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# Participation Agreement

Member: **EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY** ( Example Test University )

## Instructions:

All information and data submitted to EPA as part of the Food Recovery Challenge (FRC) will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness. If additional information and data is needed, or if EPA needs to clarify anything that has been submitted, participants will be contacted by a representative of the Food Recovery Challenge (FRC).

Our organization is choosing to participate in EPA's Food Recovery Challenge. Our goal is to reduce our food waste to landfills or work with others to reduce their food waste to landfills through activities such as: source reduction, donations and composting. Information on SMM and the Food Recovery Challenge, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/smm/foodrecovery/index/htm>

**All fields are required on this form. You will not be able to submit this form if any field is left empty.**

## Participant Information

**Name of Organization: \***

Example University

**Facility Name: \***

Example University

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09/10/2013 

**How did you find out about the Food Recovery Challenge? \***

Colleague

**Our organization would like to join the Food Recovery Challenge as a: \***

- FRC Participant
- FRC Endorser

Instructions for Endorsers (<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/smm/wastewise/pubs/endorser.pdf>)

**USDA - US Food Waste Challenge**

EPA is partnering with the USDA in the US Food Waste Challenge. The goal of USDA's Challenge is to leverage public and private efforts to spread the word about the extent and implications of food waste in the United States; disseminate information about best practices to reduce, recover, and recycle food waste; and stimulate the development of more of these practices across the entire U.S. food chain. All EPA Food Recovery Challenge (FRC) participants are encouraged to join the USDA - US Food Waste Challenge with no extra commitment needed from you. Your current FRC goals qualify you for the USDA - US Food Waste Challenge. Once you join, your organization will be listed as a participant on the US Food Waste Challenge Website.

To learn more about this challenge please visit <http://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/>

**USDA - US Food Waste Challenge \***

- Participating
- Not Participating

**Industry Sector: \***

- Food, Drug & Convenience Stores
- College/University
- Sports/Entertainment Venue
- Hotels, Resorts & Lodging
- Restaurants and Food Service Providers
- Food Manufacturing
- Medical Services
- Other

**Please indicate other initiatives in which your organization is participating:**

- WasteWise
- GameDay Challenge
- RecycleMania
- Federal Green Challenge

**Affiliate Networks (Please check the box next to any of the listed groups that you are involved in):**

- Green Sports Alliance
- Major League Baseball
- Rocky Mountain Greener Venues Partnership
- Stadium Managers Association
- Trash Free Potomac Facility Program

**Participation Agreement**

The Food Recovery Challenge encourages organizations to reduce waste and conserve resources, promoting more sustainable materials

management practices. Participants benefit from reduced resource use and waste generation by saving money and being recognized as environmental stewards.

With this agreement, my organization joins the Food Recovery Challenge and agrees to:

- Submit baseline data for food waste diversion (i.e. a combination food waste prevention and recycling activities) within 90 days of registering.
- For year one, establish an improvement goal(s), expressed in tons, or other quantitative amounts, for food waste diversion within 90 days of registering.
- After year one, establish a self-directed quantitative annual goal for food waste diversion, showing continuous improvement.
- Submit annual data and goals by March 31st of each year.

The Food Recovery Challenge is a part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program. Organizations choosing to join this challenge are committing to reducing wasted food through source reduction, donation and composting activities.

In return, EPA commits to provide:

- public recognition, by recognizing partners on our website;
- participant support and communications assistance;
- an online reporting and data management system; and
- the opportunity to compete for recognition.

#### General Terms:

- Either party can terminate this agreement at any time without prior notification and with no further obligation. EPA will not comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of Participants.
- Participant agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with this voluntary agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government and that the Participant will not seek compensation from a federal agency.
- Participant agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation constitutes the EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than its participation in the Food Recovery Challenge and will not make statements or imply that EPA endorses the Participant or the purchase or sale of the Participant's products and services or the views of the Participant's organization.
- The EPA will consult with participants prior to publishing information about the participant's individual accomplishments.
- Participants should not submit data considered to be confidential.
- EPA may periodically revise eligibility requirements.

#### Termination Clause:

- Failure to comply with any of the terms of this participation agreement can result in its termination and cessation of access to the benefits of the program, including use of the online data management system.

**By checking this box, I am stating that I understand the Food Recovery Challenge requirements, agree to the above terms and conditions, and have the authority to register my organization for the Food Recovery Challenge. \***



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**Save** - if you would like to save your data and have it available to make any changes necessary before submitting to EPA.

**Submit to Program** - if your form is complete and you are ready to submit to EPA. **This step must be taken to complete your registration in the Food Recovery Challenge.**

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