



The Green Electronics Council (GEC) Launches a New EPEAT Benefits Calculator for Mobile Phones

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The Green Electronics Council (GEC) has launched a mobile phone module, the first in a series of expansions and updates to the existing EPEAT Environmental Benefits Calculator, to support public and private sector purchasers in calculating the environmental benefits of purchasing EPEAT registered mobile phones. EPEAT is the leading type 1 ecolabel for IT products used by public and private sector purchasers globally. EPEAT-registered products meet strict sustainability criteria that address impacts across the full lifecycle of a product.

The mobile phone module of the [EPEAT Environmental Benefits Calculator](#) helps organizations quantify impacts such as reductions in energy use, greenhouse gases and water consumption, as well as cost savings. The EPEAT Environmental Benefits Calculator results can be used by organizations as part of their CDP and GRI reporting.

“Purchasers are having to report and defend the sustainability impacts of their purchasing decisions and the new mobile phone addition to GEC’s EPEAT Environmental Benefits Calculator allows them to do just that,” said Nancy Gillis, Chief Executive Officer, GEC. “In 2019 the number of mobile phone users is forecasted to reach close to 5 billion and purchasers can make a huge positive environmental impact just by choosing an EPEAT-registered sustainable phone.”

EPEAT is managed by the Green Electronics Council (GEC), a non-profit whose mission is to achieve a world in which only sustainable IT products are designed, manufactured, and purchased. The EPEAT ecolabel currently provides purchasers access to over 4,000 sustainable IT products, more than any other IT ecolabel, in five IT product categories: computers/tablets, imaging equipment, televisions, servers and mobile phones.

“Academic institutions around the world are increasingly aware of the social and environmental impacts along their supply chain,” according to Stephanie Leclerc, Procurement Services, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. “It is useful to have access to tools such as the EPEAT calculator to measure the benefits associated with IT product choices. L’Université McGill est fière de sa démarche d’approvisionnement responsable et apprécie avoir accès à de l’information concernant l’impact de ses choix de produits électroniques.”

The EPEAT Benefits Calculator is available for all EPEAT product categories. The mobile phone module is currently available. The new Server and the updated Computer and Display (2018) calculator modules will be available in December 2018. The U.S. EPA maintains calculators for EPEAT-registered Imaging Equipment, Televisions, and the existing Computers and Displays (2008) products.





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