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**Kimberly Clark Supports USCC as Benefactor Member**

Bethesda (MD) -- The USCC is fortunate to have a third benefactor member, Kimberly Clark Professional, a consumer personal care products company with a mission of sustainable manufacturing practices and products, who signed on this summer. The company joins Caterpillar and Biodegradable Products Institute at the highest membership level.

Kimberly Clark Professional’s brands include [Kleenex](http://www.kleenex.com/), [Scott](http://www.scottbrand.com/), [Huggies](http://www.huggies.com/), [Pull-Ups](http://www.pull-ups.com/), [Kotex](http://www.kotex.com/), [Poise](http://www.poise.com/) and [Depend](http://www.depend.com/)s, and their sustainability policy, entitled Sustainability 2015, weaves a sustainable-business mindset and practice into their operations. Company goals to achieve by 2015 include: 25% reduction in water use, 100% fiber from certified suppliers, 5% reduction in greenhouse gases, 25% of sales in 2015 from environmentally innovative products, and 20% reduction in the environmental impact of their packaging. As a result of attending Greenbuild2015, the company has undertaken a pilot project that is planned for expansion at some of their locations.

Kimberly Clark Professional has pledged to promote USCC to its locations and customers, and USCC will work with the company on programming and connecting the company’s facilities with local compost manufacturers. Kimberly Clark Professional has also pledged to be a major sponsor of COMPOST2016, the 24th Annual Conference of the US compost industry.

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