***Things We Look For in Sustainable Vendors***

Supply Chain

How they manage their supply chain to ensure environmental and social responsibility:

* Minimizing packaging? What are its sustainable and positive attributes?
* Utilize durable vs. disposable materials where applicable?
* Following sustainable/social procurement policies?
* Quantified your product’s life-cycle carbon footprint?
* Monitoring employment practices of manufacturers & suppliers?
* Ensuring healthy & safe working and living conditions of migrant or factory laborers?
* Does our business with you support 3 Daughters Brewing’s local economy?

Manufacturing & Administration

What the company does in its operations to reduce negative and increase positive environmental impact:

* Do products have positive environmental attributes?
* Have they quantified their operational CO2 footprint?
* Do they have goals to reduce their use of raw material inputs?
* Utilizing renewable energy sources?
* What are their energy, water & toxicity goals?
* Integrated & healthy facilities management practices?

Transportation

What they do to minimize the transportation impacts of supplies and products:

* Where do their supplies originate? How are they shipped to them? Boat/rail/air/truck?
* How do they maximize loads?
* Do they use alternative transportation fuels?

Waste

* How comprehensive is the waste management approach? Carried out an audit of the waste streams?
* Do they have waste minimization goals and are they striving for zero waste?
* Utilize paperless invoicing and electronic funds transfer?

Company Culture

* Robustness of health insurance and paid time off provisions.
* ESOP or other retirement or equity-sharing plan? Profit-sharing plan?
* Do people like to work for the company? How do they honor their contributions?

Certifications & Reporting

* What environmental organizations do they belong to?
* Independent third-party certification or recognition of your sustainable practices. (e.g. B Corp, FSC, 1%FTP, EPA Smart Ways, local or state programs, World Blu, etc.)
* Have an SMS or EMS?
* Regular and transparent public disclosure of environmental impacts, goals and activities.

Advocacy

What actions they take to encourage others to reduce their environmental impacts, and how they work outside of regular business operations to “do the right thing”?

* Partnering with others in their industry or supply chain to establish best practices?
* Community outreach programs.
* Do they support their employees in their sustainability efforts (e.g., recycling, carpooling, sponsoring nonprofits, etc.)?
* How can their customers help reduce negative environmental impacts?