



Overview of Data.gov  
Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice  
“Champions”

Leading companies, academic institutions and non-profit organizations are increasingly focused on sustainable supply chains as a source of cost savings, innovation and competitive advantage. Recognizing that sustainable supply chains are important to a broad number of stakeholders, GSA established the Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice on data.gov. The community’s goal is to encourage sharing of practical information such as checklists, tutorials and other supplier engagement tools that businesses, especially small and medium-sized, can use to cost effectively improve the efficiency of their operations and address sustainable supply chain challenges within their market sector. The community of practice resides on data.gov because by fostering an inclusive and transparent community of practice, all stakeholders benefit.

The community of practice is dependent on the participation of *practitioners*, individuals with supply chain expertise and responsibility, who have garnered the support of their organization to implement sustainable practices. The Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice seeks to highlight these leading edge organizations, or Champions, who understand the importance of supply chain sustainability and are willing to share their practices with a larger community. The community is not just seeking recognized leaders in supply chain sustainability; it also welcomes organizations that are just beginning to address supply chain sustainability and who are willing to share their practices for the benefit of the entire sector.

The Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice seeks to highlight one Champion from industry, academia and non-profit, three in total, for each market sector. By stepping forward as a Champion, the organization agrees to leverage the Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice as a way to share, as a community member, the practices that increase the sustainability of specific market sector(s). In accepting the nomination to serve as a Sustainable Supply Chain Champion, organizations promise to:

1. Advocate for sustainable supply chain practices within their organization and their market sector(s).
2. Share their sustainable supply chain practices on the Sustainable Supply Chain Community of Practice on, at minimum, a quarterly basis.
3. Support and help build the capacity for sustainable practices by suppliers.

Along with sharing practices, the community seeks to address one cross-cutting challenge a quarter. Recognizing the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) reporting in identifying supply chain risks, the first community challenge is “How can CSR disclosures be used to increase supply chain sustainability?” Over the next three months, all community members will be asked to address this question.

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