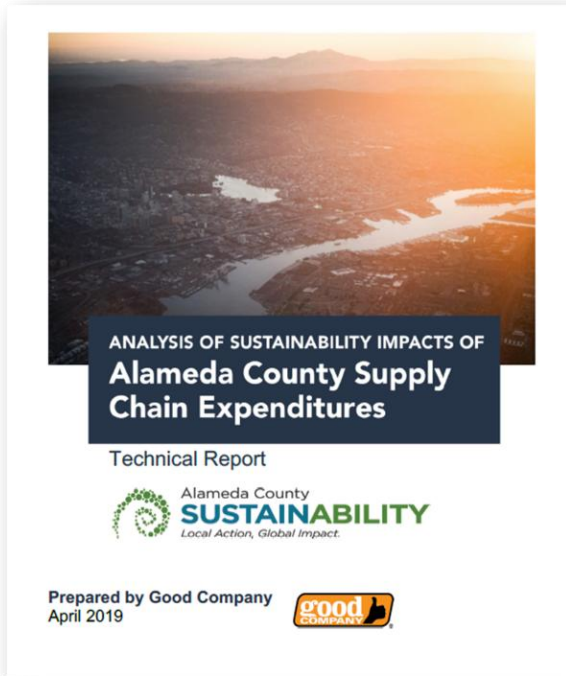


Brief Deep Dive: Climate & Purchasing Connection

Alameda County GHG Inventories: Targeting Opportunities

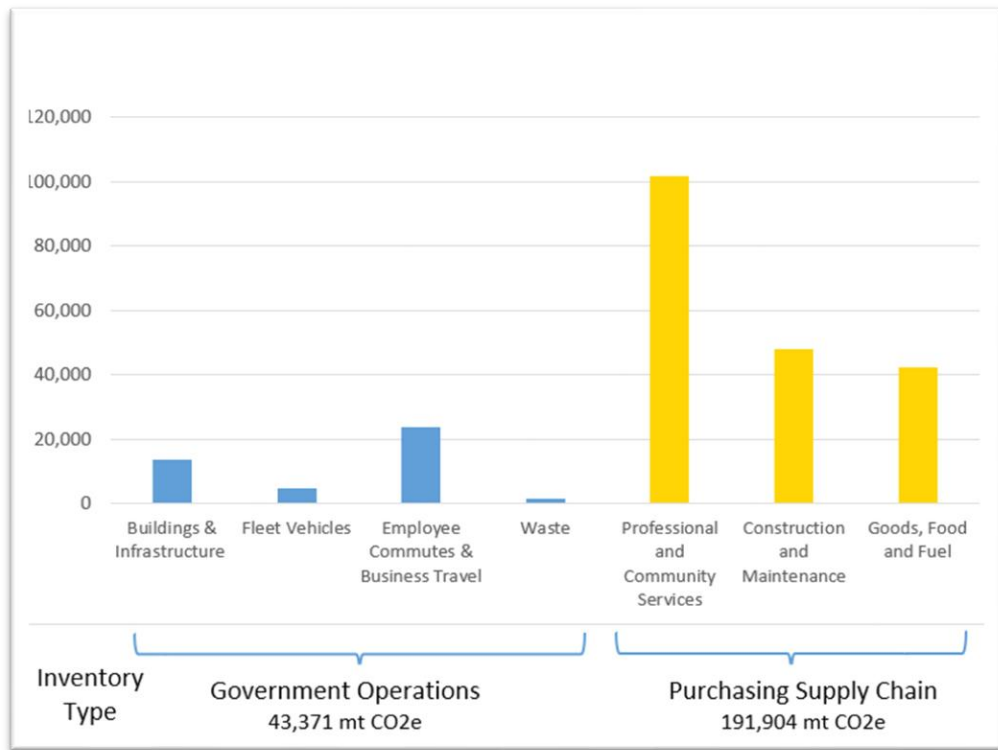


Sustainable Supply Chain Analysis



- Identify the scale of opportunity
- Determine where impacts occur
- Develop initiatives to target largest sources of impacts

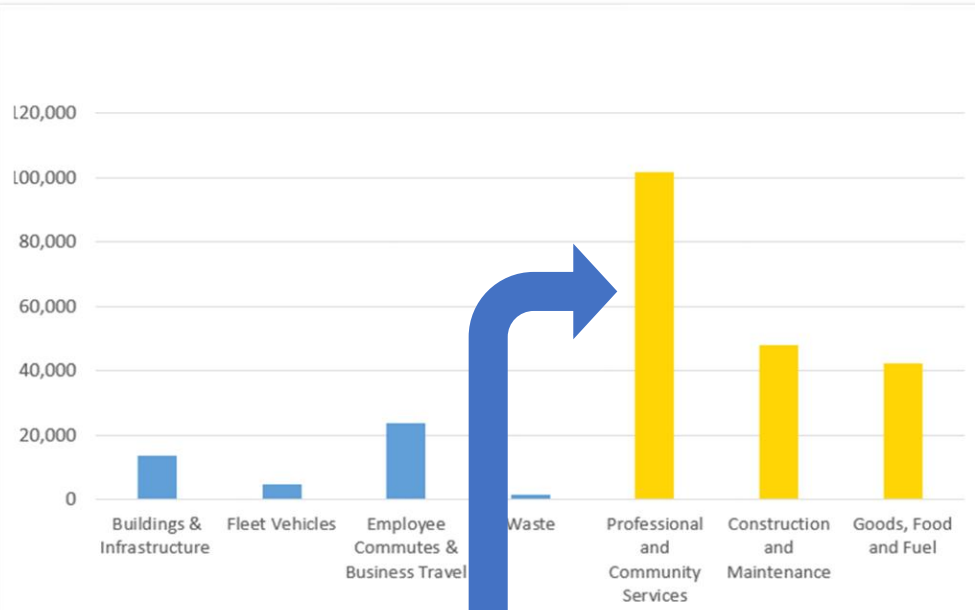
Big Opportunities in Supply Chain



- Supply chain emissions are **4x bigger** than government operations

Source: <https://www.acgov.org/sustain/documents/2019SupplyChainAddendum.pdf>

Services are the Top Source of Impact



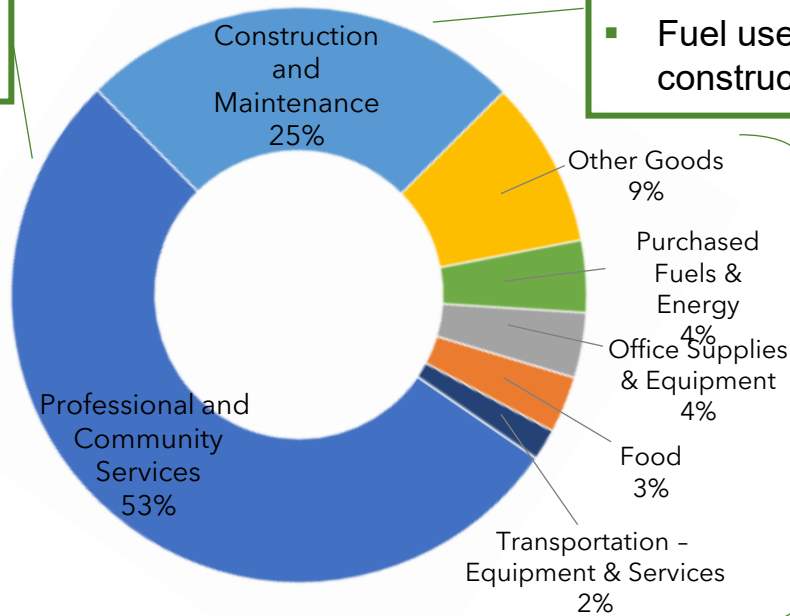
88% of emissions in this category are from **Community Services**, including **health care**, **elder care**, **childcare** and **mental health services**

- Supply chain emissions are **4x bigger** than government operations
- **~75%** of supply chain emissions are from **contracted service**
 - Professional & Community
 - Construction & Maintenance

Targeting Efforts by Purchasing Category

Our Vendors' Operational Emissions

- Electricity and natural gas used to power the vendors' facility
- Fuel used to travel to serve clients
- Embodied carbon in food served to clients



- Emissions from the production of concrete and steel
- Fuel used in construction equipment

- Emissions from resource extraction, production and transportation of goods, food and fuel





If we want to address **climate impact**, we must **focus where emissions are generated**.

This may mean **expanding our thinking** on who our **partners** are in the work.





Targeted Actions



Professional & Community Svc.

- Connect CBO's with low/no cost services available from local partners:
 - Promote energy efficiency programs, rebates, low-interest loans, etc.
 - Utilize zero-carbon energy
- Pair mitigation efforts with resiliency activities, such as climate emergency planning
<https://www.acgov.org/sustain/documents/cboflyerscombined.pdf>

Construction Services

- Address embodied carbon from materials through construction specifications:
 - Low carbon materials
 - Building material reuse
<https://www.allforreuse.org/knowledge-hub/resources-tools>
- Reimagine space needs through Board adopted Real Estate Efficiency Policy:
<https://www.acgov.org/sustain/documents/RealPropertyEff.pdf>



Alameda County Resources

[Our Policy](#),
[training video](#),
[bid excerpts](#),
[supply chain](#)
[emissions](#)
[inventory](#),
and more

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Bids & Specifications

Alameda County conducts extensive technical and market research on environmentally preferable products before we recommend their use to staff. We partner with key County staff to pilot test products to ensure the products are suitable for use in Alameda County facilities. We also ensure that the products are competitively priced and meet the requirements of formal bids or specifications.

Our research ensures that the products are suitable for use in Alameda County facilities where a contract is awarded. We make these products available to our staff for use in our facilities.

[Bid Excerpts](#)
Environmental technical specifications

[Construction Specifications](#)
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Climate Action Through Purchasing



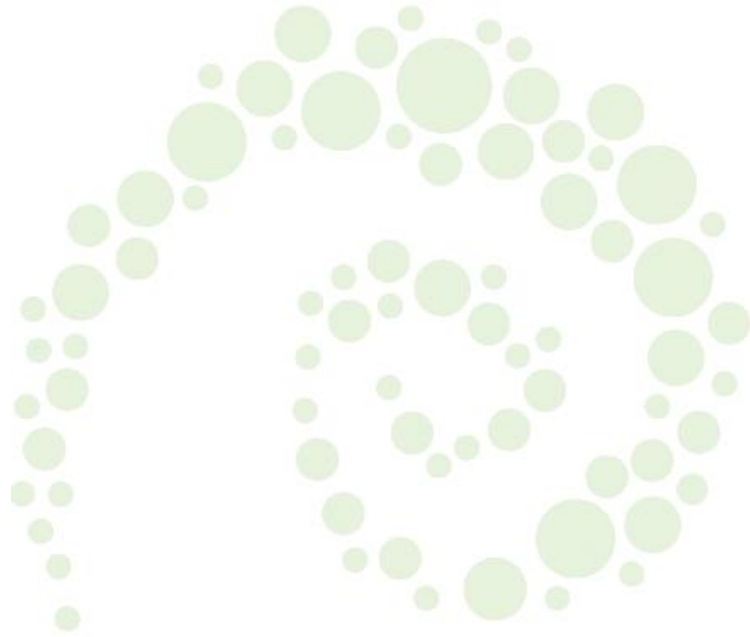
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Other Trusted Resources

- **StopWaste:** [Factsheets, guides and model policy](#)
- **Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council:** [Guidance](#) (some resources may be restricted to members)
- **West Coast Climate Forum:** [Climate Friendly Purchasing Toolkit](#)



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Q&A Session

Questions & Discussion

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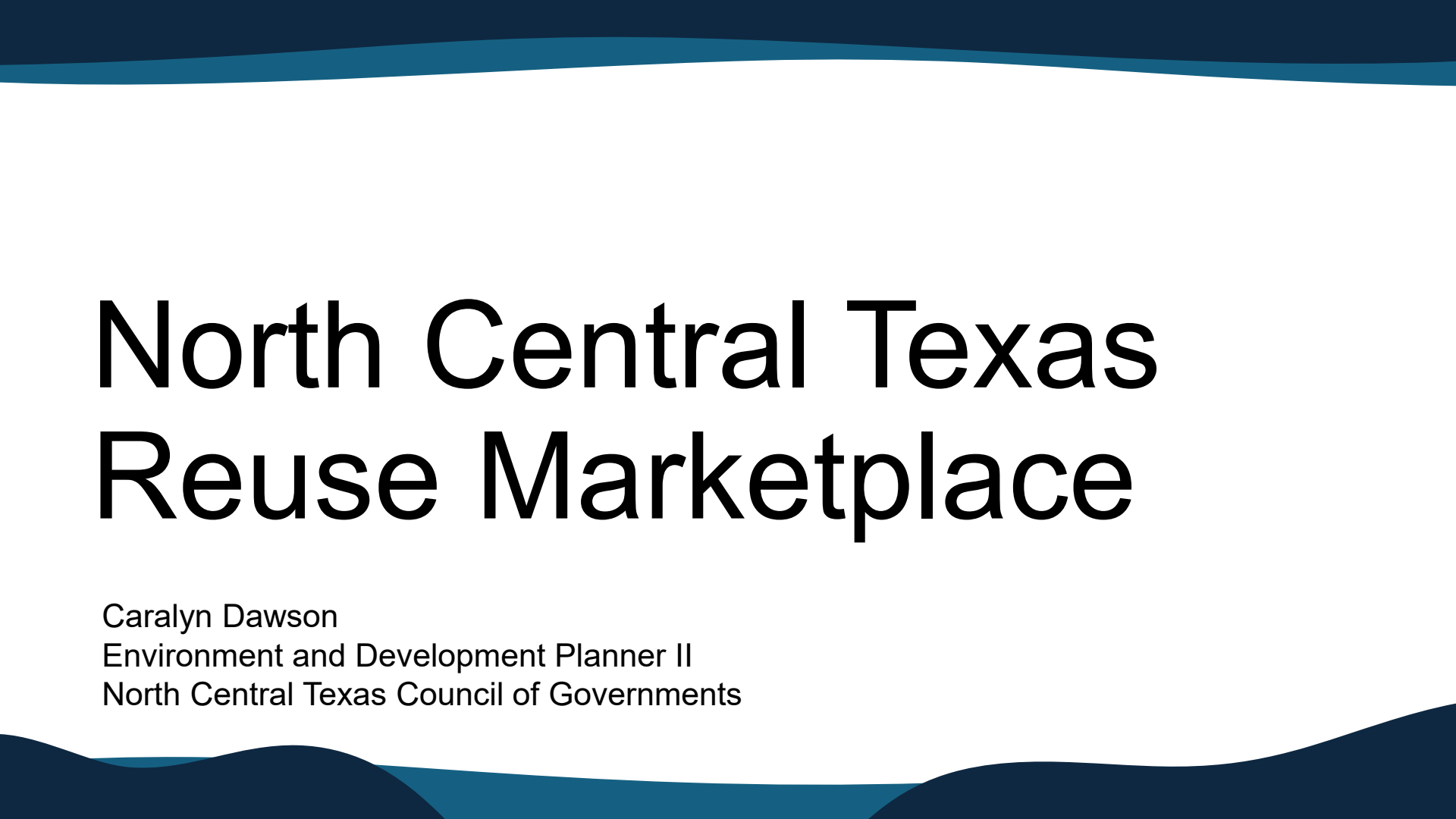
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Resources



North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace

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- Regional reuse campaign, launched in September 2024 as a partnership between NCTCOG and Rheaply
- Rheaply specializes in asset management and internal reuse of assets within organizations
- Originated at Northwestern University as an initiative to move items between labs rather than dispose of them



[Rheaply](#)





- Rheaply now creates resource exchange platforms, creates inventory databases to help organizations reuse items they already have, and assist television productions decommission sets and redistribute production materials
- 480,000 pounds of materials from set of Righteous Gemstones rehomed, including clothing, furniture, and home décor

Source: Rheaply Case Study, *Almost Nothing Wasted: How HBO & Rheaply Rewrote the Script for The Righteous Gemstones' Series Wrap*, October 15, 2025, <https://rheaply.com/resources/case-studies/sustainable-production-studio-decommission/>

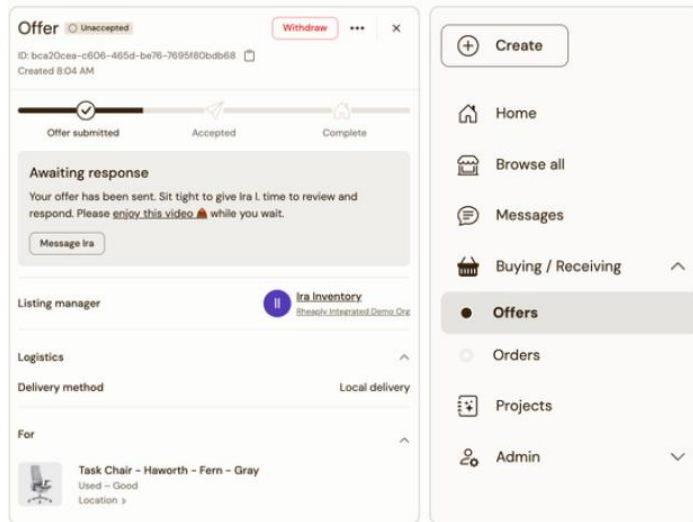
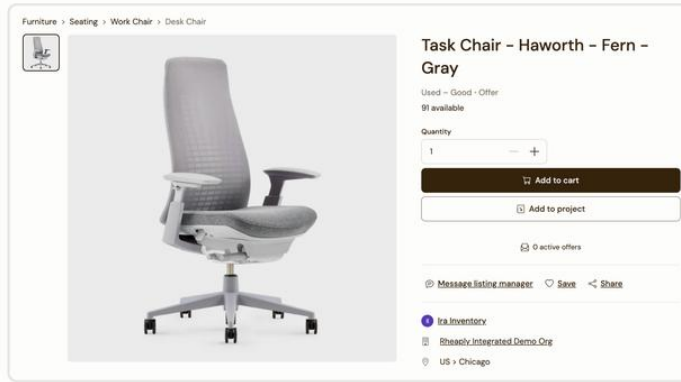


- North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace is an online platform allowing organizations to exchange surplus materials and reduce waste
- Began as an initiative to stop usable items from entering landfills in North Central Texas
- Available for businesses, school districts, non-profit organizations, and local governments in the North Central Texas region



North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace





- Marketplace users are able to browse available items, or list their own items for sale or donation
- Listings on the Marketplace include information regarding an item's condition, available quantity, location, and photos
- Users are able to filter available items and use keyword searches to narrow down results



Since launching in September 2024:



**115 TOTAL
ORGANIZATIONS**



**50,000 LBS.
DIVERTED**



**\$75,000 TOTAL
MARKET VALUE
EXCHANGED**

Get started with the North Central Texas Reuse Marketplace:



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NCTCOG Resources



Conserve North Texas - www.conservenorthtexas.org

Highlighted Resources:

- [Influencing Leadership on Sustainability Workshop](#)
- [Procurement Options to Support Energy Reduction for Local Governments Webinar](#)

Regional Energy Management Program - www.nctcog.org/envir/natural-resources/energy-efficiency

Air Quality Funding and Resources - <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>

SECO Programs & Resources



No-cost resources offered by SECO to aid entities in achieving their energy management or efficiency goals



WattWatchers of Texas

- Behavioral program for schools and families
- TEKS aligned STEM material



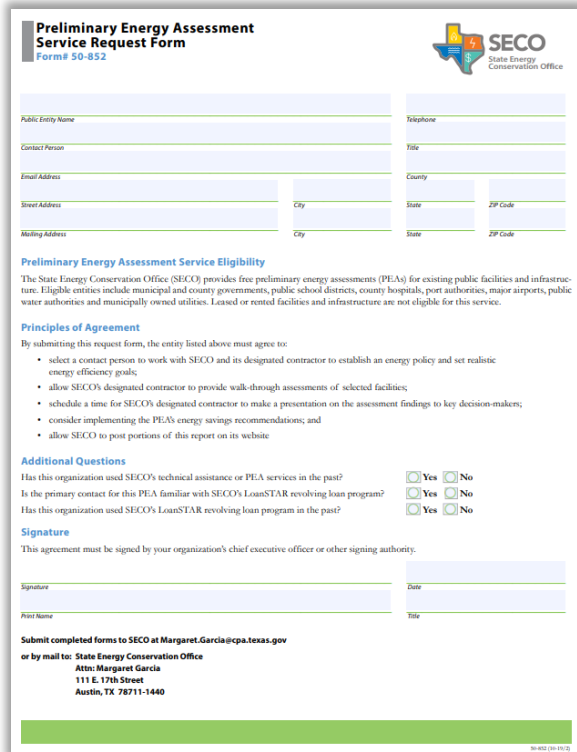
Local Government Energy Reporting

- Technical assistance for State-mandated energy efficiency and reporting

SECO Programs & Resources

Preliminary Energy Assessments (PEAs)

- Provided at no cost to qualifying entities and facilities.
- Detail recommendations for cost-effective resource efficiency measures that entities can implement to decrease utility consumption or costs.



Preliminary Energy Assessment Service Request Form
Form# 50-852

SECO
State Energy Conservation Office

Public Entity Name _____ Telephone _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Email Address _____ County _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Preliminary Energy Assessment Service Eligibility

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Principles of Agreement

By submitting this request form, the entity listed above must agree to:

- select a contact person to work with SECO and its designated contractor to establish an energy policy and set realistic energy efficiency goals;
- allow SECO's designated contractor to provide walk-through assessments of selected facilities;
- schedule a time for SECO's designated contractor to make a presentation on the assessment findings to key decision-makers;
- consider implementing the PEA's energy savings recommendations; and
- allow SECO to post portions of this report on its website

Additional Questions

Has this organization used SECO's technical assistance or PEA services in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the primary contact for this PEA familiar with SECO's LoanSTAR revolving loan program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has this organization used SECO's LoanSTAR revolving loan program in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature

This agreement must be signed by your organization's chief executive officer or other signing authority.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Submit completed forms to SECO at Margaret.Garcia@cpa.texas.gov
or by mail to: State Energy Conservation Office
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111 E. 17th Street
Austin, TX 78711-1440

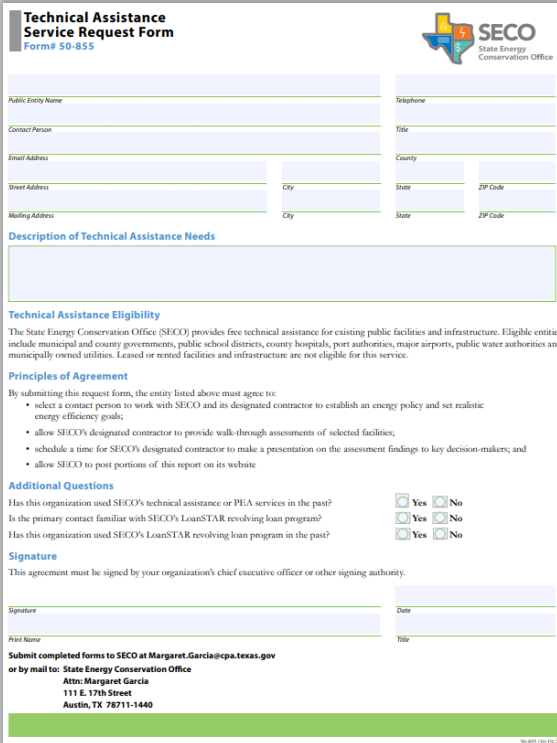
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Environment & Development

SECO Programs & Resources

Technical Assistance for Local Governments

- Provides customized, on-site, energy-related services ranging from basic consultation to feasibility studies.
- Eligible entities may request assistance with either energy or water-related technical matters.
- Full eligibility and program details on SECO's website.



Technical Assistance Service Request Form
Form# 50-855

SECO
State Energy Conservation Office

Public Entity Name _____ Telephone _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Email Address _____ County _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Description of Technical Assistance Needs

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Environment & Development

SECO Programs & Resources

Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Fund Program

- Finances Projects that Reduce Energy/Water/Utility Costs
- Simple Payback Period of 15 Years or Less
- 2.5% Loan Interest Rate; 1.5% if you choose ARRA Funds with more reporting requirements
- Full project eligibility and program details on website.



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UPCOMING NCTCOG EVENTS

Environment and Development: <https://nctcog.org/envir/events>

DFW Clean Cities: www.dfwcleancities.org/events

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NCTCOG'S FREE E-MAIL LISTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

NCTCOG General: <https://www.nctcog.org/stay-informed?ext=>

Environment & Development General: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/mail>

Energy Mailing List: <https://nctcog.activehosted.com/f/11>

Transportation: <https://publicinput.com/hub/Subscriptions/2768>



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