

### Let's Recycle Better, Together.

# SCOPE 3 INVENTORY: When assumptions meet dat/

## TUESDAY APRIL 23RD 1:00 PM ET.

# **Today's Panelists**

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### An Introduction to LCA & Scope 1-3 GHG Inventories

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## WHAT MAKES US JBE

# Experienced consultants. A consciously different approach.

Our vision is to help clients enhance their operational and environmental performance to manage risks, ensure environmental compliance, and design more sustainable products and services



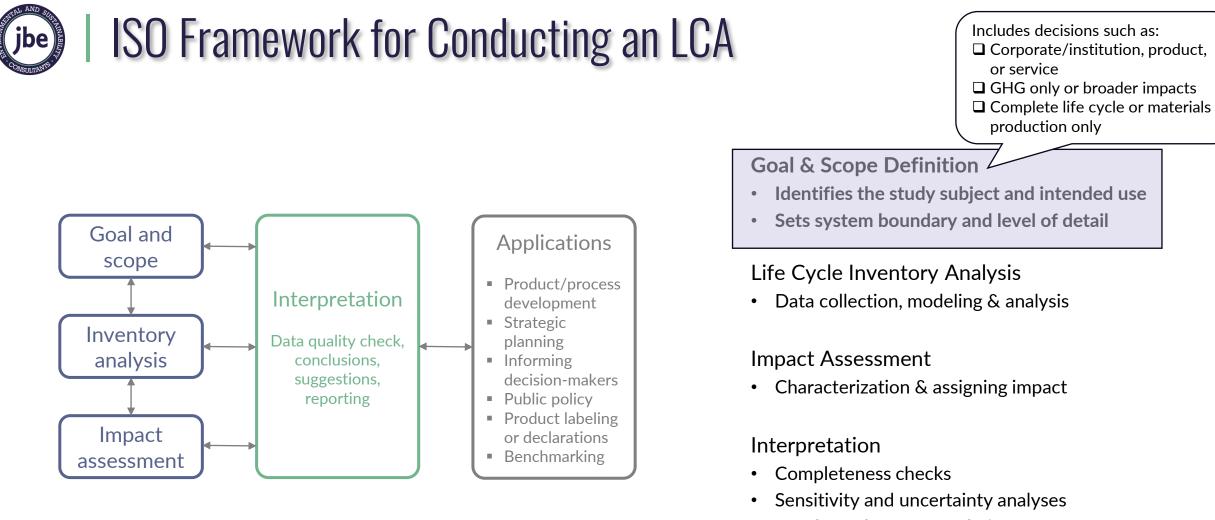
JBE seeks to impact the global environment in a positive, resource efficient way while exceeding client expectations and leaving the situation better than we found it



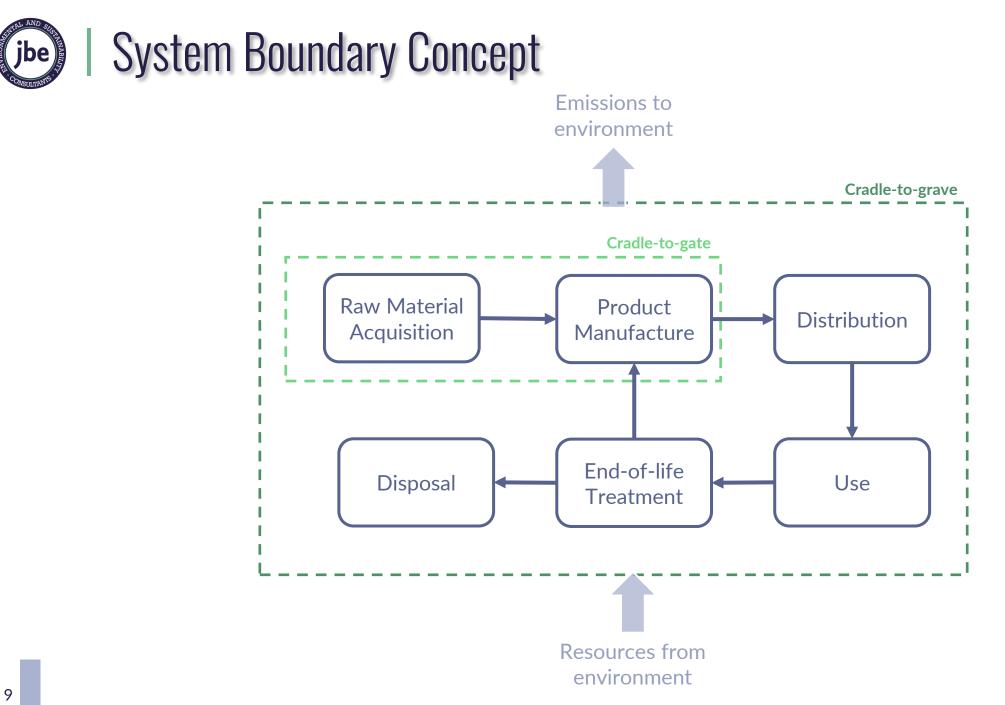
A standardized, comprehensive method to evaluate potential environmental and human health impacts of a product, material, or process, throughout its life cycle.



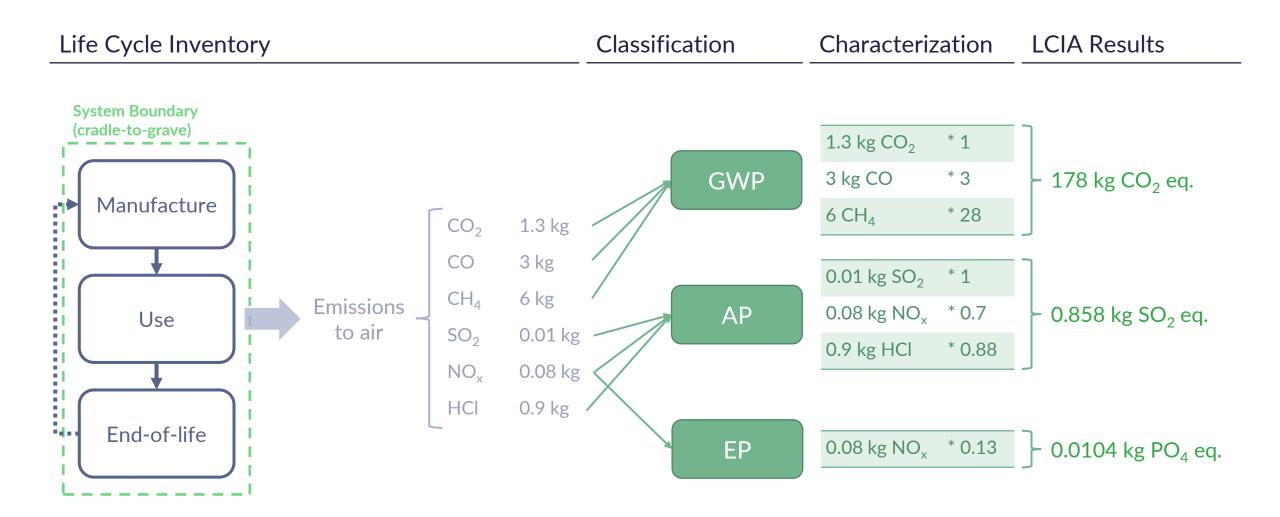
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- Results and recommendations
- Implications and limitations









# An LCA focused only on carbon at the corporate/institutional level is a GHG inventory





# "Carbon" (GHG) Accounting: The What and the Why

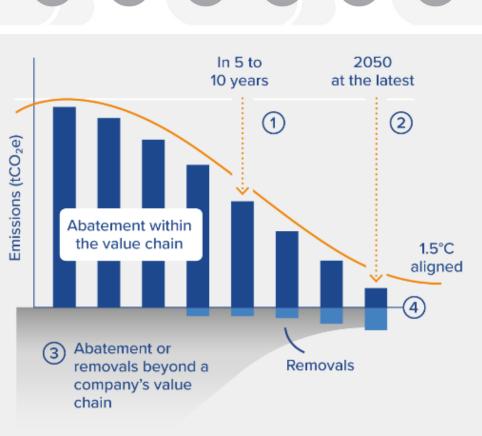


### **Carbon Accounting:**

A framework of methods to measure and track how much greenhouse gases (GHGs) are emitted by an organization and its value chain.

### Why Quantify Emissions?

- Identify GHG hotspots to inform impactful emissions reduction efforts
- Track and back-up efficiency or reduction measure statements
- Respond to customer/investor data requests
- Annually quantifying emissions allows for tracking progress against climate targets which is especially important for attracting and retaining investors and employees



Sources: Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Corporate Standard; Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)

### Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) Net-Zero Standard

- 1. Near-term targets
- 2. Long-term targets
- 3. Neutralize residual emissions
- 4. Beyond Value Chain Mitigation

# 😥 | Scope 3: Value Chain GHG Emissions Sources





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It all depends on how you define your scope!

- Product vs. company/institution
- GHG only vs. broader impacts and inventory metrics

Methodology and calculations are similar

- May follow different standards → GHG Protocol or ISO 14064 for company/institution-level vs. ISO 14040/14044 or 14067 for products
- GHG inventories often rely on spend data for some Scope 3 categories
- Efficient, but can create challenges in achieving granularity of information needed to create impact reduction plans

LCAs can make GHG inventories more precise, particularly for Scope 3 procurement categories

• Trends in all market sectors for increasing specificity of data (manufacturer-specific, facility-specific, supply chain-specific, etc.)





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## JBE CASE STUDY

### Compare Emissions Across Scenarios with an Easy-to-Use LCA Tool



### Meet Aggressive Sustainability Goals By Reducing Emissions in Products

- A global manufacturer of consumer and professional products is striving to reduce the GHG emissions of its products and packaging to meet its corporate carbon reduction targets.
- In order to redesign existing products to use less emissions, they first need to know the carbon hotspots of the products' life cycles.
- A traditional case-by-case LCA approach is too slow and costly to allow real-time design decisions, but simple screening tools do not provide robust enough data to enable good decision-making.

### Solution

#### Excel-based Tool Evaluates Multiple Scenarios

- JBE developed a user-friendly, transparent tool to simultaneously compare product and packaging designs.
- The model allows the client to change design scenarios so they can evaluate future options in-house.
- The tool also identifies carbon hotspots across the various stages of a product's life cycle to inform the design team.

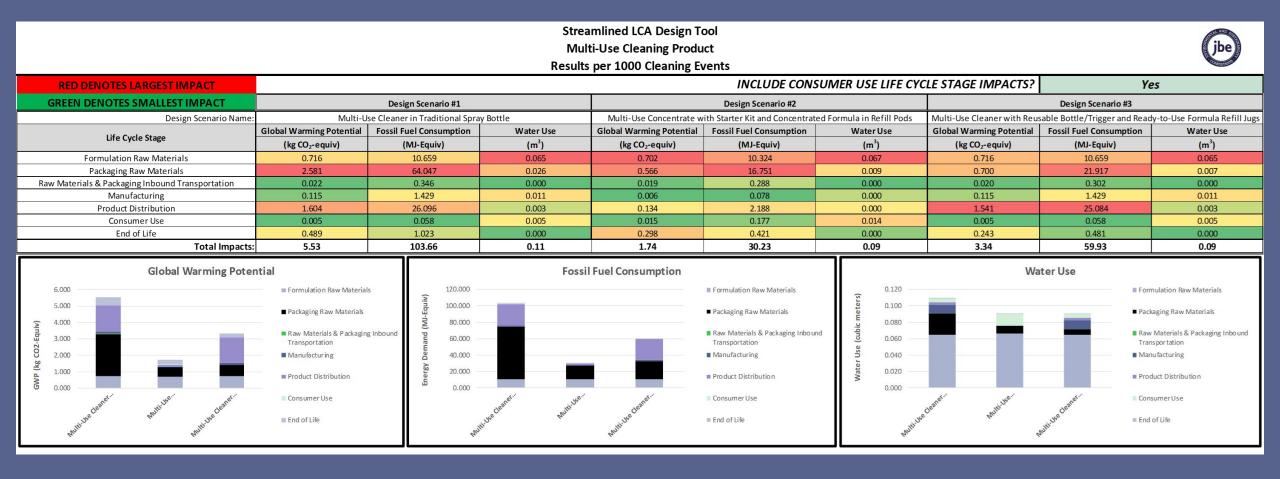
#### Faster Results for Better Design Decisions

- Our tool identified a large potential for carbon reductions if the company were to prioritize selling their "concentrated refill" product offerings.
- Our tool provides the ability to simultaneously compare different product offerings and can be used early in the R&D process to design more sustainable products and packaging.
- Design decisions now being made in real time, enabling the company to achieve its corporate targets.

#### Impact

## JBE CASE STUDY

### Compare Emissions Across Scenarios with an Easy-to-Use LCA Tool: Example Results



## JBE **CASE STUDY** Aligning Scope 3 Emissions with Broader Climate Strategy

### Challenge

### Lack of Scope 3 Emissions Insight

- Food service industry client's scope 3 emissions accounted for majority of emissions but were not in line with corporate climate strategy.
- Broader food service industry facing customer and investor demands for more transparency surrounding climate emissions.
- Client could lose access to investor capital as well as market share if scope 3 emissions were not addressed.

### Solution

#### Implement Thorough Reporting Process

- JBE helped implement a process for measuring and reporting Scope 3 emissions.
- Alignment of climate approach to the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) by creating a framework that covers Governance, Strategy, Risk Management, and Metrics & Targets.

#### **Strong Baseline and Insights to Lead Reductions**

- The scope 3 measurement allowed client to quickly identify largest sources of emissions and set baselines to report against.
- Emissions data collection served as foundation for setting SBT for scope 3 emissions.
- Exceeded customer and investor requirements with industry leading reporting and target setting.

#### Impact

# Thank you!



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## INSITUTIONAL CARBON FOOTPRINT IN A HEI

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## Polytechnique Montréal

- Engineering school located on the University of Montreal campus
- 12 undergraduate programs, about 10000 students (7500 full time)
- 2500 post-graduate students
- POLYTECHNIQUE MONTRÉAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
- Faculty & staff approximately 1600 FTE

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- 1. Project Background
- 2. Institutional Carbon Footprint
- 3. Methodology
- 4. Results
- 5. Discussion





## WHY ESTIMATE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

Universities and colleges "Race to Zero" campaign joined by over 700 universities around the world



Polytechnique Montréal is committed to achieving net zero carbon by



## **INSITUTIONAL CARBON FOOTPRINT**

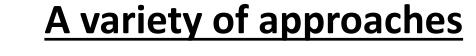
## Objectives

- 1. Obtain a complete carbon footprint of our operations
- 2. Determine the main sources of emissions
- 3. Evaluate the impact of our targets
- 4. Follow the evolution of our footprint in time

## For Polytechnique

✓ build our future on a solid basis
 ✓ prioritize our actions
 ✓ maximize their impact
 ✓ protect our environment

# **HYBRID** LIFE CYCLE APPROACH



A hybrid LCA approach, viz. a combination of:
Process database (*ecoinvent*) for physical data
Input-Output database for financial data

### **Open I-O Canada (developed by CIRAIG)**

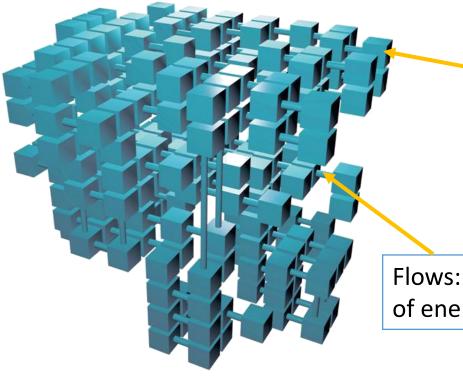
 uses a top-down approach, based on national and industry inventories
 emissions reported for 238 industries

### **GHG Emission Factors**



# **INPUT-OUTPUT VS PROCESS DATABASE**

### Process database



POLYTECHNIQUE MONTRÉAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY Activities: Processes, factories, consumptions, energy...

Flows: kg of production, kWh of energy, m<sup>2</sup> of area...

### Easy for:

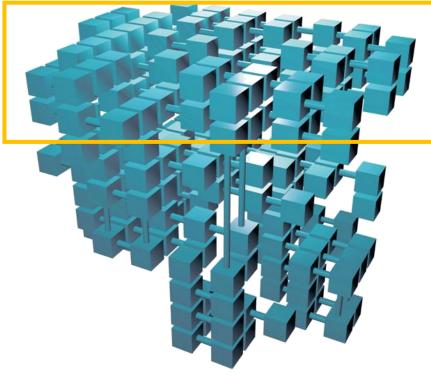
- Energy
- Food
- Water
- Waste management

### Feasible for:

- Staff & student commuting
- Business travel

# **INPUT-OUTPUT VS PROCESS DATABASE**

### Input output database





### Industry A yields:

- Amount of GHG
- Amount of GDP
- $CO_2 eq / $$

Based on national emissions inventory (Canada)

Easy for:

- Nearly everything

Not ideal for:

- Fossil fuel combustion

### Misses:

 Whatever isn't in your books!



## **SYSTEM BOUNDARIES**

|  | <b>Object:</b><br>Polytechnique's operations during FY 2022-2023 |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Scope 1  | Scope 2  | Scope 3  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Fossil fuel combustion</li> <li>Gas</li> <li>Heating Oil</li> <li>Vehicle Flee</li> </ul> |  | <ul> <li>3.1 Purchased G&amp;S (Polytechnique + Food Services)</li> <li>3.2 Capital Goods (major building works)</li> <li>3.3 Fuel and Energy Indirect Emissions</li> <li>3.5 Waste &amp; Wastewater</li> <li>3.6 Business Travel</li> <li>3.7 Staff &amp; Student Commuting</li> <li>3.8 Leased Assets</li> <li>3.15 Financial</li> </ul> |  |  |

## **SYSTEM BOUNDARIES**

**Physical data** 

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# **DATA SOURCES**

| PHYSICAL / COMPLETE            | FINANCIAL / COMPLETE    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Food Services,<br>Fossil Fuels | Most Procurement        |
| PHYSICAL / STATISTICAL         | FINANCIAL / STATISTICAL |
| Commuting                      | ?                       |
|                                |                         |

# SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

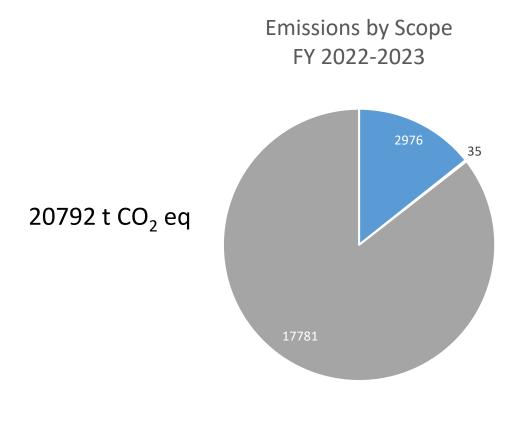
### Using Input-Output Approach

| GL Code | GL Desc              | IO Code   | IO Desc  | GL \$ (infl.adj) | t CO <sub>2</sub> eq |
|---------|----------------------|-----------|--|------------------|----------------------|
| 40316   | Lab Supplies         | MPG339100 | Medical, Dental and<br>Personal Safety<br>Supplies, Instruments<br>and Equipment | \$ 3 148 476     | 293                  |
| 50203   | Insurance -<br>Goods | MPG524200 | Insurance Brokerage<br>and Other Services<br>Related to Insurance                | \$ 511 464       | 37                   |

## SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

### Using ecoinvent DB for Physical Data

| Source   | LCA<br>Emission<br>Factor                                     | NIR Emission<br>Factor for<br>Quebec | LCA footprint<br>(t CO <sub>2</sub> eq) | Scope 1/2<br>(t CO <sub>2</sub> eq) | Scope 3.3<br>(t CO <sub>2</sub> eq) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Electricity<br>23.6031<br>(GWh)                  | 21 t/GWh<br>(entire life<br>cycle)                            | 1.5 t/GWh                            | 496                                     | 35                                  | 460                                 |
| Natural<br>Gas<br>1 499 208<br>(m <sup>3</sup> ) | 860.5 g/m <sup>3</sup><br>(production<br>and<br>distribution) | 1937.4 g/m <sup>3</sup>              | 4195                                    | 2905                                | 1290                                |



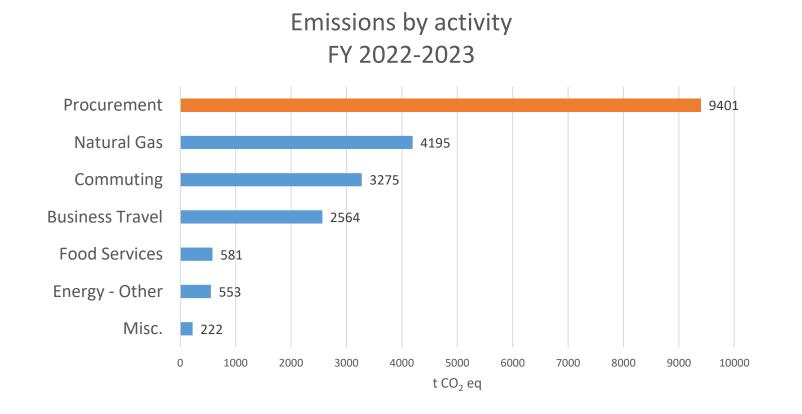
#### Scope 1 Scope 2 Scope 3

### Observations

Scope 2 = almost negligible – typical for Quebec (hydro)

Scope 3 = lion's share of emissions – typical of HEI's (especially with low scope 2)

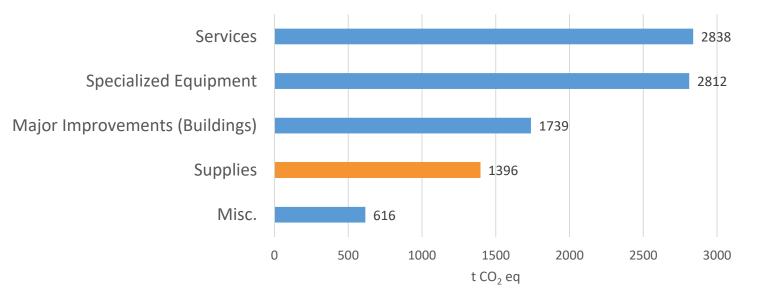




Procurement excluding energy, business travel and food services

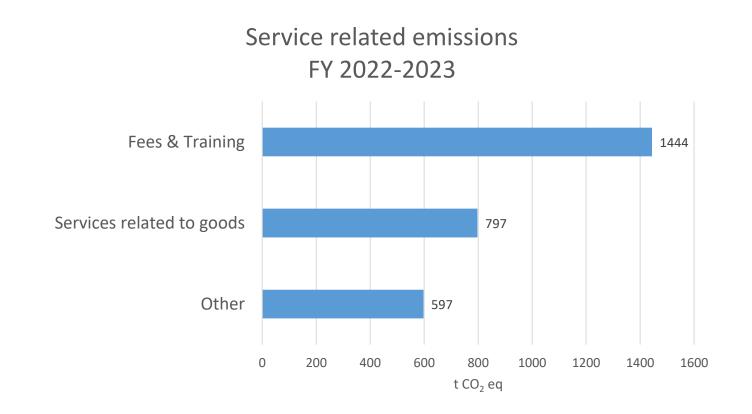






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## THOUGHTS

### **Limits of GHG Protocol Scopes**

There's scope 3 hidden in scopes 1 & 2 Breakdown by activity

### Follow the money!

More likely to capture everything Where you spend most is (probably) where you emit most Dematerialized ≠ non-material





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# Climate Action Opportunities in the Supply Chain

### April 23, 2024



Alameda County **SUSTAINABILITY** Local Action, Global Impact.

# **Our Motivation**



- Ready to move beyond "low-hanging fruit" initiatives
- Scale of opportunity is significant
- Desire to strategically target biggest sources of impact



# **Sustainable Supply Chain Analysis**



ANALYSIS OF SUSTAINABILITY IMPACTS OF Alameda County Supply Chain Expenditures



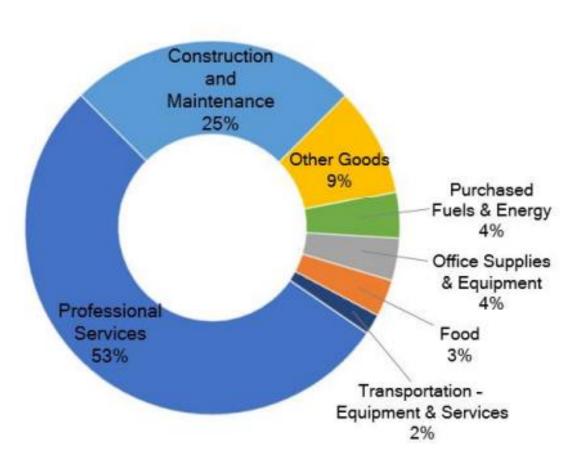
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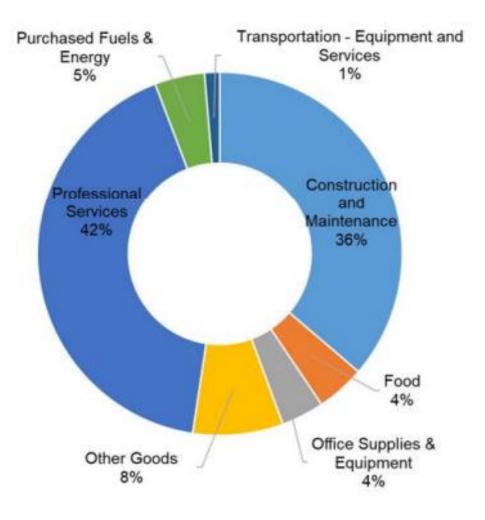


- Inventory for Countywide expenditures in 2015 & 2019
- Includes six impact categories:
  - GHG, PM2.5, human toxicity, water use, smog, and acid rain
- Completed analysis of the sources of impact for 13 purchasing categories

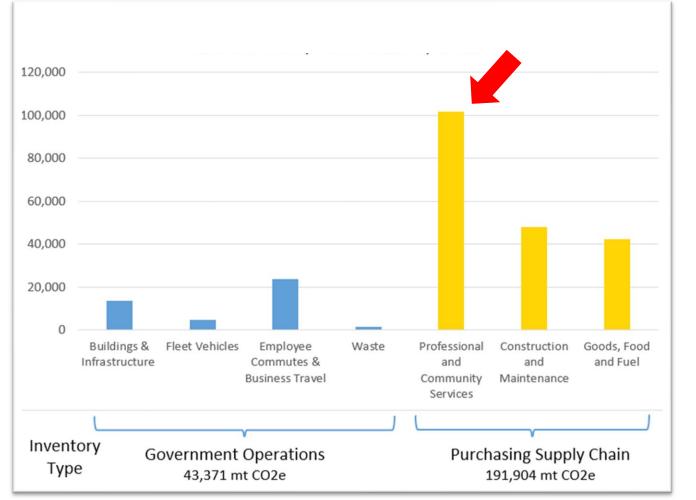


#### Figure A.3: Comparison of 2019 and 2015 GHG emissions by purchasing category





# **Big Opportunities in Supply Chain**



- Supply chain emissions are 4x bigger than government operations
  - ~50% of supply chain emissions are from contracted services, primarily serving our most vulnerable citizens



*Figure 14:* Percentage of total life-cycle impact, by supply chain activities for four impact metrics (%).

# **Analyze Hotspots**

- Identify actions we can take to address major causes of impact in the supply chain
- Identify actions that will reduce local health impacts, especially PM<sub>2.5</sub>



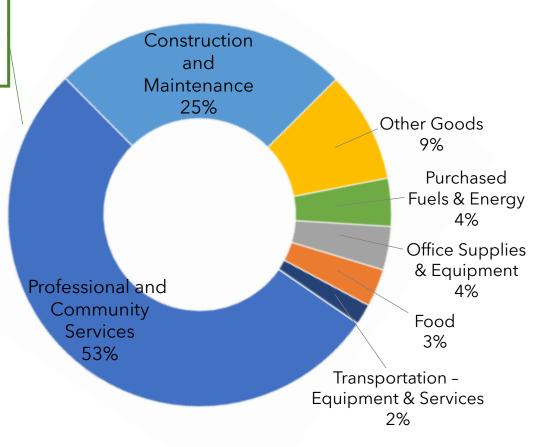


# **Targeting Efforts by Purchasing Category**

### Our Vendors'

**Operational Emissions** 

- Electricity and natural gas used to power the vendors' facility
- Fuel used to travel to serve clients
- Embodied carbon in food served to clients





# **New Initiatives: Vendor Sustainability**

#### SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS

Switching to more sustainable practices with these programs can help you save money, reduce waste, create a healthier environment, and make your in-home childcare center or childcare facility safer and healthier for children and providers!

#### SAVE ENERGY

#### Reducing your energy use can create savings on your bills and for the environment

- "Opt Up" to 100% renewable energy and receive rebates and incentives to save money and energy with Alameda County's electricity provider, <u>Ava Community</u> Energy
- Explore flexible financing for energy projects with GoGreen Financing
- Buy <u>Energy Star</u> products when it's time to replace appliances to earn rebates and save money and energy. View Energy Star's <u>energy saving tips</u>

#### REDUCE FOOD WASTE

#### Reducing your food waste decreases carbon emissions and saves you money

- Explore the <u>EPA's tips</u> to reduce food waste
- View the <u>Children's Environmental Health Network's tips</u> for reducing and reusing

#### CLEAN WITH GREEN PRODUCTS

- · For cleaning, use Safer Choice or Green Seal products
- · For sanitizers or disinfectants, use Design for the Environment products
- View UCSF's informational posters on safer cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting

#### CERTIFY YOUR CENTER

#### Get credit for making your childcare center more sustainable, safe, and healthy

 Get certified and receive incentives and assistance from <u>The Green Business</u> <u>Program</u> for conserving energy and water, minimizing waste, preventing pollution, and reducing emissions

Questions? Email: acsustain@acgov.org



#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

#### FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS

Being prepared for an emergency or natural disaster is critical for your in-home childcare center or childcare facility to resume operations. Don't be caught off guard- plan ahead with these tools!



#### MAKE A PLAN

- Create a plan to help your center recover and resume operations after a disaster
- Explore the California Department of Social Services' <u>Childcare Disaster Resources</u>
   View UCSF's Childcare Disaster Preparedness Guide
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#### STAY INFORMED

- Sign up for Alameda County's <u>AC Alert</u> to receive emergency notifications
- Sign up for alerts from <u>PG&E</u> to be notified of public safety power shutoffs
- Identify your evacuation zone in advance using genasys Protect

#### KNOW THE RISKS

Discover what hazards, such as floods or fires, that may affect your business

- Review Alameda County's interactive hazard maps
- · Learn more about how to be prepared in Alameda County at ready.acgov.org

#### ALWAYS HAVE RELIABLE POWER

Invest in a backup power source to ensure service during a power outage

Explore the California Air Resources Board's Zero Emissions Backup Power Tool for
 residential or commercial buildings

#### PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

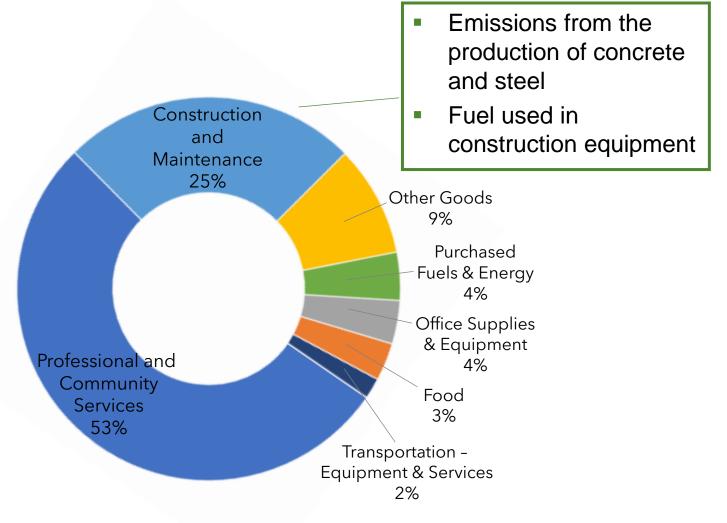
Learn what needs to be included in an emergency kit and how to stay safe

Use UCSF's Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

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# **Targeting Efforts by Purchasing Category**





# **New Initiatives: Low-Carbon Concrete**



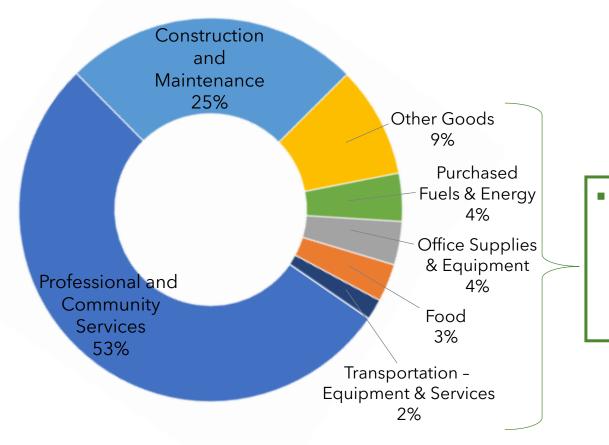
- Participated in Marin County code project to set locally relevant GWP limits
- Incorporated limits into performance specification for construction contracts

### Resources:

- Low Carbon Concrete Code | StopWaste: (www.stopwaste.org/concrete)
- County Performance Specification: (<u>https://www.acgov.org/sustain/what/greenbuilding/susdesign.htm</u>)



# **Targeting Efforts by Purchasing Category**



Emissions from resource extraction, production and transportation of goods, food and fuel



# **New Initiatives: ALCO Reuse**

Welcome to the County's Online Reuse Inventory



- Online marketplace for reused ergonomic equipment
- Increase accessibility for departments



### Resources

- West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum
  - Trends Analysis Report
  - <u>How-To Guide</u> (tip: utilize EPA's <u>USEEIO dataset</u>, rather than EIO-LCA)
- Find a comparable organization
  - City <u>Portland</u>, OR
  - County <u>Alameda County, CA</u>
- Join others in the journey:

Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council







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Unlocking Product Data 🔶

INTELLIGENT LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

# Think Big, Start Small, & Scale Fast

Our goal is to understand our products, so that we can optimize our environmental impacts while delivering a much-needed service.

Two key questions we set out to answer:

 What is the carbon intensity of our products?
 How do we use this data to start operating more sustainably?

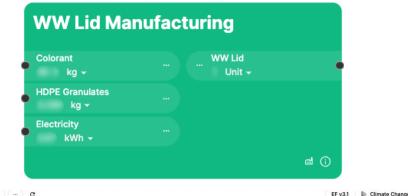


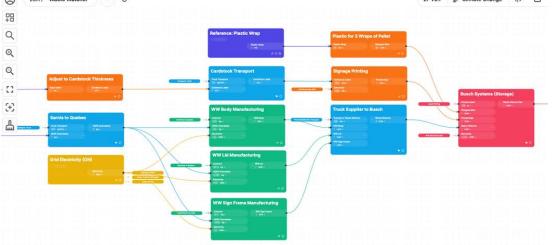
# **Bringing Data into Focus**

A quick summary of our work together:

- 1. We started small, completing our first product carbon footprint in just 4 weeks
- 2. Then we quickly scaled to 88 PCFs completed within 6 months, across 37 product families3. After reviewing our results, we started to share our insights internally and externally

**Top Tip:** pick a flagship product!





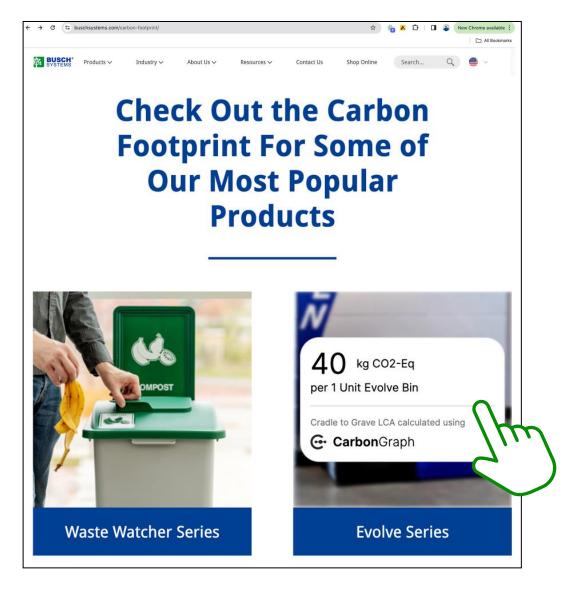
# **Key Outcomes**

With our partnership, we've been able to do two very valuable things:

- Reduce our greatest impacts

   a. Finding opportunities with PCRC
   b. Life cycling inefficient products

   Empower our partners and customers with granular data
  - a. Sharing our progress
  - b. Transparent impact reporting



# Transparent & Empowering

For our core catalogue, our partners can now review relevant standards, carbon intensities, and additional data points like life cycle stage contribution and a version history as we make progress towards our reduction goals.

Our partners get to participate in our progress, and make informed program decisions.

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# **Today's Program Online**



- Recording
- Presentation slides

### Link will be emailed in coming days

### Links to Resources:

- From speakers presentations
- NYC guide to do household consumption-based inventories
- Other webinars:
  - West Coast Climate Forum –
     Consumption-based inventories
  - AASHE Stanford University







# **Archived Slides & Recordings**

- Food organics
- Centralized office collections
- Reuse & waste prevention
- Rebuilding confidence in recycling
- Healthcare waste reduction
- + More



### Visit: <a href="https://www.buschsystems.com">https://www.buschsystems.com</a> > Resources > Webinars





### Coming up in May...









# Calling all Colleges & Universities...



#### Focus on trends including:

- Uniform bin standards
- Centralized collections
- Food waste collections form academic locations

15 questions | Takes 10 min.

145+ schools already participated

**Deadline: this Friday, April 26** 

### Learn more: <u>buschsystems.com</u>



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