

Sustainability Program Element

Corporate/Business Unit

Sustainability Practices Inventory

What are the benefits?



Catalog what actions are currently taken by company employees



Enable identified best practices to be shared across the company



Attach company perspective for identified actions (prioritize them)



Identify gaps where important programs are not in place



Provide mechanism to collect good ideas for new actions



Explore receptiveness for actions that the company might consider

What are the drivers?



Why should you care?

- Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting (idea source)
- Company cost reduction initiatives
- Company risk management (are current programs adequate).



What is a Practices Inventory?

A Practices Inventory is typically developed using key stakeholder interviews and sometimes also a questionnaire. Interviews are conducted with a comprehensive set of probing questions to help insure that actions that may not be recognized as sustainability are actually captured. It may be help to include facility walks as part of the process. It is important to engage all aspects of a company's operations including procurement, operations, IT, legal, human resources, maintenance, construction, environmental, health and safety, administrative and top managers.

The resulting table of actions can then be ranked based on company-specific criteria. This process can be used to support the development of a sustainability plan or to enhance an existing plan.

