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QUALITYPRO JOINS SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

QualityPro helping to drive \$10 trillion in sustainability innovation

Washington DC – December 10, 15 – QualityPro, the largest certification program for the pest management industry, has joined forces with leaders from government, industry, academia, standards organizations and NGOs to develop a groundbreaking guidance program for leadership in sustainable purchasing. Public and private sector organizations will use the program to guide trillions of dollars in collective purchasing towards goods and services that simultaneously meet the needs of their organization, society, and the planet.

QualityPro joins an esteemed group of organizations representing purchasers, suppliers and the public interest, including US General Services Administration, US Green Building Council, and the Responsible Purchasing Network.

As a member of the Council, QualityPro will play an instrumental role in solving the biggest obstacle to sustainable institutional purchasing: a lack of standardization in how sustainable purchasing is defined, guided, measured and rewarded. The Council's *Guidance Program for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing v1.0*, now under development, will enable efficient sharing of best practices, solutions, training, benchmarking, recognition, and policy efforts among organizations, sectors and regions.

“The Council supports a strategic approach to sustainable purchasing that is consistent across sectors,” says Executive Director Jason Pearson. “The potential for alignment, market influence, and supply chain innovation accelerate dramatically when we all speak the same language and use similar processes to evaluate and mitigate the impacts associated with institutional purchasing. The Council’s visionary members are working to unleash the full transformative potential of global institutional purchasing, which in the US alone annually represents an estimated \$10 trillion in spending.”

“We are excited to bring professional pest management into the sustainable procurement conversation at a national level. Through this partnership, we hope to send great customers to QualityPro Certified companies,” says Allison Taisey, BCE Certification Program Manager for QualityPro.

About QualityPro

QualityPro is administered by the Foundation for Professional Pest Management, an independent organization that develops good business practices and standards. Designed specifically for pest management companies in the US and Canada, this certification is available to companies that are currently members of the National Pest Management Association. Created in 2004, QualityPro is proud to certify over 475 of the most professional companies in the pest management industry. www.npmaqualitypro.org

About the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council

Launched in 2013, the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council builds on four years of work by the Green Products Roundtable, a multi-sector and multi-stakeholder forum convened by the Keystone Center in 2008. The Council’s mission is to support and recognize institutional purchasing leadership that accelerates the transition to a prosperous and sustainable future. Today, more than one hundred member organizations are working together to advance this mission. www.purchasingcouncil.org