The upcoming quarter is an exciting one for the Alliance. Final preparations are being made for the Annual Conference, this year in Scottsdale, Arizona. Our Keynote Speaker, George Basile – Senior Sustainability Scientist, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University – promises to raise your expectations of what will be happening over the next few years in sustainability. He will let us know how to stay informed and be prepared for the next wave of utility industry sustainability developments that will take us through the first half of the 21st century.
Coming Up!

• Supplier Sustainability Survey Interactive Training, Aug 8 & Aug 23, 9-10 AM PST. We encourage all suppliers to attend this valuable session. For the 8th, register here. For the 23rd, register here.

• Supplier Sustainability Survey Launch, Sept 4, Online.

• Utility Purchasing Management Group 2017. September 17-19, Chicago. For more information or to register click here.

• The EUISSCA Sustainable Sourcing Conference, Sept 27-28, Scottsdale, AZ. For more information or to register click here.

• Next Members-Only Planning Meeting: November Member Planning Meeting Dates: Dinner Nov 6th and Member meeting Nov 7th, Hilton St Pete, Florida.

SPLC Recognition
The Alliance received an Outstanding Case Study Award from the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) at their recent event in Denver. The case studies are evaluated by a panel of leading procurement professionals. Chris Peterson, Executive Director of EUISSCA, said of the award "It is a real honor to have the hard work and success of the Alliance and it’s members recognized by a leading group of our peers". You can view the full case study, and those of our fellow winners, on the SPLC case study library here.

PG&E

Congratulations to PG&E for winning an SPLC Leadership Award for Purchasing Innovation. Click here to read the SPLC Press Release or click here to go directly to the the PG&E V-gard Green Hard Hat case.

Member Case Study: DTE Energy

Venus Randle
Senior Supply Chain Manager, Inventory Optimization and Investment Recovery

My role is Senior Supply Chain Manager and I’m a member of the Supply Chain team. I lead our Inventory Optimization and Investment Recovery teams and assumed responsibility for Supply Chain Sustainability in 2015. I joke that I have a relationship with our material from cradle to grave and back to cradle through recycling – the sustainability cycle. Our team is engaged around supply chain sustainability because our company’s goal is to be a Force for Growth and Good in the communities where we live and serve. Our supply chain is an extension of our community and we want them engaged around what’s good and right for the environment.

The sustainability initiative is top down at DTE and that makes my job easier in getting the team fully engaged around it. I regularly communicate and share knowledge at our All Hands Meetings and Practice Sharing Sessions with Supply Chain and the Supplier Performance Management teams. DTE has hosted supplier forums, and we factor sustainability into supplier executive review meetings. I also lead the DTE Supply Chain Sustainability team which was formed this year. This team is made up of volunteers from the organization that
have an interest in learning about supply chain sustainability and furthering our sustainability goals.

DTE Energy is one of the founding members of the Alliance, but it took us a little time to get started formally. We’ve started now. We sent the Alliance’s survey to our suppliers in 2015 for the first time and this year will be our third year in a row.

The benefit and value of the Alliance’s supplier sustainability survey is it helps us pinpoint areas of environmental sustainability improvement for our suppliers.

Click here for entire article.

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**2017 EUISSCA Sustainable Sourcing Conference**

Sustainability is the topic and the agenda is powerful! We have some great sessions and speakers set to make this our most dynamic conference yet. We hope you have already made plans to join us, if not, check out our Conference agenda and start making plans today. The exchange of ideas is critical in maximizing our opportunities to make all our utilities models of sustainability.

Click here for details.  Click here to register.

Keynote Speaker Announced!
We are proud to announce our distinguished Keynote Speaker for the 2017 EUISSCA Sustainable Sourcing Conference, George Basile. George, Senior Sustainability Scientist, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University; Professor of Practice, School of Sustainability; and Chair, Master of Sustainability Solutions Curriculum Committee, School of Sustainability will update our members on the state of sustainability now and what needs to happen next. Bring a notebook. You will want to take notes!

Construction Services Voluntary Standard Public Comment

Our members have developed a new voluntary standard! The Construction Services Voluntary Standard covers successful practices in Jobsite Repackaging, Recycling and Waste, Materials Handling, and more. The document will be available for public comment via our website starting in mid-July. We appreciate your input and feedback on the newest voluntary standard. Click here for the document.

Annual Supplier Sustainability Survey

The annual EUISSCA Supplier Sustainability Survey will be launching September 4th, 2017. Please join us for an interactive training about the survey and questions, scorecard overview, and a live demo of the Ecodesk platform. Please register for one of the two training sessions below.

August 8th, 2017 9-10 AM PST. Register here:

August 23rd, 2017 9-10 AM PST. Register here:

Please share and invite anyone who would find the session beneficial. If you are no longer the individual who will be responding to the survey, please forward this email on to the appropriate individual and copy the sender.

Note: Not all suppliers are required or invited to participate in the annual survey process. Feel free to contact your utility customer(s) if you have specific questions about your
Practice Sharing Update

The Alliance hosts practice sharing calls where members or suppliers present new or existing practices from their organizations that advance sustainability across a wide array of utility supply chain areas.

Here are some examples of sessions we have hosted this quarter:

**May 2017: EUISSCA Survey Summary and Use**

The Alliance distributes an annual Supplier Sustainability Survey to gauge the environmental performance maturity of its Members' suppliers. During this webinar, an overview of the survey, its use for Suppliers and Members, as well as high level 2016 results were shared.

**June 2017: Environmentally Responsible Options for Handling Waste Oils**

In the June Practice Sharing Session, Hydrodec presented on their proprietary technology process solution that offers utilities an environmentally friendly alternative to incinerating used and/or contaminated transformer waste oil. Hydrodec's sustainable process consumes 67% less energy and it provides reduced life cycle costs. Utilities can also leverage this process to implement a sustainable “closed loop” in which used and/or contaminated waste oils are “hydro-treated” used again in transformers.

To view these recorded webinars, visit our website and log in or register if you are not currently a registered user.

**Next:**

**August 15th, 2017 at 2pm Eastern: Okonite: Renewable Energy Procurement**

In our next practice sharing call, Okonite will share a summary of their journey to renewable energy procurement. The process; assessments; pros and cons; as well as, stakeholders involved make for a pretty compelling case study. In short, Okonite is approaching this as a critical strategy for the long term management of costs. Specifically, as a hedge against the slow rise in energy tariffs over time, and price volatility, which they have witnessed in the regions they manufacture in. Further, Okonite is seeing rising scrutiny of, and reporting requirements for, carbon emissions. From an environmental perspective, moving to renewables is - almost always - the single most impactful step any supplier can take to address climate change within their operations. Comparatively, energy efficiency is usually a distant second. A massively salient topic to the EUISSCA mission, its suppliers and
Register now for the EUISSCA August Practice Sharing Webinar [here](#)!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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