



## Participation Guidelines and Policies

*The purpose of the Expo is to bring local organizations, businesses and community members together to learn from and share the most valuable sustainability resources throughout the South Sound.*

**Eligibility:** Applicants are limited to government agencies, community organizations, non-profit organizations, associations, businesses and individuals demonstrating a commitment to environmental sustainability in the South Sound Region comparable to the City's vision of environmental sustainability. Organizations may be asked to explain or show how their work and/or products demonstrate this commitment to environmental sustainability, and participation eligibility may be determined by Expo staff.

**COVID Vaccine Verification:** The 2022 South Sound Sustainability Expo is being hosted on the University of Washington Tacoma campus. As the host venue, the University may impose specific health and safety requirements with regard to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As of January 2022, the University requires that all guests and visitors to campus must provide COVID-19 vaccine verification. According to the University policy: "Vaccination verification is required for outdoor events of 500 or more: Outdoor University Events, Entertainment or recreational events with 500 or more attendees (e.g., collegiate sports, conventions, and entertainment events).

Additional information will be communicated to vendors following registration, and this requirement is subject to change according to University of Washington Tacoma policy.

## Prohibited Content:

A. Political Content: In order to avoid any appearance of partiality, or the appearance of the impermissible use of public resources, the City accepts no participation from political candidates or parties. All political content is prohibited within the event. For purposes of this policy, political content includes any messages involving candidates for office, including but not limited to candidate sponsorship, ballot issue sponsorship, and all types of informational sponsorship related to candidates or political issues of any kind. All participants shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 42.17 RCW related to use of public funds and public facilities.

B. Religious Content: In order to avoid any appearance of the impermissible use of public resources, the City will accept no religious content. For purposes of this policy, religious content is any message describing or promoting any religious belief, or containing depictions of any religious figures or symbols.

C. Sexual Content: To protect the public, and especially minors, the City accepts no sexual content. For purposes of this policy, sexual content is any message that contains depictions or descriptions that are obscene or lewd as defined in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 8.32.010. Sexual content is also any message promoting products or services involving obscene or lewd content or conduct as defined in Tacoma Municipal Code Section 8.32.010.

D. Tobacco Products: Because the use of tobacco products has a detrimental effect on public health, the Department accepts no content promoting tobacco products.

E. Alcohol Products: Because the abuse of alcohol has a detrimental effect on public health and safety, the Department accepts no sponsorship promoting alcohol products.