USCC membership brings visibility to your organization and helps you with name brand recognition in the compost manufacturing industry. You will have access to more than 5,000 decision makers and industry contributors, from feedstock generators to equipment suppliers and end users. The USCC provides you a platform to make a bigger impact on composting for your community, your business or your organization by playing an active role in our industry!

**AS A USCC SOILBUILDER MEMBER, YOU WILL:**

**SAVE**
- Discounted registration and booth fees for the largest compost trade show and conference in North America
- Free and discounted industry publications and periodicals
- Listing (compost facilities STA Certified members and haulers only) on our Compost Map

**BUILD**
- Use the USCC Proud Soilbuilder Member logo in your marketing
- Be part of up-to-date Best Management Practices and professional training programs
- Take part in the USCC Certified Compost Operations Manager program

**CONNECT**
- Join a USCC committee, task force, or online forum discussion
- Connect with the industry’s best – composters, equipment suppliers, state officials, product manufacturers and affiliates to the industry, or use the Job Board for career development

**USCC BENEFITS**
- Annual conference, certification, training and Seal of Testing Assurance discounts
- BioCycle magazine subscription
- Composter map & products & services listing
- Advocacy services at federal, state & local levels
- ListServ and Job Board
- Discount on Caterpillar loaders

**OUR MISSION**
The US Composting Council advances compost manufacturing, compost utilization, and organics recycling to benefit our members, society, and the environment.

**OUR VISION**
We believe compost manufacturing and compost utilization are central to creating healthy soils, clean air and water, a stable climate, and a sustainable society.

**INDUSTRY EXPOSURE. ACCESS TO EXPERTISE.**

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• Composting science
• Equipment and services management
• Feedstock management
• Health and safety
• Process control and quality assurance: field testing, sampling, and lab analysis
• Regulatory compliance: local, state, and federal regulations and standards
• Site management: layout needs, controlling tonnage and volume, odor management

The development of the certification test and program were made possible by a grant from the 11th Hour Project to the CCREF.

SEAL OF TESTING ASSURANCE—CERTIFIED COMPOST PROGRAM
The USCC’s STA Program is a compost testing, labeling and information disclosure program. It provides third party, independent analysis and review of compost data, using certified test labs. It certifies that compost has been tested on a prescribed schedule based on production tonnage, according to proven, compost specific analytical procedures designed by leading compost scientists. The program enhances the position of compost as a mainstream horticultural agricultural and household product.

The USCC’s first professional credential, the Certified Compost Operations Manager, was launched Fall of 2016. This certification program will enhance the profession of organics recycling facility management for positive business and environmental outcomes. Certification takes into account experience, training and knowledge in:
• Business acumen
• Composting purpose and vision
• Composting science
• Equipment and services management
• Feedstock management
• Health and safety
• Process control and quality assurance: field testing, sampling, and lab analysis
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ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH
Your industry is watching out for you! Through our Chapters and Legislative and Environmental Affairs Committee, we monitor regulatory and legislative actions affecting the compost industry and stand up for the best economic and environmental interests of our members.

We also employ Voter Voice, an E-Advocacy tool, for swift response in campaigns when we need many people to reach out, whether it is commenting on pesticide or food safety regulations, permitting modifications, or landfill ban challenges. The USCC also leads with a Model Template for Compost Regulations that has been used as a framework or baseline for permit design in many states.

The Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF) is a catalyst for advancing composting technologies, practices, and beneficial uses that support resource conservation and economic and environmental sustainability. As the philanthropic arm of the USCC, CCREF positively impacts communities locally and globally by:
• Fostering scientific research opportunities
• Increasing awareness and educating the public
• Advancing the stature and practices of the composting industry

CCREF PROGRAMS INCLUDE:
• Compost Operations Training Course (COTC) — how to run a successful composting facility.
• Compostable Plastics Toolkit and the Curb 2 Compost Toolkit
• Development of the Certified Compost Operations Manager program
• International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)—consumer compost and compost use promotion
• Scholarships to college and high school students for academic research and students pursing work in organics management.
• Storehouse of academic and real-world resources to help scholars, professionals and backyard composters remain up-to-date and well informed on the latest.
• Test Methods for Evaluation of Compost and Composting (TMECC) protocol management assures so that compost testing meets the most current standards

CCREF is a nonprofit organization and counts on financial support. Contributions from individuals and organizations is vital. To help CCREF continue its important work for the compost manufacturing industry and composting, please make a generous donation today.

Become a Proud Soilbuilder at one of these levels:

- **Benefactor**
  - Up to 10 individuals*
  - $10,000

- **Platinum**
  - Up to 7 individuals*
  - $3,000

- **Gold**
  - Up to 5 individuals*
  - $1,500

- **Silver**
  - Up to 3 individuals*
  - $750

- **Bronze**
  - Up to 2 individuals*
  - $400

- **Basic**
  - Non-profits registered as 501c3 and farms composting residual for their own use
  - 1 member
  - $250

- **Individual**
  - Individuals, students and retirees and additional organizational members
  - 1 member
  - $150

*Additional individuals may be added to organizational accounts at $100 per person.

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