

# Alliance Membership Criteria

## BUSINESS TYPE

An Alliance Member must be an Arizona business, organization, or agency in substantial compliance with all applicable local, county, state, and/or federal environmental laws, and must demonstrate material commitment to environmental protection and environmental leadership.

## COMPLIANCE

A Member must demonstrate substantial compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations over the past 12 months. [REF: Alliance Profile, pg 6, #2]

## LEADERSHIP

A Member must demonstrate achievement of at least 6 environmental leadership characteristics (10 for a company with more than 100 employees). For each characteristic, the applicant will provide a summary or attach documentation to the application to support the achievement. [REF: Application Form]

## ALLIANCE ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Members affirm their belief that organizations have a responsibility for the environment and must strive to conduct business in a manner that demonstrates commitment to environmental protection as well as a vibrant economy.

Members endorse the Alliance Principles (printed on reverse side) as an environmental code of conduct (or ethics) that organizations must strive to attain. [REF: Alliance Principles, para. 1]

## ADDITIONAL MEMBER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Alliance Members must:

- Support Alliance goals, mission, and vision
- Implement an environmental policy or policy statement and communicate it to both internal and external stakeholders
- Maintain a system of environmental measurement with goals and targets
- Participate in environmental programs to enhance the community (stewardship)
- Operate programs consistent with environmental leadership practices
- Strive for “transparency” in environmental dealings with stakeholders and the community, without compromising privileged information or trade secrets
- Support partnering with other businesses or community sectors to demonstrate best management practices in protecting the environment and promoting sustainability
- Publicize Alliance membership and encourage other environmental leaders to join the organization

## SITE VISIT

A committee of Alliance Members and Advisory Council members will conduct a site visit of all prospective members to inspect the facility and confirm adherence to Alliance Principles