

## The IWLA Sustainable Logistics Initiative

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## The Practice of Sustainability

- Planet
- People
- Profits











## Translating it into the 'Box'

- Environmental Responsibility Planet
  - Electrical consumption
  - Fuel consumption
  - Water consumption
  - Recycling
- Social Responsibility People
  - Community service
  - Employee safety
- \$\$\$ Profit
  - Savings from technology and efficiencies
  - Savings from operational excellence









#### The IWLA Sustainable Logistics Initiative

- What is the IWLA Sustainable Logistics Initiative (SLI)?
  - SLI background
  - Continuous-improvement sustainability assessment tool
  - Individual facility focused
  - Measure per-facility, year-over-year improvement
  - Independently verified
    - Essential to overcome "greenwashing" perception/claims
- Objectives:
  - Improve IWLA 3PL-member sustainability practices by providing a standardized metric and benchmark to measure improvements both environmentally and socially.
  - Chart, recognize and verify self improvement.







## SLI Process – Participant Steps

- Enter data into the IWLA website on each facility's sustainability indicators.
  - Data points include: energy usage, recycling quantity, water consumption, safety statistics, etc.
  - Data becomes the baseline for each indicator.
- 2. Set improvement targets for each facility and each indicator.
- 3. Attend educational seminars on sustainability improvement strategies & techniques.
- 4. Implement improvement targets.
- 5. Measure results against targets.
  - Note: Recent changes in facility operational profile will be accommodated.
- 6. Report improvement results biannually via the IWLA website.

**Independent Verification** 







## SLI Process – Independent Verification

- Independent verification is the key. Otherwise risk "greenwashing"
- SLI participant data are reviewed and verified by IWLA's independent verification contractor, the Sustainable Supply Chain Foundation (SSCF).
- SSCF verifies per-facility sustainability baseline, based on supporting data analysis.
- SSCF verifies improvement program results, based on supporting data analysis.







#### Who Is SSCF?

- Sustainable Supply Chain Foundation:
  - SSCF is a neutral, third-party verifier of supply-chain sustainability programs.
  - SSCF conducts research related to supply-chain sustainability with the Supply Chain Management Center, Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland.
  - SSCF identifies and assesses best practices, metrics, and emerging technologies that advance supply-chain sustainability.

(www.sustainable-scf.org)







## SLI – Important Notes

- SLI assessments are not cross-industry comparative or cross-company comparative.
  - Instead, they provide the baseline for continuous improvement internal to each participating facility.
- IWLA-SLI website/data entry:
  - User friendly, easy to complete
  - No heavy administrative burden
  - Low cost to participate
  - Strict facility data confidentiality maintained at all times by IWLA







# Sustainable Logistics Initiative Program Details







#### **SLI Environmental Indicators**



#### **Electrical Usage**

Metric = electricity kW/h per square foot/operational hours or FTEs hours (annual)

(dry, refrigerated, conveyor, light manufacturing)



### Recycling

Metric = annual lbs./tons paper/cardboard, plastic and wood packaging waste/facility sq. ft.







#### **SLI Environmental Indicators**



#### **Liquid Fuel Usage**

Metric = annual propane BTUs used by number of forklift hours



#### **Water Consumption**

Metric = gallons per facility square/FTE - hour (refrigerated versus dry)

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## Social Responsibility Indicators



#### **Employee Safety**

Metric = OSHA 300 Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR)



#### **Community Service**

Metric = facility community service participation A partnership with ALAN, financial, in-kind and personnel contributions to ALAN satisfy this indicator.

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## **SLI Value Proposition**

What is SLI's value proposition – for IWLA members AND their customers?

- Your customers current and potential
- Your bottom line
- Your investors
- Your industry leadership role
- Your brand
- Your people
- Environmental stewardship
- "Keeping the regulator from the door"
- Continuous improvement/operational excellence
- GSA and DoD requirements largest purchasers of 3PL services in the United States

other supply chain organizations, including those whose members maintain proprietary warehousing facilities.







#### Thank You



