



June 4, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As a representative of a chemical supplier corporation, you and your colleagues are invited to attend an exploratory meeting of the American Chemical Society Green Chemistry Institute® (ACS GCI) Suppliers Roundtable on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in Room 0105 at the Marriott Inn and Conference Center, College Park, Maryland, in conjunction with the 13th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference (www.gcande.org). The meeting is intended to be a discussion of interested chemical supplier companies to introduce the concept of the Suppliers Roundtable, to define some of the hurdles common in the industry, and evaluate if there is an opportunity to work collectively to address them. Participation in this exploratory meeting does not constitute an endorsement of the Roundtable by your company and does not obligate any company to participate in the future. All are encouraged to participate so we may adequately understand the opportunities and challenges for such an organization. The outcome of the meeting will be a decision on how to move forward in the development of an ACS GCI Suppliers Roundtable. Each participant should come prepared to share a few minutes about green chemistry initiatives at their respective company including the successes and perhaps some challenges. The meeting will be a discussion forum; therefore, no formal presentations are expected. For planning purposes, the meeting may be available via teleconference if there is sufficient interest from participants.

It is proposed that the ACS GCI Suppliers Roundtable would be similar in structure to the highly successful [ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Roundtable](#) and the [ACS GCI Formulator's Roundtable](#) launched in 2005 and 2009, respectively. Both are partnerships with companies within the industrial sector focused on addressing specific needs to facilitate the integration of green chemistry & engineering in the respective industry. Each Roundtable operates under antitrust guidelines and addresses green chemistry challenges in the precompetitive or noncompetitive space. According to a member of one of the Roundtables: "The ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Roundtable is an important component of [our company's] program to improve sustainability concepts both within [our company], as well as external to the company. We are particularly interested in the opportunities that the ACS GCI Roundtable provide for collaborating with partner companies in sponsoring research in the field of Green Chemistry, and providing tools for the assessment and improvement of the "Greenness" of chemical processes. In addition the Roundtable serves an important function as a venue for benchmarking of company sustainability practices across the industry." Our intention is the ACS GCI Suppliers Roundtable would provide similar value to members once established.

If you represent a chemical supplier and are interested in participating in the development of the ACS GCI Suppliers Roundtable on June 24th, please contact Julie Manley to RSVP or to learn more by calling (815) 325-4974 or e-mailing j_manley@acs.org.

Thank you for your commitment to green chemistry and engineering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Peoples".

Robert Peoples, PhD
Director, ACS Green Chemistry Institute®