



SUSTAINABLE
PURCHASING
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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



Circular Economy
Procurement
Learning Circle

How can you get started with circular procurement?



Approaches to circular procurement: *Category*

- Furniture (Dorm, Office, Lab)
- Computing Equipment



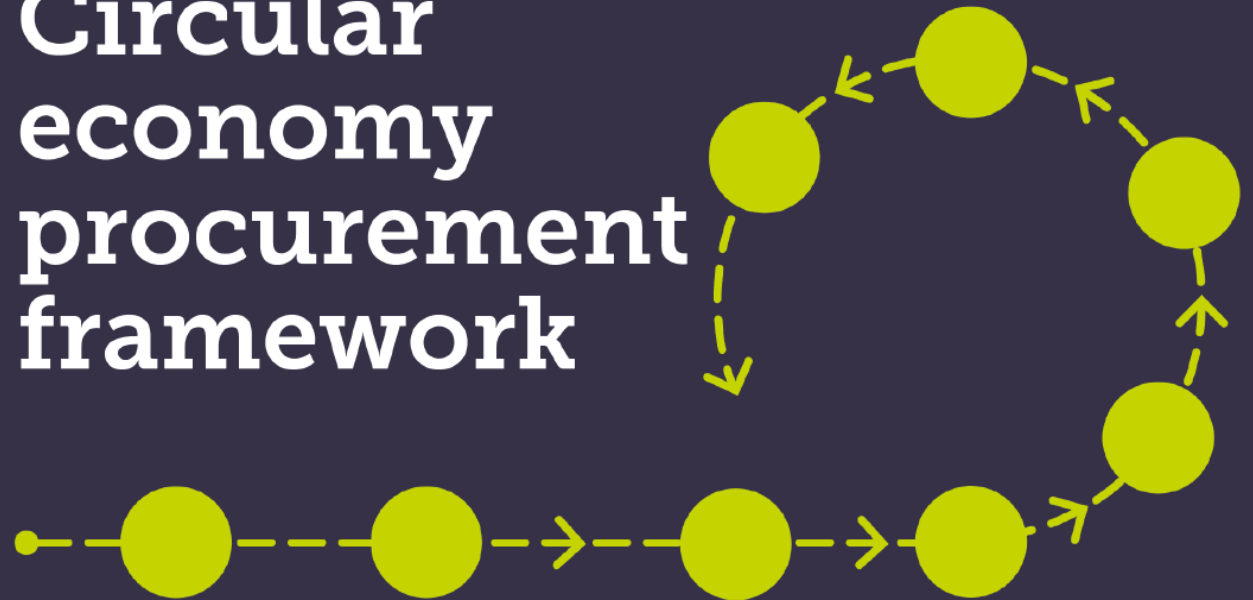
Approaches to circular procurement: *Strategy*

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

CEPLC 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





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