

Glossary of CalSTRS Associations

The list below provides a glossary of the organizations that CalSTRS partners with to achieve our sustainability-related goals for the broader Enterprise and for the Investments Branch. They illustrate staff’s access to a wide range of organizations providing diverse opportunities for partnership.

As can be seen from the descriptions, certain organizations are uniquely focused on sustainability, or a specific sustainability issue, while others have a broader mandate, with a certain sustainability-focused sub-program or initiative. The role that they play in creating sustainability-focused change is also broad. Some provide research, analysis and standards, while others offer collaborative engagement and/or education and learning opportunities.

During the April offsite discussion, staff will highlight many of CalSTRS’ key strategic partners from this list, which is intended as a broader reference and navigation guide.

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100 Women in Finance

<https://100women.org/about-us/>

100 Women in Finance is a global organization committed to gender equity in finance by promoting diversity, raising visibility, and empowering women to find their personal path to success. We connect women at every career stage, including pre-career, to a global network of people and resources.

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Alternative Investment Forum

AIF

<https://aifglobal.org/our-mission-and-approach/>

AIF is an independent economic think tank focusing on institutional investment policy. Its mission is to foster the exchange of best ideas, practices and information among institutional asset owners globally to help them achieve their investment objectives.

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Amazon (Amazon Web Services)

AWS

<https://aws.amazon.com>

Amazon is committed to building a sustainable business for its customers and the planet, while also serving as a catalyst, sending signals to the market to drive a faster transition to a low-carbon economy. Amazon and its cloud services, Amazon Web Services (AWS), has become one of the key partners in recent years that enable CalSTRS to continue fulfilling various cloud initiatives under the CalSTRS' Cloud-First enterprise strategy.

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Asian Corporate Governance Association

ACGA

<https://www.acga-asia.org/who-we-are.php>

An independent, non-profit membership organization dedicated to working with investors, companies and regulators in the implementation of effective corporate governance practices throughout Asia.

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Bloomberg

<https://www.bloomberg.com/company/>

Bloomberg is a business and markets news, data, analysis company. The Bloomberg US Index Advisory Council shapes fixed income indexes/benchmarks. It has covered Green Bonds and ESG-related factors.

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Broadridge

<https://www.broadridge.com/about/>

The Independent Steering Committee of Broadridge is an independent oversight body charged with monitoring the performance, voting accuracy and readiness of Broadridge, and its predecessor, in conducting the U.S. proxy system on behalf of the nation's banks and brokers. The Committee is organized from within the securities industry with the encouragement of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and consists exclusively of persons who are neither current nor former employees of Broadridge. The members represent the four industry groups involved in the proxy process, namely issuers, institutional investors, brokers and custodian banks.

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

<https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/about-us/>

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre is an international non-governmental organization that tracks the human rights impacts of companies across the globe.

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California Association of Public Retirement Systems

CALAPRS

<https://www.calaprs.org/page/about>

CALAPRS sponsors educational forums for sharing information and exchanging ideas among trustees and staff of California public retirement systems to enhance their ability to administer public pension plan benefits and manage investments consistent with their fiduciary responsibility.

CALAPRS carries out its mission through an annual conference called the General Assembly, round table meetings for discussion of topics of interest, the annual Principles of Pension Governance courses for Trustees, the Overview, Intermediate, and Advanced Staff Training, Disability Staff Training, and the Management/Supervisory Academy.

The Round Tables groups are: Trustees, Administrators, Benefits staff, Accountants, Administrative Assistants, Attorneys, Investment Officers, Communications, and Information Technology staff of the member public retirement systems in California.

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California Investors for Effective Board Diversity

CI4EBD

<https://www.calstrs.com/past-calstrs-engagements> See First Quarter 2021 for details.

The group known as the California Investors for Effective Board Diversity is an engagement coalition whose members include CalPERS, LACERA, SFERS, and CalSTRS. Together, these California-based pension plans work to increase diverse director representation on U.S. company boards and encourage clear guidance in targeted companies' corporate governance policies addressing diversity in board refreshment and recruitment practices.

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California Teachers Association

CTA

<https://www.cta.org/about-us>

CTA represents 325,000 educators (1,100 local chapters) in California's public schools and colleges. Members include teachers, counselors, psychologists, librarians, education support professionals and other non-supervisory certificated personnel. CTA is the largest statewide affiliate of the National Education Association (NEA).

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California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

CalRecycle

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/AboutUs/>

CalRecycle brings together the state's recycling and waste management programs and continues a tradition of environmental stewardship.

Through landmark initiatives like the Integrated Waste Management Act and Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, California works toward a society that uses less, recycles more, and takes resource conservation to higher and higher levels. Our state leads the nation with an approximate 65 percent diversion rate for all materials, and today recycling supports more than 140,000 green jobs in California.

CalRecycle's vision is to inspire and challenge Californians to achieve the highest waste reduction, recycling and reuse goals in the nation. Through innovation and creativity, sound advancements in science and technology, and efficient programs that improve economic vitality and environmental sustainability, we build a stronger California.

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CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project)

<https://www.cdp.net/en/info/about-us>

CDP is a not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts. The world's economy looks to CDP as the gold standard of environmental reporting with the richest and most comprehensive dataset on corporate and city action.

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Ceres

<https://www.ceres.org/about-us>

Ceres is a nonprofit organization transforming the economy to build a just and sustainable future for people and the planet. We work with the most influential capital market leaders to solve the world's greatest sustainability challenges. Through our powerful networks and global collaborations of investors, companies and nonprofits, we drive action and inspire equitable market-based and policy solutions throughout the economy.

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CFA Society Sacramento

<https://www.cfasociety.org/sacramento/Pages/MissionandVision.aspx>

CFA Society Sacramento's mission is to promote the highest ethical and professional standards by offering educational and career development programs and networking opportunities to our members, the investment community and key constituents in the Sacramento region.

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Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association

CAIA

<https://caia.org/about-caia>

The CAIA Association is a global professional body dedicated to creating greater alignment, transparency, and knowledge for all investors, with a specific emphasis on alternative investments. A Member-driven organization representing professionals in more than 100 countries, CAIA Association advocates for the highest ethical standards.

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Chartered Financial Analyst Institute

CFA Institute

<https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/about>

CFA Institute is the global association of investment professionals that sets the standard for professional excellence and credentials. The organization is a champion of ethical behavior in investment markets and a respected source of knowledge in the global financial community. Our aim is to create an environment where investors' interests come first, markets function at their best, and economies grow.

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Climate Action 100+

<https://www.climateaction100.org/about/>

Climate Action 100+ is an investor-led initiative to ensure the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters take necessary action on climate change. More than 615 investors, responsible for over \$65 trillion in assets under management, are engaging companies on improving climate change governance, cutting emissions and strengthening climate-related financial disclosures.

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Climate Bonds Initiative

<https://www.climatebonds.net/about>

Climate Bonds Initiative is an international, investor-focused not-for-profit. We're the only organization working solely on mobilizing the \$100 trillion bond market for climate change solutions. We achieve this through the development of the Climate Bonds Standard and Certification Scheme, Policy Engagement and Market Intelligence work. We empower our Partner organizations with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate, influence, and instigate change.

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Council for Inclusive Capitalism

<https://www.inclusivecapitalism.com/about/>

The Council for Inclusive Capitalism is a global movement of leaders doing business in ways that benefit people, our communities, and the planet. We invite global business leaders—whether of a small community business or international conglomerate—to join us and put forth commitments to enlightened business actions necessary for the fairer, more dynamic economies and societies we need. We are mobilizing the private sector to create a more inclusive, sustainable, and trusted economic system. Capitalism lifts people out of poverty and powers global innovation and growth. But to address growing inequality and climate change in the 21st century, capitalism must adapt. We need new ideas and bold leadership. When our members take

action and work together, we have the ability to advance market moving reforms. Collectively, our efforts can reshape the way capitalism works to improve the lives of people across the globe.

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Council of Institutional Investors

CII

<https://www.cii.org/about>

The Council of Institutional Investors is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of U.S. public, corporate and union employee benefit funds, other employee benefit plans, state and local entities charged with investing public assets, and foundations and endowments with combined assets under management of approximately \$4 trillion. Our member funds include major long-term shareowners with a duty to protect the retirement savings of millions of workers and their families, including public pension funds with more than 15 million participants – true “Main Street” investors through their pension funds. Our associate members include non-U.S. asset owners with about \$4 trillion in assets, and a range of asset managers with more than \$35 trillion in assets under management. CII is a leading voice for effective corporate governance, strong shareowner rights and sensible financial regulations that foster fair, vibrant capital markets. CII promotes policies that enhance long-term value for U.S. institutional asset owners and their beneficiaries.

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Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales du Nord (School of Higher Education in Business Administration from the North)

EDHEC

<https://www.edhec.edu/en/why-edhec>

As an independent higher education establishment and a not-for-profit association under France’s Law of 1901, EDHEC has developed a method of governance open to the world and its ecosystem.

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Employee Benefit Research Institute

EBRI

<https://www.ebri.org/about>

A nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization created in 1978 for the purpose of contributing to sound employee benefit programs and public policy through independent, objective, fact-based research and education.

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Energy Star

<https://www.energystar.gov/about?s=mega>

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including nearly 40% of the Fortune 500®—partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions that protect the climate while improving air quality and protecting public health. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped American families and businesses save 5 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity, avoid more than \$450 billion in energy costs, and achieve 4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. Over the lifetime of the program, every dollar EPA has spent on ENERGY STAR resulted in \$350 in energy cost savings for American business and households. In 2019 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans save nearly 500 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and avoid \$39 billion in energy costs.

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Equinix

<https://equinix.com>

Equinix is an American multinational company headquartered in California. It is a leader that specializes in Internet connection and data centers, with 229 data centers in 27 countries on five continents. Equinix is one of the key partners in the CalSTRS' current Data Center Hosting and Migration Services (DHMS) project. Once the DHMS project is complete, Equinix will be the primary partner that provides data center hosting services to CalSTRS. Equinix has the Future First strategy that aligns its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives to the material issues that impact its stakeholders, business and the world. Its ambitions align with six United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs.)

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Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

FINRA

<https://www.finra.org/about>

FINRA is a government-authorized not-for-profit organization that oversees U.S. broker-dealers.

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Forrester

<https://www.forrester.com/about-us/>

Forrester helps business and technology leaders use customer obsession to accelerate growth. That means empowering you to put the customer at the center of everything you do: your leadership, strategy, and operations. Becoming a customer-obsessed organization requires

change — it requires being bold. We give business and technology leaders the confidence to put bold into action, shaping and guiding how to navigate today’s unprecedented change in order to succeed.

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FTSE Russell

<https://www.ftserussell.com/about-us>

FTSE Russell is a global provider of benchmarks, analytics, and data with industry-leading capabilities across asset classes, styles, and strategies.

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Gartner

<https://www.gartner.com/en/about>

Gartner delivers actionable, objective insight to executives and their teams. Their expert guidance and tools enable faster, smarter decisions and stronger performance on an organization’s most critical priorities. Gartner has over 40 years of experience providing insights and expert guidance to clients enterprises worldwide. Gartner works with businesses in more than 100 countries.

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Girls Who Invest

<https://www.girlswhoinvest.org/our-story>

A non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in portfolio management and executive leadership in the asset management industry.

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Global Association of Risk Professionals

GARP

<https://www.garp.org/about>

Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) helps the world make better informed risk decisions. We educate and inform risk professionals at all levels, from those beginning their careers in risk to those leading risk programs at the largest financial institutions across the globe, to regulators that govern them.

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GRESB (Formerly Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark)

<https://gresb.com/nl-en/about-us/>

GRESB is a mission-driven and industry-led organization that provides actionable and transparent environmental, social and governance (ESG) data to financial markets. We collect, validate, score and benchmark ESG data to provide business intelligence, engagement tools and regulatory reporting solutions for investors, asset managers and the wider industry.

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Global Investor Governance Network

GIGN

GIGN is a networking forum of approximately 22 global institutional investors that meet monthly via telephone conference to discuss ESG issues and other issues affecting the institutional investor community. GIGN is co-chaired by Florida State Board Administration and CalSTRS. While our leadership is U.S.-based, our participants are located globally, with a heavy concentration in the U.K.

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Global Reporting Initiative

GRI

<https://www.globalreporting.org/about-gri/>

GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) is the independent, international organization that helps businesses and other organizations take responsibility for their impacts, by providing them with the global common language to communicate those impacts. We provide the world's most widely used standards for sustainability reporting—the GRI Standards.

The GRI secretariat is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and we have a network of seven regional hubs ensuring we can support organizations and stakeholders worldwide.

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Government Finance Officers Association

GFOA

<https://www.gfoa.org/about>

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance.

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GreenBiz

<https://www.greenbiz.com/about-us>

GreenBiz Group is a media and events company that accelerates the just transition to a clean economy. Through events that galvanize, stories that amplify, peer networks that bond and industry-leading analysis, we define markets and advance opportunities at the intersection of business, technology and sustainability. We are a passionate team of people that builds and empowers communities to confront the threats of climate change and solve the thorniest challenges of our time.

GreenBiz recognizes the inextricable link between climate change and social change and works across its platforms to connect the dots between equity, inclusion and sustainability by centering justice as a cornerstone of a clean economy. We recognize the power of our platform and actively work to be intersectional in our content by prioritizing Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) across our conference programs and editorial coverage.

Our goal is to ensure that GreenBiz Group—and the industry—reflects the world that we live in, and the world we want to see.

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Harvard Law School Institutional Forum

HIIF

<http://www.pii.law.harvard.edu/harvard-institutional-investors-forum.shtml>

The Harvard Law School Institutional Investor Forum (HIIF), operated by the Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance and the Harvard Law School Program on Institutional Investors, aims at contributing to discourse, policy making and education with respect to institutional investors and issues of interest to them. The Forum is supported by a broad group of members: public pension funds, mutual funds and other investing institutions in the US and other jurisdictions. The aggregate assets managed by members of the Forum exceeds \$15 trillion. An advisory council consisting of leading governance officers from the institutional investor community provides the Forum with input on events and topics that could add value to the community of investors.

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Human Capital Management Coalition

HCMC

<https://www.hcmcoalition.org/about>

The Human Capital Management Coalition (HCMC) is a cooperative effort among a diverse group of asset owners to elevate human capital management as a critical component in company performance. The Coalition engages companies and other market participants with the aim of understanding and improving how human capital management contributes to the creation of long-term shareholder value.

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Institutional Investor

<https://www.iinow.com/Institutional-Investor-Forums#66241>

Institutional Investor is a leading international business to business publisher, focused primarily on international finance. It publishes premium journalism, newsletters and research. It also runs conferences, seminars and training courses and is a provider of electronic business information through its capital market databases and emerging markets information service.

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Institutional Investors Roundtable

IIR

<https://iiroundtable.com/>

Created by a group of leading global long-term investors in 2010, the Institutional Investors Roundtable (IIR) is a not-for-profit, independent, apolitical and by-invitation-only platform for the world's leading asset owners (global pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, government reserve funds and endowments) to collaborate around private market investment opportunities and challenges of long-term strategic importance for them. As of October 2019, the IIR comprised over 45 leading institutional investors with collective assets exceeding US \$13 trillion, representing over 75% of the institutional capital available for long-term investment in the world. The IIR is governed by a Board representing its 16 voting (founding) members and its founding CEO.

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Institutional Limited Partners Association

ILPA

<https://ilpa.org/about/>

The Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA) engages, empowers and connects limited partners to maximize their performance on an individual, institutional and collective basis. LPs serve as trusted financial stewards who direct critical capital into private equity investments on

behalf of their beneficiaries which include retirees, teachers, firefighters, police officers, universities, charities and insurance policyholders. With over 500 member institutions representing more than 2 trillion USD of private equity assets under management, ILPA is the only global organization dedicated exclusively to advancing the interests of LPs and their beneficiaries through best-in-class education, research, advocacy and events.

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International Capital Market Association

ICMA

<https://www.icmagroup.org/About-ICMA/>

The mission of ICMA is to promote resilient well-functioning international and globally coherent cross-border debt securities markets, which are essential to fund sustainable economic growth and development.

In pursuit of its mission, ICMA is committed to:

- building trust in the market by promoting internationally accepted standards of best practice through the development of appropriate, broadly accepted guidelines, rules, recommendations and standard documentation, aimed at maintaining and enhancing the framework of cross-border issuing, trading and investing in debt securities;
- contributing to the development of sustainable finance through the capital markets;
- encouraging information flows and dialogue between all participants in the international capital markets: borrowers, intermediaries and investors, and service providers, including trading platforms, clearing houses and law firms;
- engaging with international and national regulators and policy makers and providing them with market expertise and technical knowledge across all ICMA's core areas, to assist in ensuring that financial regulation promotes the resilience, efficiency and cost effectiveness of international capital markets;
- providing networking opportunities for market participants through conferences, seminars, roundtables and other events;

promoting high professional standards for capital market participants by providing training and education opportunities.

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International Centre for Pension Management

ICPM

<https://icpmnetwork.com/site/about/about-icpm>

ICPM is a global, research-based network of pension organizations that stimulates leading-edge thinking and practice about pension design and management. Founded in 2005, ICPM has grown to a select network of more than 40 world-leading pension delivery organizations.

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International Corporate Governance Network

ICGN

<https://www.icgn.org/about>

Established in 1995 as an investor-led organization, the International Corporate Governance Network's mission is to promote effective standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship to advance efficient markets and sustainable economies worldwide. Our policy positions are guided by the ICGN Global Governance Principles and Global Stewardship Principles, which are implemented by:

- Influencing policy by providing a reliable source of investor opinion on governance and stewardship.
- Connecting peers at global events to enhance dialogue between companies and investors around long-term value creation.
- Informing dialogue through education to enhance the professionalism of governance and stewardship practices.

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International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans

IFEBCP

<https://www.ifebp.org/aboutus/Pages/default.aspx>

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to providing the diverse employee benefits community with objective, solution-oriented education, research and information.

The International Foundation delivers research findings, education and networking opportunities to thousands of benefits professionals who rely on us for objective, accurate and timely information.

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International Living Future Institute

ILFI

<https://living-future.org/contact-us/faq/>

The International Living Future Institute (ILFI) is a nonprofit working to build an ecologically-minded, restorative world for all people. Using principles of social and environmental justice, ILFI seeks to counter climate change by pushing for an urban environment free of fossil fuels. ILFI runs the Living Building Challenge, which is the world's most rigorous green building standard, not to mention several other programs: the Living Product Challenge, the Living Community Challenge, and the Reveal, Declare and Just labels. These programs develop a green framework for living in a 21st-century world.

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International Public Management Association for Human Resources

IPMA-HR

<https://www.ipma-hr.org/about>

The International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) is the leading public sector human resource organization in the world. We represent the interests of human resource professionals at all levels and strive to promote excellence in HR management. Since 1906, IPMA-HR has been a resource for comprehensive and timely HR industry news, jobs, policies, resources, education, and professional development opportunities.

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International WELL Building Institute

IWBI

<https://www.wellcertified.com/about-iwbi/>

We are the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) and we know that the spaces around us can make everyone, everywhere, healthier, happier and more productive.

It's why we're leading a global movement to transform health and well-being with our people first approach to buildings, organizations and communities. We do this using our WELL Building Standard (WELL), a roadmap for creating and certifying spaces that advance human health and well-being. Developed over 10 years and backed by the latest scientific research, WELL sets pathways for accomplishing health-first factors that help every one of us to do our best work and be our best selves by supporting our physical and mental health across 10 core concepts. Rigorous performance standards for design interventions, operational protocols and company-wide practices are verified by a third party. WELL works at any scale, from a single interior space to an entire organization.

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Investor Stewardship Group

ISG

<https://isgframework.org/>

The ISG was formed as a sustained initiative to establish a framework of basic investment stewardship and corporate governance standards for U.S. institutional investor and boardroom conduct. The result is the framework for U.S. Stewardship and Governance comprising of a set of stewardship principles for institutional investors and corporate governance principles for U.S. listed companies

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John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance (University of Delaware)

<https://www.weinberg.udel.edu/about-us/center-mission>

The John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance was established in 2000 at the University of Delaware and is part of the Lerner College of Business and Economics. It is one of the longest-standing corporate governance centers in academia, and the first and only corporate governance center in the State of Delaware, the legal home for a majority of the nation's public corporations.

The Center's mission is to provide a forum for business leaders, members of corporate boards, stockholders, the judiciary, the legal community, academics, students, and others interested in corporate governance issues to interact, learn and teach, with the goal of positively impacting and improving the field of corporate governance and the capital markets.

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Kestrel

<https://kestrel-inc.com/>

For over 20 years, we've helped state and local governments access capital for infrastructure and sustainability projects. We have a nuanced understanding of public finance and are the municipal green, social and sustainability bond experts.

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Microsoft Cloud

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-cloud>

CalSTRS has been using Microsoft products and cloud services extensively for years. With respect to the usage of its products/services, it is considered to be the largest partner that CalSTRS currently has. Microsoft focuses on the areas where it can have the greatest impact across all the work it performs, including carbon, ecosystems, water, and waste.

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Milken Institute

<https://milkeninstitute.org/about>

The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that helps people build meaningful lives, in which they can experience health and well-being, pursue effective education and gainful employment, and access the resources required to create ever-expanding opportunities for themselves and their broader communities.

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MSCI

<https://www.msci.com/who-we-are/about-us>

MSCI is a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. With over 50 years of expertise in research, data and technology, we power better investment decisions by enabling clients to understand and analyze key drivers of risk and return and confidently build more effective portfolios. We create industry-leading, research enhanced solutions that clients use to gain insight into and improve transparency across the investment process.

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National Association of Corporate Directors

NACD

<https://www.nacdonline.org/about>

The National Association of Corporate Directors is an independent, not-for-profit founded in 1977 and headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. NACD's membership includes the entire boards of 1,700+ corporations as well as several thousand individual members, for a total of more than 23,000 members.

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National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators

NAGDCA

<https://www.nagdca.org/about/>

Founded in 1980, the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA) is the premier professional organization of public employer-sponsored deferred compensation and defined contribution plan administrators. NAGDCA's mission is to support plan sponsors and service providers of government-sponsored deferred compensation and defined contribution retirement plans in creating successful retirement security outcomes for their plan participants.

NAGDCA governmental members oversee plans for participants from 59 state and territorial government entities and 177 local government entities*, including counties, cities, public safety agencies, school districts and utilities. NAGDCA's members administer governmental deferred compensation and defined contribution plans, including Section 457(b), 401(k), 401(a), and 403(b) plans ("DC Plans"), which provide for employee and employer contributions.

The association provides a forum for working together to improve DC Plan operations and outcomes by sharing information on investments, marketing, administration, and the federal laws and regulations governing DC Plans.

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National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms

NAMWOLF

<https://namwolf.org/about-namwolf/>

The National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), founded in 2001, is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit trade association comprised of minority and women owned law firms and other interested parties throughout the United States. Many corporations and public entities interested in diversifying their outside law firm ranks focus almost exclusively on the utilization of minority and female attorneys at majority firms. Yet the available data strongly suggests that these efforts have not resulted in greater diversity in the legal profession. It is NAMWOLF's view that the most effective way for corporations to increase diversity in the legal profession is to increase their retention of minority and women owned law firms. NAMWOLF's Law Firm Membership is comprised of AV-rated firms across the nation that represent major corporate clients. NAMWOLF assists its Law Firm Members in developing strategic alliances, coalitions, and affiliations with corporations, in-house counsel, and other legal trade associations. Through these efforts, NAMWOLF helps empower minority and women owned law firms.

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National Association of Public Pension Attorneys

NAPPA

<https://www.nappa.org/about-us>

The National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, NAPPA, is a professional legal and educational organization. Created in 1987, its membership consists exclusively of attorneys who represent public pension funds. Its purpose is to provide educational opportunities and informational resources for its member attorneys.

NAPPA organizes and conducts two educational events a year. Specific information about upcoming NAPPA events can be found under the events Tab. If you are a public pension attorney or currently represent a public pension system as outside counsel, you should consider joining NAPPA and connecting with your peers in the pension industry. NAPPA is considered the leading educational association for attorneys in the public pension arena.

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National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust

Nareit

<https://www.reit.com/nareit>

Nareit serves as the worldwide representative voice for REITs and real estate companies with an interest in U.S. real estate. Nareit's members are REITs and other real estate companies throughout the world that own, operate, and finance income-producing real estate, as well as those firms and individuals who advise, study, and service those businesses.

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National Association of State Investment Officers

NASIO

<https://www.nascio.org/about/mission-strategic-direction/>

NASCIO's mission is to foster government excellence through quality business practices, information management, and technology policy.

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National Association of Securities Professionals

NASP

<https://nasphq.org/about-us/>

The National Association of Securities Professionals is the premier organization that assists people of color and women achieve inclusion in the financial services industry.

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National Association of State Retirement Administrators

NASRA

<https://www.nasra.org/about>

NASRA is a non-profit association whose members are the directors of the nation's state, territorial, and largest statewide public retirement systems. NASRA members oversee retirement systems that hold more than two-thirds of the \$5.08 trillion held in trust for nearly 15 million working and 11 million retired employees of state and local government.

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National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems

NCPERS

<https://www.ncpers.org/about-us/>

The National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) is the largest trade association for public sector pension funds, representing approximately 500 funds throughout the United States and Canada. We are a unique network of public trustees, administrators, public officials and investment professionals who collectively oversee nearly \$3 trillion in retirement funds managed on behalf of seven million retirees and nearly 15 million active public servants—including firefighters, law enforcement officers, teachers, and other public servants.

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National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries

NCREIF

<https://www.ncreif.org/about-us/>

Established over 35 years ago, NCREIF serves the institutional real estate investment community as its Data Central, representing the largest, most robust and diverse database of country-specific real estate assets in the world. NCREIF produced the first property level return index, the NCREIF Property Index (NPI), dating back to 1978 to capture investment performance records that meet the rigorous scrutiny and review of major investors and academia.

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National Council on Teacher Retirement

NCTR

<https://nctr.org/about-nctr/>

The National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) is constituted as an independent association dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of public retirement systems in the United States and its territories to which teachers belong and to promoting the rights and benefits of all present and future members of the systems.

NCTR began in 1924, affiliated with the National Education Association in 1937, and became an independent association in 1971. NCTR is constituted as a nonprofit tax-exempt entity under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NCTR's membership includes 63 state, territorial, and local pension systems. These systems serve more than 19 million active and retired teachers, non-teaching personnel, and other public employees, and have combined assets of more than \$2 trillion in their trust funds.

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National Institute on Retirement Security

NIRS

<https://www.nirsonline.org/about-nirs/>

The National Institute on Retirement Security is a non-profit research and education organization established to contribute to informed policymaking by fostering a deep understanding of the value of retirement security to employees, employers, and the economy as a whole.

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Pacific Center for Asset Management

PCAM

<https://rady.ucsd.edu/centers/pcam/about/>

The Pacific Center for Asset Management (PCAM) supports research on questions related to institutional investing through funding three research proposals each year. Each fall PCAM releases calls for proposals examining questions raised by the advisory council. Each winter PCAM releases research from the previous year's funded proposals.

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Pacific Pension Institute

PPI

<https://www.ppi.institute/>

PPI convenes global pension and investment thought leaders for in-depth dialogue and knowledge sharing on issues facing long-term institutional investors in Asia and the Pacific Rim.

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Pension Real Estate Association

PREA

<https://www.prea.org/about-prea/about-prea/>

Founded in 1979, the Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) is a non-profit trade association for the global institutional real estate investment industry. PREA currently lists over 700 corporate member firms across the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. Our members include public and corporate pension funds, endowments, foundations, insurance companies, investment advisory firms, REITs, developers, real estate operating companies and industry service providers.

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Principles for Responsible Firearms

<http://firearmsprinciples.com/About>

CalSTRS led investor coalition dedicated to developing a framework to advance a responsible civilian firearms industry in the United States. Group includes asset owners and asset managers, with a goal of reducing risks associated with holding a financial interest in private and public firearms related enterprises. Includes engaging entities involved in manufacturing, distribution, sale and enforcement of regulations of the firearms industry. Group is committed to monitoring progress by companies over time and engaging with them regularly on this issue, especially in support of enterprises that champion adoption of responsible practices.

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Principles for Responsible Investment

PRI

<https://www.unpri.org/pri/about-the-pri>

The PRI is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment. It works to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors; and to support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions.

The PRI encourages investors to use responsible investment to enhance returns and better manage risks, but does not operate for its own profit; it engages with global policymakers but is not associated with any government; it is supported by, but not part of, the United Nations.

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Public Pension Coordinating Council

PPCC

(NASRA, NCTR, NCPERS joint venture)

<https://www.nasra.org/ppcc>

The Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) is a coalition of three national associations that represent public retirement systems and administrators: National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) and the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS). Together, these associations represent more than 500 of the largest pension plans in the United States, serving most of the nation's 18+ million state and local government employees.

The PPCC established the Public Pension Standards to reflect minimum expectations for public retirement system management, administration, and funding. The Standards serve as a benchmark to measure public defined benefit plans. All public retirement systems and the state and local governments sponsoring them are encouraged to meet the standards.

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Public Pension Financial Forum

P2F2

<https://www.p2f2.org/content.asp?contentid=137>

The Public Pension Financial Forum's mission is to serve its membership through education, pension advocacy, and networking by promoting financial excellence for public pension plans. The Public Pension Financial Forum is organized for education, pension advocacy and networking purposes. To support the ongoing education of our membership, we prepare quarterly newsletters, hold member facilitated conference calls and webinars, and host an annual conference. We also have a Member Forum that allows members to ask questions and receive answers from each other.

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Public Retirement Research Lab

PRRL

(EBRI, NAGDCA joint venture)

<https://www.prrl.org/>

Retirement industry-sponsored collaborative effort to provide cutting-edge research and further understanding of public sector retirement plans.

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Society for Human Resource Management

SHRM

<https://www.shrm.org/about-shrm/Pages/default.aspx>

SHRM, the Society for Human Resource Management, creates better workplaces where employers and employees thrive together. As the voice of all things work, workers and the workplace, SHRM is the foremost expert, convener and thought leader on issues impacting today's evolving workplaces. With 300,000+ HR and business executive members in 165 countries, SHRM impacts the lives of more than 115 million workers and families globally.

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Society of Corporate Governance

SCG

<https://www.societycorp.gov/about/aboutus>

Founded in 1946, the Society for Corporate Governance is a non-profit organization comprised principally of corporate secretaries and business executives in governance, ethics and compliance functions at public, private and not-for-profit organizations. Members are responsible for

supporting their board of directors and executive management in matters such as board practices, compliance, regulation and legal matters, shareholder relations and subsidiary management.

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Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

SASB

<https://www.sasb.org/about/>

SASB Standards guide the disclosure of financially material sustainability information by companies to their investors. Available for 77 industries, the Standards identify the subset of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues most relevant to financial performance in each industry.

SASB Standards are maintained under the auspices of the [Value Reporting Foundation](#), a global nonprofit organization that offers a comprehensive suite of resources designed to help businesses and investors develop a shared understanding of enterprise value—how it is created, preserved, or eroded. The resources—including Integrated Thinking Principles, the Integrated Reporting Framework, and SASB Standards—can be used alone or in combination, depending on business needs.

The [Value Reporting Foundation Board of Directors](#) oversees the strategy, finances, and operations of the entire organization, and appoints the members of the SASB Standards Board. [The SASB Standards Board](#) is an independent board that is accountable for the due process, outcomes, and ratification of the SASB Standards.

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Stanford Clayman Institute for Gender Research

<https://gender.stanford.edu/about/mission>

Operates as an incubator for collaboration, engaging diverse groups of experts and scholars to identify and tackle the next big questions related to gender equality. Putting research into action by inspiring innovative solutions that advance gender equality.

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Sustainable Markets Initiative

SMI

<https://www.sustainable-markets.org/about/10-point-action-plan/>

At His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales' invitation, executives from a number of the world's largest Asset Managers and Asset Owners have come together as members of the Sustainable Markets Initiative's (SMI) Asset Managers and Asset Owners Taskforce (AMAO) to work on meaningful and actionable plans to help accelerate the world's transition to a sustainable future. The Task Force is aimed at finding scalable ways for institutional investors to facilitate the reallocation of capital toward sustainable solutions, using the two most powerful levers at their

disposal: 1) capital already invested in companies; and 2) fresh capital investments directed at climate mitigation and adaptation projects.

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Task Force on Climate-Related Disclosures

TCFD

<https://www.fsb-tcf.org/about/>

TCFD provides recommendations for effective climate-related disclosures for informed investment, credit and insurance underwriting decisions. It enables stakeholders to understand the concentrations of carbon-related assets in the financial sector and the financial system's exposures to climate-related risks.

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The 300 Club

<https://www.the300club.org/about/>

The 300 Club is a group of leading investment professionals from across the globe, established in 2011 in response to an urgent need to raise uncomfortable and fundamental questions about the very foundations of the investment industry and investing.

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The Centre for Organization Effectiveness

<https://tcfoe.com/about/>

The Centre prides itself on providing exceptional service to our clients by applying our deep experience with—and our commitment to—public service. We draw on an array of programs and services that are based on proven theory, delivered by expert practitioners, and tailored to meet the unique needs of each client.

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The Climate Registry

TCR

<https://www.theclimateregistry.org/who-we-are/about-us/>

The Climate Registry (TCR) is a non-profit organization that empowers North American organizations to do more in the fight against climate change by providing services and tools that help them reduce their emissions. TCR also drives climate action and ambition on the road to net zero by recognizing and showcasing sub-national leadership, and by building strategic partnerships with and between national and international entities. TCR is advised by a Council of Jurisdictions that includes representatives from diverse U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories.

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The Credit Roundtable

<https://thecreditroundtable.org/default.aspx>

The Credit Roundtable believes that enhancing bondholder protections benefits issuers, underwriters and investors alike by laying the foundation for a fair and efficient corporate bond market. Through education, outreach and advocacy, the group maintains a constant vigilance against slippage in covenant language and terms of corporate actions, and it does so with the oversight of antitrust counsel.

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The Investment Diversity Exchange

TIDE

<https://www.tidexchange.com/about/>

The Investment Diversity Exchange (TIDE) align their efforts to the core of their mission: promote diversity & inclusion within the investment industry. TIDE is the united front for the voice of minorities. TIDE is a force of diverse race, ethnicity, color, gender, sexual orientation and thought.

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The Investment Integration Project

TIIP

<https://www.tiiproject.com/about/>

TIIP works to encourage adoption of system-level investing, an advanced sustainable investing approach through which investors consider the bigger-picture environmental, social, or financial system context of their security selection and portfolio construction decisions.

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Thirty Percent Coalition

<https://www.30percentcoalition.org/who-we-are>

The vision of the Thirty Percent Coalition is to have corporate boardrooms reflect the gender, racial and ethnic diversity of the United States workforce. Board diversity has been broadly identified as one of the leading measurements on which there is a compelling correlation with improved shareholder value and company performance. The mission of the Thirty Percent Coalition is to advocate for diversity on corporate boards and in senior leadership, promoting women and people of color. A unique and groundbreaking organization of over 90 members, the Coalition is committed to the goal of women, including women of color, holding 30% or more of board seats across public companies.

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Toigo Foundation

<https://toigofoundation.org/why-toigo/>

Fosters career advancement and increased leadership presence of underrepresented talent in the financial industry. Works with leaders at organizations of all sizes, in finance and beyond, to create and implement high impact solutions that drive DEI and ultimately stronger returns for stakeholders.

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Transition Pathway Initiative

TPI

<https://www.transitionpathwayinitiative.org/overview>

The Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) is a global initiative led by asset owners and supported by asset managers. Aimed at investors and free to use, it assesses companies' preparedness for the transition to a low-carbon economy, supporting efforts to address climate change. Launched in 2017, it is rapidly becoming the 'go-to' corporate climate action benchmark.

TPI provides robust, independent research which empowers investors to assess the alignment of their portfolios with the goals of the Paris Agreement and to drive real world emission reductions through our actions. Asset owner led, the Transition Pathway Initiative ('TPI') is the leading corporate climate action benchmark.

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TRUE

<https://true.gbci.org/>

TRUE is a whole systems approach aimed at changing how materials flow through society, resulting in no waste. TRUE encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products

are reused. TRUE promotes processes that consider the entire lifecycle of products used within a facility.

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Urban Land Institute

ULI

<https://sacramento.uli.org/>

The Urban Land Institute, or ULI, is a nonprofit research and education organization with regional offices in Washington, D.C., Hong Kong, and London. Its stated mission is to "shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide".

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U.S. Green Building Council

USGBC

<https://www.usgbc.org/about/mission-vision>

At USGBC we're committed to transforming how our buildings are designed, constructed and operated through LEED, the world's most widely used green building system with more than 100,000 buildings participating today.

Our vision is that buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation. Our mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.

LEED certified buildings are proven to save money, improve efficiency, lower carbon emissions and create healthier places for people. They are a critical part of addressing the climate crisis, meeting ESG goals, enhancing resilience, and supporting more equitable communities. Today, green building has grown into a trillion-dollar industry and USGBC's members are leading these efforts.

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World Resource Institute

WRI

<https://www.wri.org/about>

WRI is a global nonprofit organization that works with leaders in government, business and civil society to research, design, and carry out practical solutions that simultaneously improve people's lives and ensure nature can thrive. WRI's activities are focused on seven areas: food, forests, water, energy, cities, climate and ocean.

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Yolo Commute

<http://www.yolocommute.net/about/>

Yolo Commute is a nonprofit partnership of public and private employers working together to address regional transportation and air quality issues. Our mission is to reduce single-occupant (drive alone) commutes throughout Yolo County.

Yolo Commute envisions a balanced multimodal transportation system that includes transit, a regional bus system, a regional roadway system, local streets, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and travel demand management services. This system will provide reliable mobility choices to all its users: residents and visitors of all ages, incomes and physical abilities, as well as businesses that provide services and produce or sell goods.

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