

SETTING THE STANDARD IN GREENHOUSE GAS MANAGEMENT

Innovations in Implementing Employee GHG Reductions

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### **Presentation Outline**



- Climate Leaders internal communications assistance
- David Douglas, Sun Microsystems
  - Eco responsibility and Employees
- Laurie Council, Cummins Inc.
  - Employee education and IC plan

"In my 51 years in business, I've never seen an issue galvanize people in a company like sustainability."

-Ray Anderson, Interface



# Benefits of communicating about climate change with colleagues

- Nearly 7 million employees in CL Partnership who can make a difference
- Recent Ipsos Mori survey, 80% of respondents across 15 developed countries would prefer to work for a company that "has a good reputation for environmental responsibility". 81% in the U.S.
- Reduce day-to-day conflict by sharing a common vision
- Involvement in reaching goal helps staff feel part of the organization



## Internal Communications Working Group



#### Working group

September 2007 with 12 Partner companies

#### Purpose

to establish the common needs of companies trying to communicate with staff about climate change and/or emissions reductions

#### Conclusions

peer exchange valuable, needs among Partners fairly consistent, CL can provide assistance

Partners struggling with how to determine key facts, what's credible, how to keep it fresh, how to start or expand program



## 2008 Internal Communications Support



Climate Leaders can assist with Partner requests by providing:

- Content in layman's terms on GHG emissions & energy conservation ("What is a carbon footprint?")
- Standardized language for annual reports, sustainability reports, corporate web site
- Standardized language for third parties, including Carbon Disclosure Project
- Key set of reduction activities for staff at the office and at home.
  Consistency & continuity important
- Trusted and vetted web sites w reduction tips & fresh info
- EPA/CL recognition of an internal energy champion
- EPA Personal Emissions Calculator: www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind\_calculator.html
- Monthly call or email with new facts, web sites, peer exchange



## Communications of All Shapes and Sizes



Identify the common culture

"What values, principles, procedures, and behaviors must we create so that we can achieve our mission?"

Identify available communications tools

Print: newsletters, posters, progress reports, annual reports

Info exchange: environment board, guest lectures, Q&A

Multimedia: intranets, blogs, podcasts

Management: executive behavior, policies, training

- Specific GHG reduction projects; strategic comms plan
- Monitor effectiveness of tools for continuous improvement



### Personalized Climate Leaders PSA

