Incorporating Circularity into Higher Ed Procurement

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150+ members, $300B in annual spend – focused on the same strategy
How SPLC supports members

- **PRIORITIZE** – know where to start. Identify top priorities to include your primary sustainability risks in your supply chain.

- **COLLABORATE** – within procurement, cross functionally within your organization, and with both peers and competitors for measurable impact.

- **VALIDATE SUCCESS** – quantify the value of your work.

- **CONVENE** – SPLC’s Deep Dive Series, next event 7/22 focused on Supply Chain GHG emissions (splcdeepdives.org)
The power of collaboration
How can you get started with circular procurement?
Approaches to circular procurement: *Category*

- Furniture (Dorm, Office, Lab)
- Computing Equipment
Approaches to circular procurement: *Strategy*

- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Integrating Repair
- Integrating Take Back programs
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Collaborative Projects

Circular economy procurement framework
Furniture opportunities & learnings so far

• **Systems change** – cross-departmental collaboration will be key

• **Behavior change** – engaging end users to ensure needs are met

• **Supplier engagement** – working toward more repair, modularity, adjustability

• **EMF Framework** – Section 2.3 Criteria for Technical Items
Office Supplies opportunities & learnings so far

- **Narrow the scope** – focus on “outputs” (waste, packaging, etc. that needs to be managed) or “inputs” (products you buy)

- **Understand the system** – inventory existing take back programs or product requirements

- **Prioritize extended or new life** – reuse, repair, remanufacturing

- **EMF Framework** – Section 2.3 Criteria for Technical Items, 2.5 Criteria for Packaging