

1. Overview of Organization

Name of Organization: Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC)

Website: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/>

Contact Information: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/contact/>

Funding Sources: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/funders/>

Organization Type: Non-profit

Partners: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/partners/>

Location: International

Mission: "The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and recognize purchasing leadership that accelerates the transition to a prosperous and sustainable future. The Council's programs and community of practice will help institutional purchasers to:

- prioritize opportunities to influence the social, environmental and economic life cycle impacts of purchased goods and services,
- identify existing leadership standards and approaches that address these priorities,
- benchmark progress toward goals, and
- receive recognition for advancement." ⁱ

2. Sustainable Purchasing Activities and Resources

1. Principles for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/principles/>

2. Piloting SPLC's Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v1.0

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/pilot/>

3. Leadership and Case Study Awards

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/awards/>

4. Activities Calendar

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/calendar/>

5. SPLC's Annual Summit

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/summit15/>

6. Presentations

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/presentations/>

3. Sustainable Purchasing Guidance Materials

1. Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing Version 1.0

<https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/guidance/>

"The Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing Version 1.0 is intended to help organizations improve the environmental, social, and economic performance within their supply chains—across the entirety of product and service life cycles—by implementing a strategic sustainable purchasing program. This Guidance is based on the Council's Principles for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v1.0, which define what it means to be a responsible—principled—actor, as an organization and within the marketplace." ⁱⁱ

Year Guidance was Published: 2015

Access: Full public access

Types of Purchasers: "Organizations in a wide variety of sectors and regions can use this Guidance to understand the environmental, social, and economic life cycle impacts of their purchased goods and services, identify actions that best address these priorities, and benchmark progress toward goals. This Guidance is a voluntary program that will serve as the basis for a future rating system that rewards organizations that demonstrate leadership in sustainable purchasing." ⁱⁱⁱ

Regional Focus: Global

Languages: English

Topics covered:

√√√ environmental sustainability
sustainability

√√√ social sustainability

√√√ economic

Steps:

√√√ Prepare; √√√ Enlist; √√√ Design; √√√ Launch; √√√ Analyze; √√√ Plan;
√√√ Commit to the strategy; √√√ Implement; √√√ Report

Product categories covered:

√√√ Chemically intensive products (cleaning and sanitizing for facilities care);
√√√ transportation and fuels (fuels; institutional vehicle fleets); √√√ wood and agrifiber products (paper);
√√√ IT hardware (personal computers, mobile phones, imaging equipment and televisions);
√√√ building construction and renovation (construction & renovation materials, furnishings)

Service categories covered:

√√√ Electricity; √√√ food services; √√√ professional services;
√√√ IT services (IT end of life management, data centers);
√√√ transportation services (local delivery service; long haul transport; travel - employee and other)

4. Observations

Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing Version 1.0 is a comprehensive step by step approach to establishing and implementing a sustainable purchasing program, regardless of organization type. The guidance was produced by a multi-stakeholder process with a balanced group of suppliers, purchasers and public policy participants. It is available publicly. The Guidance is currently being piloted by over 100 organizations, and is expected to be updated as a result of the pilot findings later in 2015. The Guidance emphasizes taking a strategic approach, both in designing the program, enlisting internal and external stakeholders, and in prioritizing the most highly impacting purchase categories. It covers environmental, social and economic impacts; and provides product category specific guidance for 8 categories (and more subcategories within those). So far the SPLC does not provide many additional resources, but the expectation is that cases studies and best practices will be published and shared during 2015.

ⁱ SPLC. *Overview*. Accessed from: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/about/>

ⁱⁱ SPLC. *About the Guidance*. Accessed from: <https://www.sustainablepurchasing.org/guidance/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.