

FACTORY OF CHOICE



Responsible Business Alliance

Formerly the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition

Advancing Sustainability Globally



OVERVIEW

The Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) has been developing tools and programs to measure and improve workplace SER performance for over 10 years. Many facilities are new or still developing to meet the RBA Code of Conduct while others have gone beyond high audit scores to reach a level of performance that often goes unrecognized. The Responsible Factory Initiative (RFI) was launched in 2018 to provide a unifying architecture for RBA factory level tools and programs that meet the needs of customers looking to assess and develop their supply chain partners as well as factories at all levels of maturity. Suppliers that are challenged to meet the RBA Code are offered tools and trainings while those demonstrating leadership are offered recognition.

As members of the Responsible Business Alliance, companies have high expectations of their supply chains. The RBA recognizes this is a journey and each factory is at a different place in the maturity curve. To support the ambition of factories to go beyond audits, within the RFI we have created the Factory of Choice Award Program. This program is for factories that successfully implement the RBA Code of Conduct and push beyond the audit, exceeding expectations.

SOLUTION

Factory of Choice is intended to recognize those factories striving for excellence in corporate social responsibility. It is awarded to factories that fully commit to the RBA Code of Conduct and demonstrate leadership through impact and transparency. To enter the program, factories must complete an evidence-based application that is reviewed by RBA staff to ensure the program criteria are met.

ACHIEVABILITY

The Factory of Choice award program recognizes excellence in factories of all types and sizes. The RBA offers tools, trainings and resources to help factories navigate from their current performance levels to their aspired performance levels.

BENEFITS

Becoming a Factory of Choice provides outside recognition to customers and other stakeholders for a high level of commitment to the RBA Code of Conduct and corporate social responsibility. It reduces audit fatigue by providing an audit that can be shared with all customers and covers all lines of business. Award recipients receive a plaque and a digital copy of the award to use in CSR reports and other printed material.

VERIFICATION

There is a unique ID and expiration date assigned to each award. Those who wish to verify an award can use the unique ID to confirm its validity.



AWARD

Introducing the One Star and criteria:

AWARD LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS
One Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A VAP with a minimum score of 160 and all Priority Findings must be closed One RBA-Certified Factory Lead A functioning forum for workers to provide ongoing input to management regarding the workplace

TO APPLY

Effective April 2, 2018 factories can begin the process of becoming a Factory of Choice by applying online at responsiblebusiness.org/initiatives/FOC

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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