

INVITATION SWEATFREE PROCUREMENT FORUM

For Vendors, Manufacturers, Public/Private Organizations

When:	Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Time:	12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM
Event/Type	Discussion Forum
Topic:	City of Madison Sweatfree Procurement Policy
Location:	Room 103A City-County Building 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703
Conference Call:	Call number: 1-877-336-1829 Access number: 4268950 Host number: 8124
Keywords:	Sweatfree Procurement Policy, Bidder Disclosure Statement, Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium, Compliance, Competition
Industry:	Uniform Apparel Industry
Intended for:	Suppliers, Vendors, Manufacturers/Brands, Labor organizations, public/private agencies
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The purpose of this discussion is to engage the vendor community in discussing the following topics:

- **Compliance.** Enhance the ability of vendors and manufacturers to comply with the City of Madison Sweatfree Procurement Policy.
- **Rules of competition.** Over 180 U.S. states, municipalities and government entities have committed to “sweatfree” policies and the number is growing every year. The City of Madison, City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin are among these agencies that have preference for “sweatfree” products. As these public agencies collaborate towards a shared goal of respecting international workers’ labor rights and human rights, the rules of competition will no longer favor businesses that produce the cheapest possible goods at the expense of workers. Instead, access to contracting opportunities will be increasingly diverted to Contractors who are able to comply with code of conduct requirements.
- **Opportunity.** The Committee on Sweatfree Purchases is charged with promoting the intent of the ordinance to its fullest potential. In this effort, the Committee is inviting the vendor community to join in the discussion, address problems and roadblocks, and provide recommendations for improving the City’s overall process for implementing its sweatfree ordinance.

Agenda Items will include a brief background on the purpose of the ordinance, an overview of the role of the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium in monitoring working conditions and enforcing sweatfree procurement standards nationwide, and a discussion of opportunities for cooperation among government institutions, vendors and suppliers in all levels of the supply chain to influence the working conditions in the global marketplace.

The following documents, links and reference materials are attached:

1. A list of questions for discussion
2. Introduction and website link to the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium
3. City of Madison Bidder Disclosure Statement / Affidavit of Compliance