EPEAT PLEDGE

EPEAT IS THE LEADING GLOBAL ECOLABEL FOR THE I.T. SECTOR
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Who is the Green Electronics Council (GEC)?

• Founded in 2006
• GEC is dedicated to working with industry worldwide to improve technologies
• They share easy, credible sustainability tools and resources with organizations
• Flagship program: EPEAT, the leading global ecolabel for IT products

*Based in the United States, serving 31 countries
What is the EPEAT ecolabel?

• The EPEAT ecolabel has come to be the definitive, comprehensive global ecolabel for sustainable IT products

• Products must meet strict lifecycle criteria to qualify

• Designed to help purchasers of electronics to evaluate, compare, and select products that reduce environmental impact and improve human health
EPEAT Criteria Categories

- This ecolabel was developed by stakeholders– including purchasers, NGOs, manufacturers, environmentalists, government, recyclers, and researchers
- EPEAT’s sustainability criteria cover the complete product lifecycle from design through use to recycling
- It considers ‘Total Cost of Ownership’ by looking at product longevity, life extension, and end-of-life management
EPEAT Pledge

EPEAT is the leading global ecolabel for electronics and takes the guess work out of evaluating which products are designed to minimize impacts. Show your organization’s commitment to people and the planet by taking the pledge.

Join the global movement towards more sustainable IT purchasing, pledge to:

- Choose EPEAT-registered IT products when purchasing electronics
- Communicate your EPEAT Pledge commitment to your stakeholders

Sign the Pledge Now

www.greenelectronicscouncil.org/epeat/pledge
Five Reasons to Pledge

1. **No Fee**: It’s free to sign up.

2. **EPEAT–registered Products**: Choosing to purchase EPEAT–registered IT products takes the guess work out of evaluating which is the more sustainable electronic option.

3. **Meet Your Goals**: The pledge is an easy, effective way to meet your low carbon and sustainability goals, which often result in reduced energy costs.

4. **Stakeholder Messaging**: On your website and within your annual reports, you can state, “We’ve taken the EPEAT Pledge, showing our commitment to sustainable IT purchasing.”

5. **Helpful Resources**: Pledge participants receive simple, tangible guidelines and resources to help implement the pledge.
EPEAT Pledge and Other requirements

The EPEAT Pledge can help meet your IT sustainability goals, reporting, and requirements for:

- **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- **UN Global Compact**
- **EU’s non-financial reporting Directive 2014/95/EU**
  Law came into effect on Dec 6, 2016
  Potential ways to report using: UN Global Compact & GRI
- **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)**
- **Dow Jones Sustainable Indexes (DJSI)**
  Sustainable procurement - Guidance

*Next section reviews more details on UN SDGs, UN Global Compact, GRI, and CDP.*
EPEAT Pledge and UN SDGs

The pledge can help meet your Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) #12 and #13

www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment
EPEAT Pledge and UN Global Compact

The pledge can help meet your UN Global Compact Principle #9
EPEAT Pledge and GRI Reporting

Referencing use of EPEAT will strengthen your GRI Reporting.

GEC has collaborated with GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) to develop guidance for how EPEAT can be utilized when completing your annual GRI Reporting.

We’re proud that GRI shares GEC’s mission. Their endorsement of EPEAT, recognizes the environmental leadership implicit in EPEAT adoption.

Guidance is available on how EPEAT can support GRI Reporting for:

- GRI 103: Management Approach
- GRI 301: Materials
- GRI 302: Energy
- GRI 305: Emissions

EPEAT Purchaser Awards

The EPEAT Purchaser Awards recognizes excellence in sustainable procurement of IT products.

To qualify, companies submit to a purchase report by volume of EPEAT-registered products to GEC.

The award winners are chosen for their leadership in sustainable procurement.

For more information, visit: [http://greenelectronicscouncil.org/awards-events/epeat-purchaser/](http://greenelectronicscouncil.org/awards-events/epeat-purchaser/)
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