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**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION  
GEC CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION CRITERIA**  
June 16, 2021

**Technical Committee launching for Climate Change Mitigation criteria for EPEAT ecolabel  
– now is your opportunity to get involved!**

The [Global Electronics Council](#) (GEC) is developing criteria to address climate change impacts throughout the life cycle of electronic products. These criteria will be leveraged across all [EPEAT](#) product categories, including computers and displays, mobile phones, imaging equipment, servers, and televisions. This Call for Participation is to notify stakeholders of the opportunity to participate on the multi-stakeholder Technical Committee that will evaluate and reach consensus on sustainability leadership criteria to reduce climate change impacts. GEC is partnering with [NSF International](#), an organization with extensive expertise in managing voluntary consensus processes, to convene and manage the Technical Committee.

#### **Scope of Climate Change Criteria**

The [State of Sustainability Research on Climate Change Mitigation](#) provides the scientific-basis for EPEAT criteria development. The criteria will address best practices for mitigating climate change impacts, inclusive of criteria to address embodied carbon in the supply chain through manufacturing energy efficiency and renewable electricity sourcing, product energy efficiency, reduction of high global warming potential chemicals in manufacturing, carbon footprint analysis to identify product-specific hot spots, and manufacturer carbon reduction goals aligned with climate science. These Climate Change Mitigation criteria are one of four criteria modules being developed by GEC for application across its EPEAT product categories. Criteria are also being developed for Sustainable Use of Resources, Reduction of Chemicals of Concern, and Corporate ESG Performance.

#### **Stakeholder Participation in the Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee is the consensus body in the GEC criteria development process. The Technical Committee is responsible for ensuring that proposed criteria address priority sustainability impacts identified in the State of Sustainability Research and will move the industry and its supply chain to innovate and adopt best practices that achieve credible, verifiable reductions in sustainability impacts and increase transparency. This Technical Committee is expected to begin its work in September 2021 and continue for up to 6 months. Technical Committee meetings will occur monthly via teleconference. Members are expected to review documents in advance of meetings, provide comments on criteria and actively engage in discussion (either on calls or by electronic means), and participate in the ballot process to approve criteria and reconcile stakeholder differences.

Membership on the Technical Committee is open to all interested parties by submitting the [Technical Committee Application Form](#). The Technical Committee will include up to 21 voting members, representing a balance of stakeholders from four categories:

- **Manufacturer:** Manufacturer of products or services covered by the scope of the criteria and their trade associations.
- **Other Industry:** Other businesses commercially engaged with the products or services such as:
  - Suppliers and their trade associations.
  - Recyclers, repair and refurbish companies, asset management service providers, and their trade associations.
  - Other types of businesses commercially engaged with the product.
- **Sustainability Advocates and Government Policy:** Individual from a public agency (local, regional, state, federal, or international) or represents a professional public/environmental health/safety organization, data privacy and/or IT security, academia, or not-for-profit environmental organization.
- **Purchasers and Ecolabel Criteria Users:** An individual whose organization purchases, uses, or specifies products or services covered in the scope of the criteria. User/consumers and their trade association representatives, institutional purchasers, third-party conformity assessment bodies (e.g., testing laboratories), and retailers are included in this membership classification.

Technical Committee member applications will be reviewed and members selected by NSF using the following considerations:

- technical competency and qualifications of the applicant relevant to the criteria;
- balance of stakeholder interests;
- geographic and product representation;
- date of receipt of application; and
- participation in recent or concurrent processes.

If you are interested in applying to participate on the Technical Committee, please complete the [Technical Committee Application Form](#), and return by July 16, 2021 to Greta Baragar, Sustainability Standards Lead, NSF International ([gbaragar@nsf.org](mailto:gbaragar@nsf.org)).

Questions? Please contact Greta Baragar ([gbaragar@nsf.org](mailto:gbaragar@nsf.org)) with any questions regarding the Technical Committee application process. Please contact Patricia Dillon at the Global Electronics Council ([pdillon@globalelectronicscouncil.org](mailto:pdillon@globalelectronicscouncil.org)) about the overall GEC criteria development process and application in EPEAT. Additional information on the GEC criteria development process is [publicly available](#).