

Appendix G. Sustainability

PaintCare is working to create achievable environmental sustainability goals that reflect its desire to model leadership in environmental sustainability. A component of PaintCare's sustainability efforts is understanding and trying to reduce the environmental impact associated with administration of the PaintCare Program. This document requests information pertaining to Bidders sustainability efforts, and imposes requirements on Service Providers, in focus areas that are significant to PaintCare, including greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.

Commitment to Environmental Sustainability

Bidder should provide any information which demonstrates commitment to implementing environmental sustainability principles in both operations and extended value chain. Where available, Bidder must provide a copy of, or website address to, its most recent sustainability report specific to the company or division submitting the Bid.

If Bidder does not have a sustainability report available, it should provide an explanation as to the reasons for not having a sustainability report. In addition, such a Bidder should provide specific verifiable information on internal sustainability initiatives implemented over the previous three years including but not limited to low-emission vehicle purchases or retrofits, energy efficient equipment upgrades, waste reuse/reduction/recycling improvements, green purchasing and contracting, renewable energy installations, or other sustainability-related efforts.

Bidder should also describe near-term sustainability goals and planned expenditures that may directly benefit PaintCare. Any Contract resulting from this RFP process will require a Service Provider to submit an annual report detailing any updates to the applicable sustainability report and/or specific verifiable information on internal sustainability initiatives commenced or implemented in the immediately preceding year. Such report will be provided in a format acceptable to PaintCare; PaintCare will work with individual Service Providers to develop an appropriate reporting mechanism.

SmartWay Transport®¹ Participation

Consistent with our commitment to environmental sustainability, PaintCare plans to join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SmartWay Transport® Partnership (the SmartWay Program) as an Affiliate. The SmartWay Program works collaboratively with freight shippers and their carriers, transport providers, and logistics partners to help reduce emissions associated with freight transport. It is intended to empower businesses to move freight in the cleanest, most energy-efficient way possible. It provides shippers and carriers with the tools and support needed to track, document, and share information about transport modes, equipment, and operational strategies that can reduce fuel use and emissions across the supply chain.

PaintCare is committed to examining the transportation network that supports the PaintCare Program, including tracking and, where feasible, encouraging reductions in associated GHG emissions. We seek committed vendors willing to join us in this important initiative.

¹ "SmartWay Transport®" is a registered service mark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any Contract resulting from this RFP process will require a Service Provider to register as an EPA SmartWay Transport Carrier Partner within two years from the date of Contract execution and remain in good standing for the term of such Contract. SmartWay Transport Carrier Partners must submit data annually to EPA to remain a partner in good standing and are listed on the SmartWay Program website as a Partner. After registration, Service Providers must demonstrate annually that they remain a partner in good standing to PaintCare's satisfaction.

More information on the SmartWay Program and participation is available at www.epa.gov/smartway. SmartWay Program highlights from 2022 are available at www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-02/420f23007.pdf.

GHG Emissions Reporting

State and Federal Government Efforts Aimed at Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reporting

In addition to PaintCare's desire to reduce the environmental impact associated with administration of the PaintCare Program, there are various state and federal government efforts underway aimed at GHG emissions reporting and the landscape is rapidly changing. Recently, California passed the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (SB 253) as part of a broader state climate accountability package designed to improve corporate climate accountability and environmental impact disclosure among large companies doing business in California. California SB 253 requires public and private companies doing business in California to disclose direct GHG emissions (Scope 1) and indirect GHG emissions from purchased electricity and other forms of energy (Scope 2) beginning in 2026 and indirect emissions from upstream and downstream activities in a company's value chain (Scope 3) beginning in 2027. However, implementing regulations are to be drafted and the content and required information is currently unknown.

PaintCare seeks to proactively position itself to collect GHG emissions data associated with the PaintCare Program in accordance with existing and future GHG emissions reporting requirements and seeks Service Providers that will work collaboratively with PaintCare in support of the same.

Consistent with the above, any Contract(s) resulting from this RFP process will require Service Provider to submit GHG emissions reporting related to the PaintCare Program as requested by PaintCare. At a minimum, the GHG emissions reporting will enable PaintCare to collect accurate GHG emissions reporting information from Services Providers that complies with applicable GHG emissions reporting laws/regulations and any sustainability goals developed by PaintCare, including but not limited to facility energy consumption and fleet data (see below). The exact requirements and data parameters may change as new laws and regulations regarding emissions disclosure are promulgated. In addition, if Service Provider enters into a Drop-off Site contract with PaintCare similar reporting requirements may be applicable to that agreement as well. PaintCare reserves the right to modify the data requests and the report forms.

Facility Energy Consumption

At a minimum, Service Provider will be required to submit reports detailing the total amount of all energy consumed (including the energy source/fuel type and purpose of consumption) in the

performance of that Contract. Service Provider will be required to submit reporting detailing the total amount of all energy consumed (including the energy source/fuel type and purpose of consumption) by Service Provider for (i) each Processing Facility and (ii) each Sorting Facility utilized by Service Provider in fulfilling its obligations under the Contract, including a reasonable estimate of the percentage of time each is dedicated to handling, sorting or processing PaintCare Products.

As part of any permitted subcontract under a Transportation and Processing Agreement, the Service Provider will be responsible for ensuring that any subcontractor is aware of and complies with all the terms and conditions set forth in the Transportation and Processing Agreement that apply to the services being rendered by that subcontractor, including any reporting obligations.

Any Contract resulting from this RFP process will require a Service Provider to submit a report using the template shown in figure 1 below or an alternative format as PaintCare makes updates from time to time.

Vendor Facility Energy Consumption Report Form

INSTRUCTIONS – Complete the form and submit it to Steve Pincuspy and Fred Gabriel by clicking link below:
[Click here to email form!](#)

Reporting Year

Facility #1

Facility type [select]
 City, State
 Zipcode

Company Name
 Example Inc.

PaintCare States Serviced (enter all that apply)
 Example: CO, IL

Number of facilities you operate that manage PaintCare materials
 10

NOTE: Changing the number above will create additional Facility Forms in the columns to the right.

Energy Source/Fuel Type	Units	Provide a description, or reason, for this energy consumption (e.g. heat, specific equipment, lighting, etc.)
Electricity	[select]	
Natural gas	[select]	
Fuel (gasoline)	[select]	
Fuel (diesel)	[select]	
Fuel (propane)	[select]	
Amount of coal	[select]	
[Other fuel - please type it in this box]	[select]	

Percentage of facility time allocated to PaintCare

Figure 1. PaintCare Vendor Facility Energy Consumption Report Form

Fleet Data

At a minimum, Service Provider will be required to provide annual fleet data related to provision of services to PaintCare that will help PaintCare establish transportation GHG emissions reporting. This data includes, but may not be limited to, count of vehicle types servicing PaintCare, including primary fuel or energy source; facility address where the vehicles are located; total miles driven to service PaintCare for each vehicle type, and total weight of PaintCare materials transported per vehicle type. PaintCare will work with individual Service Provider(s) to develop an appropriate reporting format and mechanism.

Fee for the Annual Sustainability Reports

The reporting requirements referenced above under the headings “Commitment to Environmental Sustainability,” “SmartWay Transport® Participation,” and “GHG Emissions Reporting,” collectively referred to here as the “Annual Sustainability Reports,” will be built into any Contract resulting from this RFP process. In recognition that the Annual Sustainability Reports will impose an administrative burden, Bidder shall propose a lump-sum total, annual Sustainability Reporting Services fee within Appendix C. Pricing.

Sustainability Questions for Bidders

1. Does your company publish a regular sustainability report?
Check Yes or No
2. If you answered “Yes” in Question 1, please provide a website address or indicate in the space below how you will transmit that report to PaintCare. If “No,” please provide sufficient details in the space below as to why you do not have a sustainability report.
3. If you answered “No” in Question 1, please provide in the space below verifiable information on the internal sustainability initiatives you have implemented over the previous three years. If you answered “Yes” please skip to Question 4.
4. Are there near-term sustainability goals and/or related planned expenditures that may directly benefit or assist PaintCare? Please describe them below.
5. Do you have a route tracking or other system in place that can provide total miles driven on a per customer basis? Check Yes or No
6. Is your company a registered EPA SmartWay Transport Carrier Partner? Check Yes or No
7. If you answered Yes in Question 5, what are the grams of CO₂ per ton-mile or grams of CO₂ per mile ranking categories in the SmartWay performance rankings listing for your most recent year (indicate year please)?
 - a. Grams of CO₂ per ton-mile rating (e.g., category 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5):

- b. Grams of CO₂ per mile rating (e.g., category 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5):
8. If you answered “No” in Question 5, what is your fleet-wide average miles per gallon (MPG) in gasoline gallon equivalents (GGE)? Please describe how you calculated this number, including calculations for diesel, gasoline and alternative fuel vehicles (such as electric, hybrid, bio-diesel, natural gas, hydrogen or other non-conventional fuel type).^{2, 3}
9. In the space below, please provide contact information for the primary contact responsible for compliance with PaintCare’s sustainability reporting requirements.

² <https://grcc.us/measuring-fuels-understanding-and-using-gasoline-gallon-equivalents/> provides an explanation of what GGE means and how to use them. Accessed December 15, 2023.

³ <https://epact.energy.gov/fuel-conversion-factors> provides conversion factors for various fuel types in vehicles to GGE. Accessed December 15, 2023.