Suppliers

As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact, Infosys leverages the UNGC principles covering human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption as foundational principles for building and improving its sustainable supply chain practices.

The Company is committed to providing opportunities to diverse businesses and integrating the UNGC principles into our supply chain and towards building a positive long-term environmental and social impact. Our Responsible Supply Chain Policy categorizes our suppliers in three segments – people, services and products. All our suppliers are required to sign our Supplier Code of Conduct. Our agreement with vendors includes a mandate to comply with local laws and regulations. We expect our suppliers to support and respect internationally proclaimed human rights guidelines. A strong governance process and independent checks support regular quarterly audit of contract staff, in accordance with various labor laws. Grievances are addressed through appropriate mechanisms available to contract staff to safeguard their interests. Our contracts have appropriate clauses and checks to prevent the employment of child labor or forced labor in any form. We also provide forums, where suppliers can voice their concerns and issues.

In fiscal 2022, we launched a responsible supply chain assessment through an external, independent consulting partner. This assessment will cover our top 100 suppliers to baseline their ESG performance. The assessments are under way and cover governance, ethics and compliance with law, fair business practices, labor practices and human rights, health and safety, and environment.

The assessment will give the supplier an ESG scorecard with scores on each of the assessment parameters, while highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. Post the assessment, we will also engage with the suppliers to identify specific initiatives that will help improve their scores. Based on the overall learning from the program, we will create a supplier education and engagement initiative to help our smaller suppliers build competencies.

Key highlights

- **MSME partners**: 569
- **Contract staff**: 25,470
- **Local suppliers**: 1,498

Government and regulators

The roles of regulators and governments are inextricably intertwined with the creation of sustained value for an organization’s stakeholders. Our engagement with the public sector is underlined by transparency and aims to achieve different purposes. For instance, enabling the implementation of Tech for Good programs on scale, or collaborating to seek suitable policies for the industry, or executing community development projects in rural India.

We also partner with government departments to help deliver services to the citizens of India, the US and Canada, Australia and New Zealand, the UK and Europe.

Approach to government, policy and community engagements

Infosys’ approach to achieving our government, policy and community objectives focuses on engaging ecosystems at the national, regional and local levels. To this end, across each of the Company’s key markets – including, but not limited to the US, Canada, the UK, Europe, Australia and India – Infosys focuses on developing and maintaining partnerships with relevant government officials, business organizations, technology industry associations, educational institutions, and community organizations for the purpose of developing mutually beneficial partnerships.

These partnerships allow Infosys, often along with our ecosystem partners, to:

- Mitigate legislative and regulatory risk
- Maximize the impact of Infosys’ investments local to certain geographies
- Deepen Infosys’ thought leadership on the development of key public policies
- Enhance the recognition of Infosys as a technology and employer ‘partner of choice’

Key highlights

- Successful collaboration with national governments and ecosystem partners to address employee travel disruption issues and global business continuity concerns immediately after the COVID-19 outbreak
- In-person endorsements of Infosys’ contribution to local technology hiring, skillling and related capital investments by government leaders at the national (the US Vice President and Secretary of Labor; the British and Australian prime ministers, the Costa Rican president), regional (state / provincial leaders across the US, Germany, Romania, Australia, Canada, Mexico and others) and local levels
- Launch of the “Government Tech Insider” before the UK Parliament, a document to guide UK policy development on the regulation of emerging technologies (in partnership with the Infosys Knowledge Institute)
- Appointment of Infosys to the UK Trade Minister’s Technology and Telecoms Trade Advisory Group. Partnering with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund in the US to further the development of technology skills and Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Active contribution to the standards committees of BIS, ISO and IEEE in development of data privacy standards
- Advocating for immigration legislation and regulation in the best interests of the mobility of IT services industry workers into key markets such as the US, UK and Australia

Approach to government services

Public sector organizations worldwide face numerous challenges ranging from having to satisfy complex mission requirements, meeting citizens’ high expectations of public services, operating in a fast-evolving technology landscape to working under ever-increasing monetary pressures. Infosys supports public sector organizations to deal with these challenges and deliver enhanced outcomes.

Details of our global projects are available on Public-Sector IT Services - Overview (Infosys)