

# REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

## CDP Climate Data Reporting and Disclosure Services

Founded in 1974, Trinity Consultants helps organizations overcome complex, mission-critical challenges in EHS, engineering, and science through expertise in consulting, technology, training, and staffing. We support clients in geographies worldwide and across a broad range of sectors including industrial, energy, manufacturing, mining, life sciences, and commercial/institutional.

### About CDP

Formerly, Carbon Disclosure Project, now known as CDP, is an international non-profit organization that has established the world's largest repository of climate-related data (particularly carbon emissions and energy) as reported voluntarily by companies and cities. CDP was launched in 2000 by a coalition of institutional investors to accelerate solutions to climate change by providing users with proper information for decisions to maximize business performance, and manage risk and opportunity.



Climate data is collected from over 8,000 companies annually and includes the following key categories:

- ▶ Management, governance and business strategy, and scenario analysis
- ▶ Risks and opportunities
- ▶ Emissions methodology and breakdown (scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions)
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Emissions performance and trading
- ▶ Life cycle GHG emissions

Through this disclosure, CDP aims to motivate companies and cities to provide decision makers with the data needed to change market behavior.

### Importance of Climate Disclosure

Numerous benefits are realized by a reporting entity that chooses to effectively manage and disclose climate change and sustainability data and information to CDP.

- ▶ **Higher CDP Response Scores:** CDP scores the data submittals to reflect the quality of disclosure and level of performance. Companies that are transparent and demonstrate continual improvement in carbon management reap the benefits of higher scores.
- ▶ **Carbon Inventory Improvement:** Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions reporting is core to CDP disclosure. Enhancing the veracity of GHG emissions reporting, especially for Scope 2 and 3, garners higher scores and enables improved carbon management for the reporter.
- ▶ **Increased Data Utility:** CDP questionnaires address reporting on multiple dimensions of carbon management. Continual improvement in report content can demonstrate an entity's ability to improve their management of climate-related risks and opportunities and performance.
- ▶ **Improved Stakeholder Perceptions:** Higher CDP response scores can improve integrity and relationships with external stakeholders. Public access to submitted investor questionnaires underscores the importance of accurate and complete disclosure.

### Partnering with Trinity Consultants

Trinity's Climate Reporting and Disclosure Team consists of environmental professionals with science, engineering, and business backgrounds, most with advanced degrees and professional certifications. Our multi-disciplined staff provides high quality services that enhance regulatory compliance, maximize operational flexibility, and contribute to achieving EHS management goals.





Trinity helps its clients with CDP disclosure by combining unmatched expertise in quantifying air emissions with responsiveness and creative thinking. Trinity's Quality Management System (QMS), which is ISO 9001 certified in its Dallas, Texas headquarters location, ensures that clients receive consistent, high quality services. Trinity also provides maximum value at reduced overall cost by utilizing its extensive climate change expertise. Trinity has broad-based experience with sustainability and carbon reporting, disclosure, and GHG inventory verification.

Trinity's Climate Reporting and Disclosure Team provides the following unique benefits to our clients:

- ▶ **Subject Matter Expertise:** Trinity has subject matter expertise with sustainability scoring assessments and corporate responsibility disclosure programs, including CDP.
- ▶ **Industry Leader Recognition:** Trinity is recognized as a leader in industrial air quality, climate change, and business sustainability consulting.
- ▶ **In-depth Knowledge and Relevant Experience:** Trinity's team has in-depth knowledge and understanding of key areas related to developing and improving CDP reporting and disclosure:
  - U.S. and international GHG reporting and verification requirements
  - Facility and enterprise-wide Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emission inventories, as well as carbon life cycle analysis
  - GHG mitigation project development
  - Energy management, auditing, and management system implementation
  - Corporate carbon policy, strategy, and program development including TCFD and SASB disclosure
  - Assessment, improvement, and development of carbon disclosures
  - Environmental and carbon business risk and performance management
  - Professional training in the aforementioned technical areas
- ▶ **High Quality Product:** Trinity's consulting and verification practices and operations are conducted consistent with Trinity's QMS, ensuring the delivery of high quality technical products.
- ▶ **Streamlined Process:** Trinity works efficiently with our in-house checklists, protocols, and other tools developed during prior GHG emissions verification/inventory projects, driving down total project cost.
- ▶ **Proven Track Record:** Trinity's sector leading track record includes the completion of more than 100 GHG emission inventory and GHG verification projects annually.

## Standards and Criteria

Development and verification of GHG inventories must be performed to recognized standards. Selected examples of approved standards that Trinity's team is capable to apply include but are not limited to:

- ▶ ISO 14064-1, -2, -3
- ▶ IPCC Guidelines for National GHG Inventories
- ▶ The GHG Protocol Corporate Guidelines, Protocols and Standards
- ▶ The Climate Registry (TCR) General Reporting Protocol and General Verification Protocol
- ▶ EPA GHG Mandatory Reporting Rule
- ▶ California GHG Mandatory Reporting Regulation and Verification Standards

## Industry Clients

Trinity's team has provided climate data development, disclosure, and verification services to a number of industry sectors.

- ▶ Aerospace
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Cement and Lime
- ▶ Chemical
- ▶ Consumer Products
- ▶ Electric Utility
- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ General Manufacturing
- ▶ Metal and Mineral Mining
- ▶ Oil and Gas Operations
- ▶ Petroleum Refining
- ▶ Semiconductor

## Related Services

Trinity stays attuned to climate change-related issues and has unparalleled expertise in comprehensive corporate services. Because third-party verification of GHG data ensures its credibility and accuracy, and enables improved performance through the CDP questionnaires, it is beneficial to have GHG assertions verified as part of any GHG program. Trinity, as a verification service provider, brings the required expertise, skills, and experience to the assurance process with benefits of credibility, trust, and conformity.

## Why Choose Trinity

For more information on how Trinity can assist with any of your needs related to environmental and carbon disclosure information collection, analysis and reporting, and verification, please contact Wendy Merz, Director of EHS Performance and Risk Management, at 919.462.9693.

*ISO 9001:2015 certified at our corporate office in Dallas, Texas*