

Transform: Auto FAQ

What is Transform: Auto?

Transform: Auto is a program aimed at driving the adoption of renewable energy across the automotive supply chain. The program was developed by Trio and initiated in collaboration with founding sponsors Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Honda, Magna, Toyota Motor North America and the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment.

Transform: Auto focuses on reducing Scope 3 supply chain emissions in the global automotive industry by providing automotive suppliers with tailored guidance and dedicated expert support to help facilitate the procurement of renewable energy to reduce their Scope 2 emissions.

What are Scope 3 supply chain emissions?

Emissions accounting can be separated into three different scopes. Scope 1 emissions come from sources owned by a company, Scope 2 are the indirect emissions from purchased electricity, and Scope 3 are indirect emissions from the supply chain and use of sold products.

Why are automotive industry leaders motivated to work together on renewable energy?

Increasing the use of renewable energy to reduce emissions is a key part of pursuing the program sponsors' goals of achieving carbon neutrality. The impact of any one of the individual sponsors' Scope 3 purchased goods and services emissions can be 10 to 20 times greater than their own Scope 1 and 2 emissions. This collaboration provides an opportunity to maximize collective impact at scale while improving efficiencies across the value chain.

What types of renewable energy will Transform: Auto help suppliers to procure?

In the first year of the program, Transform: Auto will support suppliers in procuring renewable energy in North America through voluntary green tariffs, onsite solar, community solar, utility-scale renewable energy power purchase agreements, and environmental attribute certificates.

Will Transform: Auto offer suppliers more than education?

Yes, in addition to education, the program will help suppliers procure renewable energy. It will give suppliers the guidance required to pursue a renewable energy pathway on their own, or suppliers can opt to pursue renewable energy procurement through an organized cohort of suppliers, led by a Trio advisor.

Is there a cost or obligation for suppliers to participate in Transform: Auto?

Transform: Auto is available at no cost to Tier 1 suppliers of Ford, GM, Honda, Manga, Toyota, and to members of the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment. There is no obligation to participate.

How does a supplier get involved in Transform: Auto?

The Transform: Auto program will officially launch for suppliers in the fall of 2024. Suppliers can pre-register for the program by visiting www.trioadvisory.com/transformauto.

