SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES AT CISCO

Cisco is committed to being a leader in solving global environmental challenges. Cisco’s Sustainability Executive Team governs major environmental initiatives while its Global Energy Management and Sustainability (GEMS) team leads sustainability initiatives across Cisco’s 23 million square feet of global real estate. Cisco’s current greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal is a 40 percent reduction in absolute emissions by June 2017 compared to 2007. This is an additional 15 percent reduction from its 25 percent reduction goal set in 2008, which was met in 2012. Another goal includes using electricity generated from renewable sources for at least 25 percent of Cisco's electricity every year through fiscal year (FY) 2017.

Currently, the GEMS team is managing a $57.5 million, 4-year global energy efficiency operations program to implement hundreds of efficiency and renewable energy projects across Cisco’s real estate portfolio to help Cisco achieve its FY 2017 GHG reduction goals. In FY 2013-2014, 90 energy efficiency and renewable energy projects worth approximately $9.6 million in funding were identified and implemented.

ENVIROMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Cisco has been recognized for their GHG reporting by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In September 2013, Cisco was one of six companies to tie for the top spot on CDP’s Global 500 and was first place in the information and communications technology sector. In September 2013 and 2008, Cisco was recognized as a Green Power Partner of the Year by the U.S. EPA. In February 2014, Cisco received the Excellence in GHG Management (Goal Achievement) Climate Leadership Award from the EPA for meeting their 5-year 25 percent GHG reduction goal.

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

• In FY 2014, Cisco installed and commissioned three solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at its facilities in Texas and India, increasing its total onsite solar PV capacity from 200 kW to 1.7 MW. These systems will collectively produce 2 million kWh of electricity for Cisco, saving over $380,000 and preventing more than 1,150 metric tonnes CO2e of GHG emissions each year over the 25+ year life of the systems.

• Cisco has also worked to make its labs and data centers more energy efficient by improving air flow management and similar building infrastructure systems, removing unused equipment, installing smart power distribution units to control the use of equipment, and various employee engagement strategies.

• To make its real estate portfolio as energy efficient as possible, Cisco follows Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) standards for its buildings. Cisco’s first LEED-certified building was built in August 2009, and by the end of FY 2013-2014, 30 Cisco facilities had achieved LEED certification, 22 of them Gold or Platinum status.