



## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING CERTIFIED BY SGP?** SGP certification provides a strong return on investment by helping companies identify operational improvements and waste reductions. Certification demonstrates commitment to sustainability and is recognized in the marketplace as meeting the demands of customers for a sustainable supply chain.

**WHO CAN APPLY?** Any printing facility, small or large, using any print process, including lithography, flexography, screen, digital and gravure and located in the United States or Canada is eligible. SGP also certifies in-plant printing operations, multiple locations of the same corporation, and printing departments within government agencies and educational institutions.

**WHAT IS THE SGP IMPACT TRACKER?** SGP applicants are given access to an online dashboard to report and monitor metrics and upload additional SGP criteria requirements. Facilities can track and display sustainability data for ease of reporting and to showcase accomplishments to print buyers and others. SGP Printers can compare performance against aggregate data from other certified facilities.

**WHAT ARE THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SGP CERTIFIED?** All facilities must implement and operate a robust sustainability management system (SMS) based SGP's certification criteria. SMS elements include developing an annual continuous improvement project; conducting bi-annual environmental, safety, health and energy audits; implementing mandatory best practices; and reporting data elements through the SGP Impact Tracker.

### **WHAT ARE THE SGP CERTIFICATION FEES? (PLEASE CONTACT SGP FOR MULTI-LOCATION OPTIONS)**

- *Application*: \$1,000.
- *On-site Audit*: \$2,800. Required for initial certification and every other year thereafter. Auditor travel is additional.
- *Desk Top Audit (DTA)*: \$1,400. After the initial on-site audit, facilities in good standing with SGP may be eligible for a DTA in lieu of a future on-site audit. DTA eligibility is determined by SGP and modifications to the SGP criteria.
- *Annual Renewal*: \$1,000. Charged each year after application to maintain SGP Impact Tracker license
- *Corrective Action Required (CAR) Review*: \$75 per hour. Extra hours beyond the normal process that an auditor may have to spend additional time interacting with the applicant to achieve certification.

**WHERE ARE THE CERTIFIED FACILITIES LISTED?** The SGP website ([www.sgppartnership.org](http://www.sgppartnership.org)) identifies facilities with current certifications including full contact information, location, company information, products and printing processes.

**HOW CAN WE BE INVOLVED IF WE ARE NOT A PRINTER?** SGP welcomes all members of the print supply chain. Print buyers and brands commit to sustainable printing as SGP Brand Leaders. Suppliers support sustainable printing and SGP's mission as SGP Patrons. Associations and institutions promote SGP as SGP Resource Partners.

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