



STARS Steering Committee, AASHE  
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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

Emory has uniquely taken efforts to measure their carbon dioxide emissions by analyzing the carbon footprint of the University's supply chain. Most of higher education, and particularly schools in the Southeast, have not begun to track their entire supply chain emissions (paper products and a few other items are available in the most used tool, the CACP Greenhouse Gas Calculator). You can see listings of public GHG reports here: <http://rs.acupcc.org/stats/complete-ghg/>.

Trucost, a third party consulting firm conducted the inventory. Emory is a member of Trucost's University Partnership which currently has 10 listed members. Information is viewable at: <http://www.trucost.com/university-partnership>.

While they conducted the inventory, Trucost interacted with all of Emory's suppliers, which can push them to calculate their own carbon calculations and could help them understand the environmental impact of their industry. Emory is working towards taking this data and revising their sustainable procurement policies and is a founding member of the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC).

I believe calculating the entire carbon impact of a University's supply chain is an innovative action. I look forward to more schools following in the footsteps of Emory.

Sincerely,

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