



## Vendor Participation Guidelines and Policies

*The purpose of the South Sound Sustainability Expo is to bring local organizations, businesses and community members together to learn from and share the most valuable sustainability resources throughout the South Sound.*

### Eligibility:

Applicants are limited to government agencies, community organizations, non-profit organizations, associations, businesses and individuals demonstrating a commitment to environmental sustainability in the South Sound Region comparable to the City's vision of environmental sustainability.

*In Tacoma, we strive to achieve an exceptional quality of life for every generation and leave a legacy of stewardship. We work together to achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build safe, healthy, vibrant communities; and minimize our negative impacts in order to conserve the natural resources that sustain us.*

Organizations may be asked to explain or show how their work and/or products reflect this vision. Examples may include environmental sustainability projects, length of time the applicant has supported environmental sustainability, demonstration of environmental sustainability goals and objectives in their corporate charter, adopted policies supporting environmental sustainability, ability to influence and achieve environmental sustainability goals, etc.

### Prohibited Content:

- A. **Political Content:** In order to avoid any appearance of partiality, or the appearance of the impermissible use of public resources, the City accepts no participation from political candidates or parties. All political content is prohibited within the event. For purposes of this policy, political content includes any messages involving candidates for office, including but not limited to candidate sponsorship, ballot issue sponsorship, and all types of informational sponsorship related to candidates or political issues of any kind. All participants shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 42.17 RCW related to use of public funds and public facilities.
- B. **Religious Content:** In order to avoid any appearance of the impermissible use of public resources, the City will accept no religious content. For purposes of this policy, religious content is any message describing or promoting any religious belief, or containing depictions of any religious figures or symbols.
- C. **Sexual Content:** To protect the public, and especially minors, the City accepts no sexual content. For purposes of this policy, sexual content is any message that contains depictions or descriptions that are obscene or lewd as defined in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 8.32.010. Sexual content is also any message promoting products or services involving obscene or lewd content or conduct as defined in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 8.32.010.
- D. **Tobacco Products:** Because the use of tobacco products has a detrimental effect on public health, the Department accepts no content promoting tobacco products.
- E. **Alcohol Products:** Because the abuse of alcohol has a detrimental effect on public health and safety, the Department accepts no sponsorship promoting alcohol products.