

Environmentally Preferred Sourcing Program

Access a broad portfolio of cost-effective, environmentally preferred products

Introduction

The Vizient® Environmentally Preferred Sourcing Program provides a framework for your organization to implement and maintain an environmentally friendly program that supports your overall sustainability objectives.

You can access the broadest, most cost-effective portfolio of environmentally preferred products in the industry. Our portfolio encompasses more than 535,000 products with more than 3.4 million environmentally preferred attributes collected.



Environmentally preferred attributes

The terms “chemicals of concern,” “green,” and even “environmentally preferred sourcing (EPS)” can be confusing at best and misleading at worst. Vizient strives to inform members about the environmental attributes that enable purchasing managers to select products that reduce harmful environmental and human health impacts in health care, while maintaining quality and affordability.

Based on member input and industry expertise, we have developed a list of 23 environmentally preferred attributes and taken a leadership position in promoting their adoption within the health care industry. We call on members, suppliers and other GPOs to standardize their supply chain reporting activity to this single set of attribute language.

Vizient asks suppliers to provide product-level EP attribute data during our request for proposal (RFP) process so that we can share this information via Vizient Catalog. Members can view and filter catalog content according to these attributes during any product search.

Acknowledging that some product categories have unique EP considerations, we also have developed respective attributes for food, food service disposables, chemicals, equipment and more. Refer to vizientinc.com/EPS to learn more about all environmentally preferred attributes.

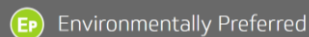
Awards

In 2019, Vizient received the **Supplier Leadership Award** from the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council for leading the standardization of environmentally preferred attributes across the health care sector.

Vizient also represented the health care industry at the invitation-only 2019 **Toxics Reduction Retreat**, where attendees were asked to execute innovative strategies for healthier consumer products across the global community.

Finding EPS products and contracts in Vizient Catalog

Vizient Catalog clearly displays a bright green “EP” icon next to contracts and products that have Environmentally Preferred attributes.



Member advisory council

Our council of experts from member organizations advises and guides Vizient’s EPP strategy — with a focus on identifying, vetting and encouraging the purchase of products and services that reduce harmful environmental and human health impacts in health care, while maintaining quality and affordability.

The **advisory council’s** work includes providing direction on strengthening members’ environmentally preferred purchasing, reviewing and providing feedback on current environmentally preferred sourcing work, prioritizing projects, and developing tools and resources.

To learn more and to apply to be on Vizient’s Environmental Advisory Council, visit vizientinc.com/councils.

EPS briefs

For contracts whose suppliers have submitted product-level EP attribute data, Vizient Catalog contains an EPS brief that summarizes the supplier’s sustainability policy, manufacturing standards, third party environmentally preferred certifications where applicable, life-cycle analysis and more.



To learn more, please contact the Environmentally Preferred Sourcing program team at EPS@vizientinc.com.

EPS Designated Suppliers

In response to member requests, Vizient has an EPS designated portfolio in which the EPS team has vetted environmentally preferred products and services. In order to be considered an EPS Designated Supplier for the category, the supplier agrees to provide a list of products that meet predefined environmentally preferred criteria, report EPS spend separately from conventional spend, and provide proof of third-party certification for environmental standards or scientific documentation to showcase the product or service has no adverse effect to human and environmental health. Vizient Catalog displays “EPS Designated Supplier” for these suppliers. Specific details are outlined in the EPS Designated Supplier brief, available via Vizient Catalog.

Analytics

Environmentally preferred attributes are available to members through DataLYNX. Vizient has the ability to include environmentally preferred attributes with your organization’s reported purchases to create an EPP dashboard. This dashboard offers members an overview of environmentally preferred purchases as well as opportunities for improvement.

The goal of our Environmentally Preferred Sourcing program is to enable our members to better understand reasonable and achievable targets that are financially viable, environmentally sound, health improving and inspiring.

As the nation’s largest member-driven health care performance improvement company, Vizient provides network-powered insights in the critical areas of clinical, operational, and supply chain performance and empowers members to deliver exceptional, cost-effective care.