

Transform: Auto FAQ

General

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 are greenhouse gases emitted directly from owned and/or operated company assets. Scope 2 emissions are the greenhouse gases that are emitted as a result of a company's electricity consumption or use of purchased heat, steam, or cooling. Scope 3 emissions are the greenhouse gases that are released as a result of your business activity, both upstream and downstream in your supply chain. The largest sources of each scope of emissions are commonly: Scope 1, natural gas use; Scope 2: electricity use; and Scope 3: purchased goods and services, 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.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to participate in Transform: Auto?

Companies located in North America that are Tier 1 suppliers of the program sponsors: Ford, General Motors, Honda, Magna, and Toyota, and/or members of the Suppliers Partnership for the Environment, are eligible to participate in Transform: Auto.

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?

Suppliers can register for the program by navigating to www.transform-auto.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact transformauto@trioadvisory.com.

Program Details

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 this program mainly for companies that are new to renewables or is there value for more advanced suppliers to participate?

Transform: Auto has opportunities for suppliers of all levels of maturity to participate. For suppliers who are experienced in renewables procurement, you are welcome to set up an office hours appointment with the Trio team to discuss what remains on your list and whether our timelines could be a fit for supporting any remaining procurement you may be planning. Or, if you are open to sharing your experience with renewables procurement, your company could potentially help to educate other suppliers through the Transform: Auto program.

Program Registration

We have multiple people responsible for renewable energy. Do we each register individually?

Program registration is on an individual basis. Each person from each company who would like to register is welcome to do so independently.



We have multiple supplier codes for our sites. To validate our relationship with each customer, do we need to enter all of the relevant supplier codes?

In your user profile, you are asked to validate your relationship with each of your customers who are sponsoring the program. If you are a Tier 1 supplier to both Ford and Honda, for example, you would need to enter one supplier code to validate your relationship with Ford and one supplier code to validate your relationship with Honda. If you have trouble, please contact transformauto@trioadvisory.com.

Action Cohorts

What Action Cohorts will be offered?

Transform: Auto will offer cohorts that support suppliers in procuring renewable energy through utility program enrollments, community solar subscriptions, onsite solar contracts, virtual power purchase agreements, and environmental attribute certificates (EACs) or renewable energy certificates (RECs).

For an action cohort, will Trio be vetting the renewable energy project developers before including them in an RFP?

Yes, Trio will vet the renewable energy project developers before including them in an RFP and will educate the action cohort participants on the developers' qualifications.

Will cohort opportunities and feasibility assessments be offered multiple times for those companies that join later, or that are not ready to move beyond education until later years?

Yes. Feasibility assessments will be available on an ongoing basis. Cohort opportunities will be offered on a recurring basis.

