### **Aggregating Demand**

### Shifting the Market towards Sustainable Materials

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# **Green Harvest Technologies**

- Green Harvest is a Social Mission Company
- We create bio-based plastic consumer products for the outdoor, family and baby, food and beverage, and health and wellness markets. First product – A biobased reusable water bottle.

Corporation

standard for social and environmental performance.

- We work with manufacturers to incorporate sustainable biobased plastics and materials into their products.
- We initiate and work with sustainability initiatives for biomaterials and bioplastics

#### Stakeholder Engagement



#### Green Chemistry Research & Development



#### Market Transformation





Sustainable Materials Economy Policies

**Procurement** 

**Regional Economic & Workforce Development**  Guidelines, Purchasing Specs. & Certification



### Purchasing or Shared Services Cooperatives

Cooperatives whose members are other businesses or public entities which join together to increase the performance and competitiveness of their organizations.

# Purchasing/Shared Services Co-ops

- negotiating prices with vendors
- purchasing of supplies or inputs for the business
- offering private labeling or branding of products
- purchasing items for resale
- providing joint advertising and marketing
- providing joint delivery services for products
- contracting for services on behalf of members
- providing or contracting for insurance, health care, or other benefits
- warehousing products for members
- offering training and educational activities

## **Sectors using Cooperatives**

- Health Care
- School districts
- Independent pharmacies
- Fast-food restaurants
- Businesses providing day-care
- Independent hardware retailers





#### Group Purchasing Organizations Consorta



Premier

- Amerinet
- MedAssets
- Broadlane

Novation

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing in Health Care

### Sustainable Life Cycle Thinking





#### No toxic manufacture

Emission free use & maintenance



Clean refine or repolymerize



Recycle or grow with sustainable agriculture



**Compost or collect** 

## Plastics Environmental Preference Spectrum



#### Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative Sustainable Bioplastics Guidelines

#### **Steps to Best Practice**



As You Sow | Center for Health, Environment and Justice | Clean **Production Action \* Environmental Health** Fund |Green Harvest **Technologies | Health** Care Without Harm | Healthy Building Network Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy \* | Institute for Local Self-Reliance\* | Lowell Center for Sustainable Production \* | Sustainable Research Group | Pure Strategies | **RecycleWorld Consulting** Science & **Environmental Health** Network | Seventh **Generation** | National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture \* Steering committee

#### **Feedstock Production**

- Eliminate use of key hazardous chemicals of concern
- Use of Non GMOs (or offset program)
- Sustainable farm practices
- Reduce impacts of energy use

#### **Processing and Manufacturing**

- Reduce impacts of energy use
- Avoid problematic blends and additives and encourage recycling
- Maximize process safety and minimize hazardous emissions
- Protect workers
- Create durables



### **Product Distribution and Use**

- Reduce quantity used
- Avoid unhealthy exposures
- Create opportunities for sustainability education
- Label material content
- Prefer local

### **End of Product Life**

- Closed loop recyclable and/or for compostable
- Create reusables



### Business-NGO Working Group for Safer Chemicals & Sustainable Materials

#### Participants, including:

Businesses: Dell, HP, Consorta, Nike, Interface, Whole Foods, Kaiser Permanente, United Technologies

- Market Campaigns: Health Care, Safe Cosmetics Campaign, Computer Take Back, Investors, Healthy Building Network
- Developing Purchasing specifications Working with Sustainable Bioplastics Guidelines



## Choosing Environmentally Preferable Food Service Ware



Reusable and Sustainable Biobased Products

#### HCWH Food Service Ware Materials: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Hierarchy

Preference Hierarchy	Criteria
Most Preferred	Reusable
More Preferred	Biobased products - Beyond Baseline
Preferred	Biobased products - <b>Baseline</b> Sustainability Criteria
Less Preferred	Biobased products (do not meet sustainability criteria)
Least Preferred	Fossil fuel & disposable

# **Aggregated Demand Initiative**

- Model new type and degree of collaboration
- Make the business case for market transformation
- Craft a "transition agenda"
- Align purchasing criteria across sectors
- Share information
- Identify and facilitate common research & development projects
- Make group purchases
- Cooperate on end-of-life strategies

## NatureWorks

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