System for Change

Instructions

The **System for Change Award** recognizes health systems that are **working cohesively to set system goals, track data, benchmark, and share successes in environmental performance**. Health systems must be comprised of at least **four hospitals**, all of whom must be current Practice Greenhealth partners. A **minimum percentage** of the health system's facilities must also **win recognition** the same year in order for the system to receive this award. This percentage varies by size. If you have a question about your eligibility, see resource below or contact your Sustainability Strategy Manager or **Awards Technical Assistance** via email or at 888-378-2259.

Table A. Percent of facilities that must win recognition to earn System for Change (SFC) award

Number of hospitals in the health system	Percent of facilities that must win recognition
4 - 6 facilities	100%
6 - 10 facilities	90%
11 - 25 facilities	70%
26 - 50 facilities	50%
51 - 70 facilities	40%
Over 70 facilities	30%

A **sub-system** of a larger health system may apply for SFC, but will need to apply the percentage rule to the size of the subsystem (e.g., if the parent system has 30 hospitals, but the subsystem applying for the System for Change award has 10 hospitals, then the sub-system must have 90% of their subsystem's hospital members win the Partner for Change award (or higher-level award) this year).

Health System: Facility Information

1. Number of **hospitals in health system** or subsystem:

2. Number of hospitals submitting the **Partner for Change application** this year:

3. Percentage of hospitals applying for recognition using the Partner for Change application this year. Please compare this percentage to the minimum requirements above to determine eligibility. (Certain percent of facilities must win recognition at Partner for Change level (or above) to qualify health system for the System for Change award)

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4. In an effort to ease the burden of re-listing affiliate hospitals each year (for repeat System for Change applicants), Practice Greenhealth will allow health systems to attach a spreadsheet with its current list of affiliate hospitals. Please attach a spreadsheet of the System's hospitals that are applying using the Partner for Change application this year, and indicate:

   - Name of facility
   - Type of facility: acute care (overnight beds and **operating rooms**), outpatient (no overnight beds) or long term care (overnight beds but no **operating rooms**).
   - City
   - State
   - Partner of Practice Greenhealth (Yes or No)

   Practice Greenhealth will verify whether each hospital has submitted an application and achieved recognition, and will verify that the required threshold has been achieved.

Infrastructure for Sustainability

5.* How does the system support the **execution of system-wide sustainability policies**?

6.* How are sustainability policies or initiatives **implemented, tracked, and reported back** at the system-level?

7. What is the **name of the committee or structure** where sustainability activities are managed at each of the System's hospitals / facilities? (E.g., green team, Environment of Care committee, sustainability council, etc.)

8.* Is there a **formal leader** for environmental stewardship identified at each facility?

◉ Yes
○ No

8.a* Are these positions typically:

Select an option... ⌄

9.* Is there a system-wide sustainability leader at the health system?

◉ Yes
○ No

9.a System-wide sustainability leader's name:

9.b System-wide sustainability leader's title:

9.c* This system-wide sustainability position is:

○ Full time
○ Part time

10.* Is there a **system-level council or team** (or equivalent) with representatives from each facility, that has oversight for sustainability initiatives and programming?

◉ Yes
○ No
○ Other

10.a* Please describe function of the system-level council, green committee or team:

Please **summarize system-wide sustainability efforts** below. Attach **policies and other documentation or narratives** as desired for each topic area. To get credit for a policy, it must be attached. Also, for each topic area, be sure to indicate if you have made public commitments, set public goals, or joined initiatives **as a health system.**

11.* How does the System provide strong **leadership** for environmental programs and sustainability across the health system?

12.* Does the System have a policy governing these sustainability efforts across the health system?

◉ Yes
○ No

12.a* Please attach policy governing sustainability efforts across the health system:

13.* Other attachments related to sustainability efforts across the health system (optional):

14.* Please describe the health system's sustainability governance model, including accountability and reporting relationships, and executive sponsorship.

15.* Please describe sustainability staffing at the health system level, including a list of all corporate-level roles (either full or part-time) with explicit responsibilities related to the sustainability program:

16.* Has the System set **publicly available sustainability goals** in 2023 (or as part of a 3-5 yr plan)?

◉ Yes
◯ No

    16.a* Please describe any **publicly available sustainability goals** set by the System.

    If these **publicly available** sustainability goals are the same as those shared on the Goals page of this application, you can also indicate that here.

17.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Waste Reduction, <u>Recycling</u> and <u>Hazardous Waste</u> Minimization** (include efforts for **<u>solid waste</u>**, RMW, pharmaceutical, and **<u>hazardous waste</u>** reduction, **<u>recycling</u>**, reprocessing and reuse):

18.* Does the System have a policy or protocol governing these waste reduction efforts?

◉ Yes
◯ No

    18.a* Please attach waste reduction policy/protocol:

19.* Other attachments related to waste reduction (optional):

20.* Please summarize the System's efforts around addressing **<u>Chemicals of Concern</u>** in products and materials:

<u>Chemicals of concern</u> may include flame retardants, formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, **<u>PVC</u>** (vinyl) and antimicrobials

21. Does the System have a policy that aims to avoid the purchase of **<u>chemicals of concern</u>** in products and materials?

◉ Yes
◯ No

    21.a* Please attach policy related to avoiding the purchase of **<u>chemicals of concern</u>** in products and materials:

22.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Greening the OR**:

23.* Please indicate who the system has designated to take a leadership role on Greening the OR at the health system level:

24.* Please attach Greening the OR protocols or strategies:

25.* Other attachments related to greening the OR (optional):

26.* Has the System developed a clinician engagement strategy?

◉ Yes
○ No

26.a* Please describe clinician engagement strategy:

27.* Has the System identified a Medical Director of Sustainability (or similar title)?

◉ Yes
○ No

27.a* Please indicate who has been identified for this role, the title for this role, whether the role is paid, and what responsibilities are tied to this role:

28.* Please summarize the System's sustainability efforts related to food: Be sure to include programs and challenges your System has signed up for, such as plant-forward menus, sustainably-produced **meat and poultry**, tap water access, local or sustainable food procurement, or food access issues in the community.

29.* Does the System have a policy governing healthy and sustainable food efforts?

◉ Yes
○ No

29.a* Please attach policy related to food:

30.* Other attachments related to food programming (optional):

31.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Sustainable Procurement** (Specifically looking for how supply chain was engaged in efforts to purchase safer and more sustainable products, services and materials.)

32.* Has the System informed its Group Purchasing Organization (**GPO**) of its commitment to sustainability and its desire to purchase more environmentally preferable products and services?

◉ Yes
○ No

32.a* Please explain how the System informed its Group Purchasing Organization (**GPO**) of its commitment to sustainability:

33.* Does the System have a policy governing **sustainable procurement** efforts?

◉ Yes
○ No

33.a* Please attach **sustainable procurement** policy:

34.* Other attachments related to **sustainable procurement** (optional):

35.* Is the system aware of or is it utilizing the updated **Standardized Environmental Criteria** v2.0/Annex 6?

○ Yes
○ No

36.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**:

37.* Does the System have a policy or plan governing energy reduction work?

● Yes
○ No

37.a* Please attach energy management plan:

38.* Other attachments related to energy efficiency (optional):

39.* Does the System have a strategy, plan or goal for increasing the use of **Renewable Energy** in its energy portfolio?

● Yes
○ No

39.a* Please describe **renewable energy** focus, goal and/or strategy:

39.b* Please attach **renewable energy** plan:

40.* Please summarize System-wide efforts in **Water Conservation** :

41.* Does the System have a policy or plan governing water conservation efforts?

● Yes
○ No

41.a* Please attach water conservation policy or plan:

42.* Other attachments related to water conservation (optional):

43.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Climate Change Mitigation, Leadership and Resiliency** :

44.* Has the System determined its baseline **greenhouse gas** (GHG) emissions inventory?

● Yes
○ No

44.a* Please attach GHG emissions inventory:

45.* Which Scopes were included in the baseline emissions inventory?

46.* Does the System have a Climate Action Plan or policy governing these efforts?

◉ Yes
◯ No

46.a* Please attach Climate Action Plan:

47.* Has the System set a Carbon Goal? (Carbon-reduction, carbon-neutral or carbon-negative)

◉ Yes
◯ No

47.a* Please describe any carbon/climate goals at the System-level:

48.* Other attachments related to climate (optional):

49.* Please summarize the System's efforts in **Green Building Design, Construction and Renovation**:

50.* Does the System have a policy or protocols governing green building efforts?

◉ Yes
◯ No

50.a* Please attach green building policy/protocol:

51.* Other attachments related to green building (optional):

Benchmarking and Information Sharing

Benchmarking and Information Sharing <u>within</u> your Health System

52.* Please explain how the system routinely **tracks metrics** related to environmental program implementation and how it benchmarks progress:

53.* How are metrics and benchmark data **shared with individual facilities** to assess progress?

54. Does the System utilize Practice Greenhealth's annual performance reports and the Sustainability Benchmark Report?

◉ Yes
◯ No

54.a* Please explain how the System utilizes the performance reports and the Benchmark report.

54.b How could these reports be improved to make them more useful to the Health System?

Benchmarking and Information Sharing <u>Outside</u> of your Health System

55.* Please describe how the System is **sharing information within the broader healthcare community**:

56.* Please describe the System's **advocacy work** that drives the healthcare sector toward **better environmental stewardship practices**. (e.g., presentations at national conferences, in academic settings, testify with governmental organizations, etc.):

57.* Is there anything else you would like to share about the System's sustainability work?