Reporting and Disclosure

Investor- and customer-led programs and regulatory requirements reporting

Sustainability reporting demands have increased significantly, requiring organizations to manage myriad stakeholder requests, reporting frameworks and analyst expectations, often with limited time and resources.

With two decades of experience across this dynamic reporting landscape, WSP advises clients on structuring programs, identifying material issues and engaging stakeholders. We develop content appropriate across frameworks, with goals to communicate progress, increase transparency and minimize reporting burden.

Our services

WSP’s reporting and disclosure services include:

- **Benchmarking and maturity assessment**: Evaluating an organization’s reporting relative to peers to guide focus and content.
- **Landscape assessment**: Identifying, evaluating and prioritizing awards, ratings and rankings programs and frameworks to streamline effort and minimize reporting burden.
- **Materiality assessment**: Identifying and prioritizing issues most important to the organization and its stakeholders, aligned with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Standards.
- **Stakeholder engagement**: Identifying and consulting stakeholders on report focus and content, including engagement aligned with GRI’s materiality assessment process.
- **Policy development**: Developing and reviewing environmental, social and governance policies that show commitment.
- **Report coordination**: Preparing for, developing and reviewing report content aligned with investor, customer and other stakeholder requests including CDP, the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), EcoVadis, GRI and GRESB, among others.
- **Report strategy**: Reviewing company activities, performance data and existing reporting to refine report focus, identify potential improvements and guide content development.
- **Report development**: Coordinating all aspects of company reports, questionnaire responses and other external disclosures including identifying report focus, coordinating qualitative and quantitative input by content providers, developing and reviewing content and assisting with layout and graphics.
- **Report review**: Evaluating report drafts to identify short- and long-term improvement opportunities to advance program activities, improve quality and completeness, increase transparency and maximize scoring.
- **Goal and target communication**: Setting ambitious goals (aligned with the Science-Based Targets Initiative) and communicating anticipated results via CDP and other frameworks.
Our experience

SUPPORT ANNUAL RESPONSES TO CDP’S CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER, CITIES AND SUPPLY CHAIN INFORMATION REQUESTS
WSP supports more than 25 clients across sectors on the CDP response process, with roles ranging from draft response review to complete response development. In 2017, 12 of WSP’s clients were listed on CDP’s A Lists.

DEVELOPED ANNUAL RESPONSES TO GRESB ASSESSMENT FOR A REAL ESTATE CLIENT
The WSP team evaluated and recommended improvements to the client’s sustainability program and GRESB response; managed implementation of high-priority improvements; and coordinated all aspects of the response before submission.

ASSESSED THE LANDSCAPE OF SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS, RATINGS, AND RANKINGS PROGRAMS AND FRAMEWORKS FOR A FINANCIAL SERVICES CLIENT
WSP helped identify, evaluate and recommend high-priority reporting and disclosure outlets to minimize the reporting burden and optimize internal effort across functions.

GUIDED THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A GHG REDUCTION TARGET ALIGNED WITH THE SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS INITIATIVE FOR AN APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR CLIENT
This effort included working closely with our client to quantify value chain (scope 3) GHG emissions, model future emissions, recommend appropriate targets and advise on target submission and target communications once approved.

ADVISITED ON PRIORITIES, INITIATIVES AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIS) FOR A FINANCIAL SERVICES CLIENT
WSP analyzed our client’s environmental, social and governance (ESG) program including support during materiality assessment, goal setting and goal achievement planning, and reporting strategy. We led measurement of ESG-related KPIs and development of disclosures via CDP, DJSI, FTSE4Good, RE100, and the US EPA Climate Leadership Awards, among others.

About WSP USA

WSP’s multidisciplinary sustainability, energy and climate change team has been providing related services for two decades. We support clients across sectors by providing strategy and planning, operational and technical expertise, a collaborative approach and a unique perspective on the market.

WSP has been a CDP accredited provider in the U.S. since 2011. As a partner, we work alongside CDP to support high-quality disclosure of climate change, water and forests information from companies and cities across the globe. We are also a GRESB global partner for the Real Estate and Infrastructure programs. WSP supports all aspects of the response process, including compiling sustainability performance data, developing strategy, policy and governance programs, setting goals and targets, assessing risk and opportunity, engaging stakeholders and developing high-quality responses.