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The Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium assists member governments in meeting their goals for responsible sweatshop-free purchasing. It meets a critical need for information about supplier factories by providing expertise and pooling resources to monitor working conditions and enforce “sweatfree” procurement standards.

### **Sweatshop-Free Purchasing**

The Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium has two major functions:

**Connect government purchasers to pre-screened sweatfree suppliers.** The Consortium oversees the work of independent monitors in producer countries to verify factory compliance with sweatfree standards, and works with brands and vendors to ensure responsible business practices, including fair pricing, reasonable production scheduling, and long-term business commitments. The Consortium is developing a database of pre-screened sweatfree factories and compliant vendors.

**Coordinate complaint-based investigations of working conditions.** The Consortium functions as a contact point for worker complaints of code of conduct violations, ensures appropriate dissemination of information, provides forums for discussion of specific cases, and coordinates engagement with vendors and brands to ensure effective remediation of violations.

### **Benefits of Sweatfree Purchasing**

- Good jobs are good for the economy
- Responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars
- Supports citizens’ values and human rights

### **Consortium Services**

- Cost-efficient factory monitoring through collaboration
- List of compliant vendors and manufacturers
- Technical and educational services, including model policies and best practice guidelines

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