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Tork and the Association for the Health Care Environment join forces through a mutual commitment to sustainable outcomes; launch an Environmental Sustainability Toolkit

Increasing accessibility and effectiveness for change agents motivated to implement sustainable initiatives and lead the way to a more sustainable planet.

CHICAGO (September 24, 2018) – Today, the Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) of the American Hospital Association announced the launch of the Environmental Sustainability Toolkit with Essity’s Tork brand, the leading global brand in workplace hygiene.

The alliance between Tork, an Essity brand, and AHE is specific to the mutual commitment for environmental sustainability and highlights the active engagement of environmental services as thought leaders and change agents who are leading the way with sustainability programs.

This initiative illustrates both Tork’s and AHE’s commitment to sustainability efforts and the desire to assist environmental services professionals with their departmental efforts.

The Environmental Sustainability Toolkit includes, but is not limited to; templates for creating a sustainability statement and identifying key stakeholders and champions along clinical and non-clinical staff, a sample organizational chart, and how to conduct a sustainability assessment.

“We have seen first-hand how sustainability initiatives can not only have a large scale environmental impact, but also add meaningful business value,” said Tom Bergin, Marketing Director for Essity Professional Hygiene, North America. “This Toolkit will empower organizations to effectively implement and assess programs to introduce sustainability as an integrated part of your organization.”

The Toolkit is an extension of the AHE and Tork relationship. For the past two years, Tork has donated a tree to each host city of the AHE’s annual EXCHANGE conference, in recognition of our mutual commitment to sustainable operations.

Tork also currently sponsors AHE’s Environmental Sustainability Certificate Program, which provides health care environmental services the opportunity to demonstrate departmental commitment to sustainability through operational practices designed to reduce the environmental footprint.



For complete information on the Environmental Sustainability Toolkit visit

http://www.ahe.org/Designations/environmental_sustainability_certificate_program.shtml

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About Tork

The Tork brand offers professional hygiene products and services to customers ranging from restaurants and health care facilities to offices, schools and industries. Products include dispensers, paper towels, toilet tissue, soap, napkins, and industrial and kitchen wipers. Through expertise in hygiene, functional design and sustainability, Tork has become a market leader. Tork is a global brand of Essity, and a committed partner to customers in over 90 countries. To keep up with the latest Tork news and innovations, please visit: www.torkusa.com.

About Essity

Essity is a leading global hygiene and health company that develops, produces and sells Personal Care (Baby Care, Feminine Care, Incontinence Products and Medical Solutions), Consumer Tissue and Professional Hygiene products and solutions. Our vision is; Dedicated to improving well-being through leading hygiene and health solutions. Sales are conducted in approximately 150 countries under many strong brands, including the leading global brands TENA and Tork, and other brands, such as Leukoplast, Libero, Libresse, Lotus, Nosotras, Saba, Tempo, Vinda and Zewa. Essity has about 48,000 employees and net sales in 2016 amounted to approximately \$12 billion. The business operations are based on a sustainable business model with focus on value creation for people and nature. The company has its headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, and is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm. Essity used to be part of the SCA Group. More information at www.essity.com.

About AHE

The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) is a Professional Membership Group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings; including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE shapes professional practice, advances and promotes the profession and promotes awareness for over 2,300 professionals working to ensure a clean and safe health care environment and quality outcomes. www.ahe.org