

# how to contribute

## Ask questions of manufacturers and reps

- What is in your product? Is your product toxic? Does it off-gas or impact the IAQ?
- Where is it manufactured? Where are the raw materials from?
- Does it have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification/certification? (Greenguard, CRI, Green Seal, Energy Star, FSC, SCS)
- Does it contain recycled content?
- What is the lifecycle of the product? Can it be recycled/down-cycled?
- Is it durable? How do you maintain it?
- What are the environmental goals of the company? (ISO 14000 certification)

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Get involved early to focus on Sustainable Mission of the project

