Resources [1]

For questions about CU’s sustainable purchasing program, contact the Senior Director of Procurement and Sourcing, Cristal Swain [2].

To learn more campus specific sustainability information, visit their webpage.

- University of Colorado Boulder [3]
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The additional resources on the right-hand side of the page are organizations or tools that support sustainable procurement work.

The table below is a sustainable purchasing framework to guide thought on different strategies to addressing purchasing behaviors.

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