

# 2023 EPEAT Continuous Monitoring Round Schedule



## Overview

EPEAT™ is a comprehensive voluntary sustainability Type 1 ecolabel that helps purchasers identify more sustainable technology products and services. Central to EPEAT are conformity assurance activities that meet the technical rigor and credibility needs of the institutional purchasers who rely upon it. The EPEAT Program is owned and operated by the Global Electronics Council (GEC), a mission driven non-profit working to create a world of only sustainable technology products and services.

The EPEAT Program ensures the veracity of EPEAT-registered products through an ongoing surveillance process known as Continuous Monitoring. Continuous Monitoring activities occur throughout the year and test the ability of Participating Manufacturers to prove conformance with EPEAT Criteria on an ongoing basis. All EPEAT-registered products in all product categories and all Participating Manufacturers are subject to Continuous Monitoring.

Continuous Monitoring activities include investigations planned by the EPEAT Program and implemented by GEC-approved Conformity Assurance Bodies (CABs) within discrete timeframes (called Continuous Monitoring Rounds). Participating Manufacturers are responsible for participating in these Rounds, cooperating with their CABs, and providing the necessary documentation to show conformance with EPEAT Criteria.

## 2023 Schedule

The following pages contain the 2023 Schedule of EPEAT Continuous Monitoring Rounds for each EPEAT technology product and service category. Each Round has specific timeframes for:

- **Investigation:** When GEC-approved CABs actively investigate Participating Manufacturers' conformance with EPEAT Criteria. In any year, the EPEAT Program may direct CABs to implement the following activities:
  - Level 0 Investigations: CABs review publicly available information without the Participating Manufacturer's involvement.
  - Level 1 Investigations: CABs review evidence provided by Participating Manufacturers.
  - Level 2 Investigations: CABs facilitate laboratory evaluation of products, where products are acquired without the Participating Manufacturer's involvement, where possible.
- **Corrective Action:** When Participating Manufacturers take action to correct nonconformances and maintain accuracy of the EPEAT Registry.
- **Outcomes Report:** When the EPEAT Program publishes an Outcomes Report containing results of investigations. Signifies the end of the Round.

GEC recognizes the significant time and effort CABs and Participating Manufacturers will invest in the transition to the new Sustainability Impact Module Criteria in 2023. To this end, GEC focused on balancing the resource demands on CABs and Participating Manufacturers during the transition, with the need to ensure the continued integrity of products in the EPEAT Registry in developing this 2023 Continuous Monitoring Schedule.



