



2017 National Co+op Grocers Climate Collaborative Awards Nomination Form: Outstanding Value Chain Engagement Award

Thank you for your interest in the inaugural National Co+op Grocers Climate Collaborative Awards. These awards give Climate Collaborative committed companies a platform for recognizing leaders in the natural products industry as well as the opportunity to be recognized for their own accomplishments. We hope the awards inspire leaders and companies toward greater ambition in their climate action!

You can learn more about the awards qualifications, process and timeline on the Climate Collaborative's website [here](#).

Award Categories

There are three award categories: Outstanding Company, Outstanding Value Chain Engagement, and Outstanding Influencer. Please find details on each award below.

- a. **Outstanding Company:** Awarded to brands, retailers or other companies that have demonstrated best practice, rapid progress on climate action, and/or a new approach to climate change management. Only Climate Collaborative committed companies are eligible for this award.
- b. **Outstanding Value Chain Engagement:** Awarded to brands, retailers, or other companies that are demonstrating best practice and ambition in climate action in a particular area across the value chain, from sourcing and supplier engagement to consumers. Only Climate Collaborative committed companies are eligible for this award.
- c. **Outstanding Influencer:** Awarded to a key company, organization or individual that has taken substantial action to help the industry act on climate change. Nominees do not need to be affiliated with a Climate Collaborative committed company.

How to Make a Nomination for the Outstanding Value Chain Engagement Award

To be eligible for this award, companies must make at least three commitments to action through the Climate Collaborative, and must be willing to demonstrate meaningful and quantifiable climate impacts in at least one commitment area. A company may self-nominate or be nominated by others. To nominate a company, please fill out and return this form to info@climatecollaborative.com.

Award nominations are due no later than Friday, December 29, 2017.

1. Please provide your contact information:

Name: _____
Company name: _____
Title: _____
Email address: _____
Phone number: _____

2. Please provide contact information for the nominee:

Company name: _____
Primary contact (sustainability contact preferred): _____
Title: _____
Email address: _____
Physical address: _____
Website: _____
Phone number: _____
Secondary contact (marketing or C-suite preferred): _____
Secondary contact title: _____
Secondary contact email: _____

3. Please identify the category that best applies to the nominee, if applicable:

- Retailer
- Brand
- Distributor
- Other (Please specify): _____

4. What is the nominated company's annual revenue? (Note: This answer can be an estimate)

- Less than \$30 million in annual revenue
- \$30 million-\$300 million in annual revenue
- More than \$300 million in annual revenue

5. Has the company made at least three commitments through the Climate Collaborative? (All company commitments are available at http://www.climatecollaborative.com/take_action)

Yes

Which commitments?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Forests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-lived climate pollutants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

6. RETAILERS ONLY: How many retail locations are managed by the nominated retailer?
- 1-3 stores
 - 4+ stores
7. Is the nominee willing to share their climate story publicly via the Climate Collaborative website, at Expo West and via other platforms?
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

Documentation for Outstanding Value Chain Engagement Nominations

Please select at least one criterion that identifies the actions the nominated company has implemented toward its Climate Collaborative commitments:

1. The company has worked with suppliers or through sourcing to:
 - a. integrate carbon farming into agricultural supply chain, or
 - b. reduce/eliminate commodity-driven deforestation from supply chain, or
 - c. engage packaging or transportation providers in reducing their impacts
2. The company has set goals and initiated actions to:
 - a. reduce the life-cycle impact of their product or packaging, or
 - b. create a bold message to consumers on climate issues through package or website information, social media or in advertising and other communications

Please attach documentation describing the progress that the nominated company has made toward its goals in detail, using verified or documented evidence, where possible. Examples of evidence could include internal reports or data, or information or scores from sustainability reports submitted to third-party organizations that demonstrate the company's actions and quantifiable positive impacts in the area(s) selected. Submissions must be limited to 300 words or less.

Next Steps

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the National Co-op Grocers Climate Collaborative Awards. Award recipients will be notified no later than February 23, 2018, and will be celebrated at an awards ceremony during [Climate Day 2018 at Expo West](#). The Climate Collaborative and NCG will also profile recipients through a press release, social media, and other communications around the awards announcement at Expo West.