

Epicurean Group (#37)

LOS ALTOS, CALIF.

REVENUES: 2016: \$52; 2015: \$47

CONTRACTS: 2016: 61; 2015: 57

SEGMENTS SERVED: K-12 (44%), B&I (42%), College/University (14%)

Epicurean Group has made a broad commitment to follow socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices. The company purchases locally whenever possible, within 150 miles of each location. Through its Carbon Offset program for business vehicles, which launched last year, it offset more than 12 metric tons of carbon.

The firm's award-winning Waste Not waste

reduction program requires it to use only 100 percent compostable take-away food and drink containers in all facilities, and its Green-Town Co-op, established in 2009 by CEO Mary Clark Bartlett, diverts around 122,000 pounds of waste each year from landfills.

Epicurean is also a business member of the Slow Food global nonprofit organization that advocates for "good, clean and fair" food, and in 2016 Bartlett was selected as a U.S. delegate to the Slow Food global conference in Turin, Italy.

Also, the firm's new Fair Trade Program enables sustainable agricultural development and a more equitable global trade model. 