



Cabinet Office

## CARBON REDUCTION PLAN GUIDANCE

### Notes for Completion

Where an In-Scope Organisation has determined that the measure applies to the procurement, suppliers wishing to bid for that contract are required at the selection stage to submit a Carbon Reduction Plan which details their organisational carbon footprint and confirms their commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.

Carbon Reduction Plans are to be completed by the bidding supplier<sup>1</sup> and must meet the reporting requirements set out in supporting guidance, and include the supplier's current carbon footprint and its commitment to reducing emissions to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050.

The CRP should be specific to the bidding entity, or, provided certain criteria are met, may cover the bidding entity and its parent organisation. In order to ensure the CRP remains relevant, a Carbon Reduction Plan covering the bidding entity and its parent organisation is only permissible where the detailed requirements of the CRP are met in full, as set out in the Technical Standard<sup>2</sup> and Guidance<sup>3</sup>, and all of the following criteria are met:

- The bidding entity is wholly owned by the parent;
- The commitment to achieving net zero by 2050 for UK operations is set out in the CRP for the parent and is supported and adopted by the bidding entity, demonstrated by the inclusion in the CRP of a statement that this will apply to the bidding entity;
- The environmental measures set out are stated to be able to be applied by the bidding entity when performing the relevant contract; and
- The CRP is published on the bidding entity's website.

Bidding entities must take steps to ensure they have their own CRP as soon as reasonably practicable and should note that the ability to rely on a parent organisation's Carbon Reduction Plan may only be a temporary measure under this selection criterion.

The Carbon Reduction Plan should be updated regularly (at least annually) and published and clearly signposted on the supplier's UK website. It should be approved by a director (or equivalent senior leadership) within the supplier's organisation to demonstrate a clear commitment to emissions reduction at the highest level. Suppliers may wish to adopt the key objectives of the Carbon Reduction Plan within their strategic plans.

A template for the Carbon Reduction Plan is set out below. Please complete and publish your Carbon Reduction Plan in accordance with the reporting standard published alongside this PPN.

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<sup>1</sup>Bidding supplier or 'bidding entity' means the organisation with whom the contracting authority will enter into a contract if it is successful.

<sup>2</sup>Technical Standard can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/991625/PPN\\_0621\\_Technical\\_standard\\_for\\_the\\_Completion\\_of\\_Carbon\\_Reduction\\_Plans\\_\\_2\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991625/PPN_0621_Technical_standard_for_the_Completion_of_Carbon_Reduction_Plans__2_.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Guidance can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/991623/Guidance\\_on\\_adopting\\_and\\_applying\\_PPN\\_06\\_21\\_\\_Selection\\_Criteria\\_\\_3\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991623/Guidance_on_adopting_and_applying_PPN_06_21__Selection_Criteria__3_.pdf)

# Carbon Reduction Plan Template

Supplier name: Cisco Systems, Inc.

Publication date: 2020.

## Commitment to achieving Net Zero

**[Cisco Systems, Inc.]** is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2040.

## Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

<b>Baseline Year: 2019</b>	
<b>Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.</b>	
<b>Baseline year emissions:</b>	
<b>EMISSIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>
Scope 1	<b>46,652</b>
Scope 2	<b>187,428</b>
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	<b>27,234,471</b>
<b>Total Emissions</b>	<b>27,468,551</b>

## Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: <b>2021</b>	
<b>EMISSIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>
Scope 1	26,694
Scope 2	147,801
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	22,944,709
<b>Total Emissions</b>	<b>23,119,204</b>

## Emissions reduction targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

### Cisco's Carbon Reduction Targets:

Cisco is committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions across its value chain by 2040. We set a long-term target to reduce our absolute Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions 90% by 2040 compared to our 2019 fiscal year. We will neutralize any remaining emissions by permanently removing an equal amount from the atmosphere through credible GHG emissions removal projects.

Cisco has several near-term targets that support its net zero goal:

To reduce absolute Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions 90% by 2025 compared to our 2019 fiscal year, and to neutralize any remaining Scope 1 and 2 emissions by permanently removing an equal amount from the atmosphere through credible GHG emissions removal projects.

To reduce absolute Scope 3 emissions from purchased goods and services, upstream transportation and distribution, and use of sold products 30% by 2030 compared to our 2019 fiscal year

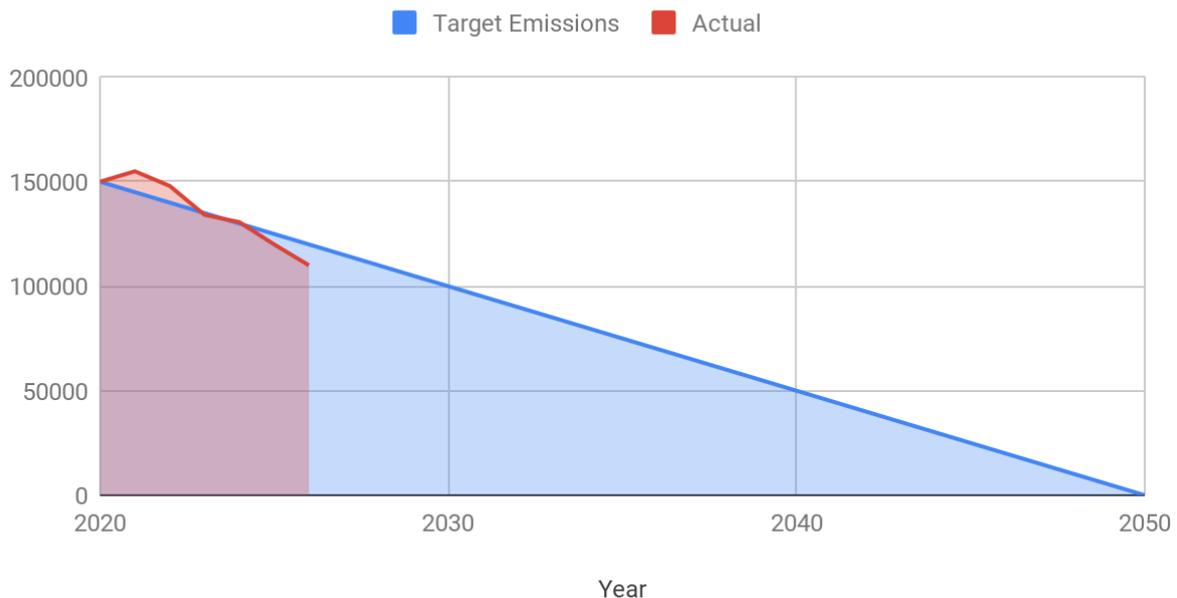
Cisco's 2040 net zero target is approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). SBTi defines best practices in science-based target setting aligned with the need to halve global emissions before 2030 and achieve net zero before 2050.

For more information, please see our Net Zero webpage, found at:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/csr/environmental-sustainability/net-zero.html>

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:

## Carbon Reduction: Projected vs. Actual



## Carbon Reduction Projects

### Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2019 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 4,349,347 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, a 16%ge reduction against the 2021 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract

Cisco's ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) provides a continuous cycle of planning, implementing, reviewing, and improving the processes and actions that are performed to meet business and environmental goals. More information and a copy of our certificate can be found at: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/approach-quality/iso-14001.html>

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Cisco is investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy to reduce the GHG impact of our operations. For more information, please see our "Scope 1 & 2 GHG Emissions" webpage, found at: [https://www.cisco.com/c/m/en\\_us/about/csr/esg-hub/environment/scope-1-2-ghg-emissions.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/m/en_us/about/csr/esg-hub/environment/scope-1-2-ghg-emissions.html)

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

Cisco will get to Net Zero by 2040 by:

- Continuing to increase the energy efficiency of our products and solutions
- Further embedding circular economy principles across our business
- Accelerating the use of renewable energy
- Embracing Hybrid Work
- Investing in innovative carbon removal solutions

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## **Declaration and Sign Off**

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard<sup>4</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>5</sup>.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard<sup>6</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

### **Signed on behalf of the Supplier:**

Francine Katsoudas  
Executive Vice President and Chief People, Policy and Purpose Officer

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<sup>4</sup><https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

<sup>6</sup><https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>