

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
Ultra-Low Carbon Solar Criteria
August 11, 2021

Technical Committee launching for Ultra-Low Carbon Solar criteria for EPEAT ecolabel
– now is your opportunity to get involved!

The [Global Electronics Council](#) (GEC) is developing criteria for its EPEAT ecolabel to calculate and identify low embodied carbon solar panels. This Call for Participation is to notify stakeholders of the opportunity to participate on the multi-stakeholder Technical Committee that will evaluate and reach consensus on these leadership criteria. GEC is partnering with [Anthesis](#), an organization with extensive expertise in life cycle analysis, to convene and manage the Technical Committee.

The [State of Sustainability Report on Ultra Low Carbon Solar](#) provides the scientific-basis and background documentation for criteria development.

Stakeholder Participation in the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee is the consensus body in the GEC criteria development process. The Technical Committee is responsible for ensuring that proposed criteria address priority impacts and issues identified in the State of Sustainability Research and will move the industry and its supply chain to innovate and adopt best practices that achieve credible, verifiable reductions in embodied carbon and increase transparency. This Technical Committee is expected to begin its work in October 2021 and continue for up to 4 months. Technical Committee meetings will occur monthly via teleconference. Members are expected to review documents in advance of meetings, provide comments on criteria and actively engage in discussion (either on calls or by electronic means), and participate in the ballot process to approve criteria and reconcile stakeholder differences.

Membership on the Technical Committee is open to all interested parties by submitting the [Technical Committee Application Form](#). The Technical Committee will include up to 25 voting members, representing a balance of stakeholders from four categories:

- **Manufacturer:** Manufacturers of solar panels and their trade associations.
- **Other Industry:** Other businesses commercially engaged with solar panels such as:
 - Suppliers and their trade associations.
 - Recyclers, repair and refurbish companies, asset management service providers, and their trade associations.
 - Other types of businesses commercially engaged with the product.
- **Sustainability Advocates and Government Policy:** Individuals from a public agency (local, regional, state, federal, or international) or represents a professional public/environmental health/safety organization, academia, or not-for-profit environmental organization.

- **Purchasers and Ecolabel Criteria Users:** An individual whose organization purchases, uses, or specifies solar panels. Users/consumers and their trade association representatives, institutional purchasers, third-party conformity assessment bodies (e.g., testing laboratories), and retailers are included in this membership classification.

Technical Committee member applications will be reviewed and members selected by Anthesis using the following considerations:

- technical competency and qualifications of the applicant relevant to the criteria;
- balance of stakeholder interests;
- geographic and product representation;
- date of receipt of application

If you are interested in applying to participate on the Technical Committee, please complete the [Technical Committee Application Form](#), and return **by September 11 2021** to Skye Lei, Anthesis Skye.Lei@anthesisgroup.com.

Questions? Please contact Jim Fava (jim.fava@anthesisgroup.com) with any questions regarding the Technical Committee application process. Please contact Patricia Dillon at the Global Electronics Council (pdillon@globalelectronicscouncil.org) about the overall GEC criteria development process and application in EPEAT. Additional information on the GEC criteria development process is [publicly available](#).