

## **Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP) Consultant Membership Policy**

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Membership in the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP) is open to vehicle manufacturers, their tiered suppliers and service providers, and other companies doing business within the automotive value chain.

Whereas many types of businesses may be included within the category of tiered suppliers and service providers, SP has established a distinct category of membership for consulting firms and software providers (“Consultants”).

For the purposes of this policy, “Suppliers” are defined as organizations engaged primarily in the: design, manufacture, transportation / logistics, processing, provision, retailing, and/or end of life management of components, modules, systems, in-vehicle software, primary or secondary raw materials, and/or capital equipment in commercial use by vehicle manufacturers and/or tiered suppliers within their products or operations.

“Consultants” are defined as companies whose primary business relates to the provision of consulting and/or software services, and who presently provide such services to vehicle manufacturers and / or automotive suppliers. Consultants are full members entitled to vote on each matter being submitted to a vote of the members per the process outlined in SP’s bylaws.

Participation in SP activities provides members the opportunity to engage in open dialogue and learning related to environmental sustainability in the automotive value chain. Consultants may provide valuable content and thought leadership in this respect regarding leading practices, methods, trends, and tools relevant to SP’s mission and audience. Such information may be shared through SP events, webinars, and / or publications where appropriate, as determined by SP’s executive office and/or Board of Directors.

To be eligible for consideration to present at an SP membership meeting, Consultants should a) co-present with an OEM or Supplier customer and / or b) present on work they have done in service of an SP work group activity or project. Consultants should not take their participation in an SP event or activity as an opportunity to solicit their products or services.

Whereas the guest invitation policy for SP membership events is intended for OEMs and tiered manufacturing suppliers, Consultants should be existing members of SP to participate in a membership event or work group activity. Non-Member Consultants may be invited to participate in the Annual Summit for a registration fee, to be determined by the Summit Committee as it may deem necessary and proper.

Individuals with any questions regarding this policy should contact the Chairperson.