

# Sustainability and Environmental Statement



## OUR COMMITMENT

At Cascade, we are firmly committed to conducting our business in a sustainable and responsible manner, ensuring both the health and safety of our employees and the protection of the environment. We are dedicated to bringing transformative change to our business and our industry through continuous improvement of our services and operations.

### Environmental Stewardship

We believe that environmental protection is the responsibility of everyone at Cascade. Cascade monitors its operations to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards related to environmental protection. Employees are encouraged to advise a supervisor of any situation that may conflict with this policy.

### Continuous Improvement

Continuous improvement is fundamental to our business. At Cascade, we constantly strive to ensure our services and operations reflect environmental best practices to reduce pollution, decrease energy consumption, lessen ecological impact, and be good stewards of the environment. As individuals, Cascade staff are constantly learning and continuously improving their skills.

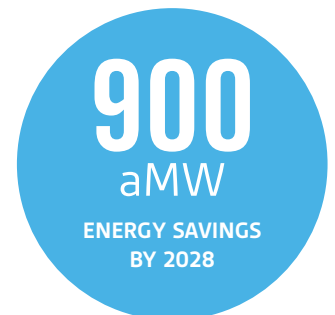
## MAKING INDUSTRY ENERGY EFFICIENT

Established in 1993, Cascade Energy delivers industrial energy efficiency to corporate and utility demand-side management customers across North America. Helping others save energy is our core business; it's what we do every day and why we exist. Based on the scale of our business activities and the environmental benefits at stake, Cascade's highest sustainability priority is to assist and motivate our customers to achieve and maintain their energy efficiency goals.

We are always looking for new and innovative ways to achieve energy efficiency for our industrial customers. Over the years, Cascade has expanded its core expertise from project-level energy efficiency to a wider array of services including corporate energy management programs, industrial demand-side management (DSM) program support, strategic energy management (SEM), industrial efficiency training and coaching, and SENSEI<sup>®</sup>, our energy management software.

## OUR GOAL

Cascade has established comprehensive tracking schemes to measure annual and cumulative savings achieved by our clients; this is the ultimate yardstick of our performance and contribution. In 2016, Cascade established a goal to deliver 900 aMW of energy savings by 2028. We will achieve this by continuously improving the energy engineering and energy management services provided to our customers.





In addition to providing the energy engineering and energy management services, we are focused on coordinated and thoughtful implementation of four key strategies to drive sustainability at Cascade:

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## 1 Share Our Expertise

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Cascade Energy's commitment to sustainability extends to our community, where we volunteer our expertise and time to identify no-cost and low-cost opportunities to reduce energy use and provide long-term efficiency planning advice. By helping community organizations reduce the money they spend on energy, we provide them with more resources they can use to deliver on their core missions.

Cascade also contributes to the transformation of the industries it serves by participating, teaching, speaking, and presenting at a wide range of associations, conferences, regional meetings, and events.

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## 2 Manage Our Suppliers

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Cascade actively seeks business relationships with partners who are compliant with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and standards. Moreover, Cascade's sustainable purchasing program encourages the selection of vendors and suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to sustainable operations. Cascade seeks to systematically assesses our vendors and suppliers and prioritize those that strive to maximize the value and quality of their products and services by using resources responsibly, preserving the environment, and implementing sustainability best practices.

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## 3 Reduce and Recycling

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Our offices cultivate a high level of awareness of waste management and a desire to recycle and reuse materials, when practical. In general, our offices promote economy in the use of materials, especially paper. We encourage the use of recycled/reclaimed materials and materials from sustainable and non-hazardous sources.

We monitor our building energy consumption and lighting, HVAC, and plug loads at our headquarters in Portland, Oregon and several regional offices. We supply our offices with energy-efficient equipment and regularly tune our HVAC and lighting systems to ensure these systems are operating efficiently.

Cascade also works to mitigate the impact of travel while still recognizing that delivering industrial energy efficiency to customers is our core business and requires time on-site with our clients. We strive to reduce the impact of our home-to-office commutes by encouraging all employees to engage in sustainable transportation alternatives.

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## 4 Continuously Improving Sustainability Practices

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Cascade has an in-house Green Team to oversee our corporate sustainability and environmental activities. The Green Team is responsible for setting annual sustainability goals and objectives, identifying continuous improvement strategies to meet these goals, and monitoring and reporting achievements and progress. This cross-functional team is composed of an executive sponsor, Barbara Dusicka, Vice President of Technology, and appointed or volunteer staff members. With support from all Cascade staff and leadership, the Green Team is dedicated to promoting and implementing sustainability best practices at work and in our community.