

## **EPEAT for Solar**

## Sustainability Leadership Criteria and Searchable Product Registry

EPEAT helps government agencies, the private sector, educational institutions, and other organizations find and procure technology products that meet rigorous sustainability criteria. It is the leading global Type 1 ecolabel for electronics and is managed by the Global Electronics Council (GEC), a mission-driven nonprofit that leverages the power of purchasers to create a world where only sustainable technology is bought and sold.

The EPEAT Criteria not only ensure a product has a reduced impact on key environmental issues but also consider technology's impact on human and labor rights. The EPEAT Criteria for Photovoltaic Modules and Inverters (PVMI) offer unique opportunities for purchasers.

## **FOR PURCHASERS**



Photovoltaic Modules with Low Embodied Carbon critical to cutting Scope 3 emissions. While solar installations are net zero in their generation of electricity, supply chain greenhouse gas emissions vary greatly. Low-carbon solar panels are critical to maximizing the benefits of renewable energy investments.



**Free Global Online Registry** to simplify searches for products verified as meeting EPEAT Criteria while also satisfying unique user product specification requirements. Visit <u>epeat.net</u> to access the Registry.



Free Procurement Resources including sample contract language and training. EPEAT collaborates with groups such as the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) to create materials designed to help make new and existing sustainable procurement efforts more effective.



**Reduced Supply Chain Impacts** from material mining to design and manufacture, as well as product disposal and recycling. EPEAT Criteria require manufacturers and their supply chains to maintain safe workplaces and fair labor practices while also reducing harmful environmental effects.



**Sustainable Leadership** by supporting products that lessen harmful impacts on people and the planet. Purchasing EPEAT-registered products is a tangible display of an organization's values.

## **READY TO LEARN MORE?**

Visit <u>globalelectronicscouncil.org/solar</u> to learn more about EPEAT, its online product registry, sustainable procurement training opportunities, and more. You may also contact us directly at <u>epeat@gec.org</u>.



