

Vendor/Supply Chain Requirements

To receive stewardship recognition for a **VENDOR/SUPPLY CHAIN**, a company must require that businesses in their supply chain subscribe to environmentally sound business practices. Responsible companies can influence the business of others through written agreements with vending companies and an established auditing process to ensure commitments are achieved.



Establishing a “greener” **VENDOR/SUPPLY CHAIN**

*Must have a written policy agreement with vendors

*Establish a periodic vendor auditing system

*Specify environmental criteria for vendor products or services

*Do vendors have an environmental commitment of their own?



A sustainable **VENDOR/SUPPLY CHAIN** should help:

- ⇒ Increase profitability through resource efficiency
- ⇒ Mitigate social, environmental and market risks
- ⇒ Catalyze supplier innovation
- ⇒ Ensure regulatory compliance
- ⇒ Differentiate a sustainable company and its products in the market
- ⇒ Enhance company reputation
- ⇒ Improve cooperation among businesses

Try to choose a vendor that:

1. Is local.
2. Has a formal environmental policy in operation.
3. Makes eco-preferable purchasing decisions.
4. Is monitored by a certified environmental group.
5. Makes products that are recyclable or biodegradable, or made from recyclable materials.
6. Operates under renewable energy or carbon offset programs.
7. Uses minimal packaging.

For more information on establishing a responsible **VENDOR/SUPPLY CHAIN**, visit:

Business of Design Online: How to Find Green Vendors

<https://www.morebusiness.com/green-manufacturing/>

EPA — Sustainable Marketplace: Greener Products and Services

<https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts>

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