

# Environmental Sustainability Excellence

Recognizing and celebrating supply chain excellence in environmentally preferred sourcing

## Cohort criteria

The cohorts are defined as follows:

### Comprehensive Academic Medical Centers

Performs a minimum of:

- 25 solid organ transplants
- 600 trauma cases or 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute care facility
- 125 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases

### Large, Specialized Complex Care Medical Centers

Performs a minimum of 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases and one of the following:

- 25 solid organ transplants
- 600 trauma cases
- 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute facility

### Complex Care Medical Centers

Hospitals not meeting the above criteria but performing between 25 and 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases in a year.

### Community hospitals

Hospitals who do not meet above criteria, excluding critical access and specialty hospitals.

### Pediatric

Children's Hospital Association members

## Excellence in environmental sustainability

Environmental Sustainability Excellence is measured through sustainable purchasing decisions and a commitment to reduce carbon emissions and improve climate resilience for each cohort. Ranking is based on the purchase of products that meet Vizient's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Standard as a percentage of their Vizient spend and those who commit to the White House-Health and Human Services Health Sector Climate Pledge.

Optimal environmentally preferred products meet all Vizient-identified chemical attributes and at least two waste attributes. Products that meet Vizient's standard offer smart, sustainable, safe and resilient purchasing choices.

The White House-Health and Human Services Health Sector Climate Pledge is a voluntary commitment to reduce carbon emissions and improve climate resilience. Signing organizations agree to:

- At minimum, reduce organizational emissions by 50% by 2030 (from a baseline no earlier than 2008) and achieve net-zero by 2050, publicly accounting for progress on this goal every year.
- Designate an executive-level lead for their work on reducing emissions by 2023 and conduct an inventory of Scope 3 (supply chain)\*\* emissions by the end of 2024.
  - \*\*Scope 3 emissions include indirect emissions, including those within the supply chain, covering the production and transportation of goods and services.
- Develop and release a climate resilience plan for continuous operations by the end of 2023 or within six months of signing the pledge, anticipating the needs of groups in their community that experience a disproportionate risk of climate-related harm.