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## 2023 GENERAL BENEFIT CORPORATION WATERSHED PARTNERS, GBC REPORT

Approved by Board of Directors on March 14, 2023

# THIRD PARTY STANDARD

serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good. the B Impact Assessment, which is administered by B Lab - a non profit organization that Watershed Partners' Board of Directors certifies that it has chosen the third party standard of

points on the assessment is also the first step towards B Corp Certification customers, suppliers, employees, and shareholders; receiving a minimum verified score of 80 measure, manage, and improve positive impact performance for environment, communities, Used by more than 150,000 businesses, the B Impact Assessment is a digital tool that can help

above upon recertification. recertification by February 2026. As of 2023, we scored 88.7 and hope to score the same or Watershed Partners was first certified as a B Corp in February 2023 and will need to complete

# PURSUING PUBLIC BENEFIT

general public benefit as outlined by the B Lab impact areas below: The following information provides details on how Watershed Partners has pursued



### Governance

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

22/22

OVERALL SCORE 15.0

OPERATIONS SCORE

0.0

IBM SCORE

NVA SCORE

0.0

Governance evaluates a company's overall mission, engagement around its social/environmental impact, ethics, and transparency. This section also evaluates the ability of a company to protect their mission and formally consider stakeholders in decision making through their corporate structure (e.g. benefit

## Governance Impact 2023:

corporation) or corporate governing documents.

- We have put more effort into employee training this year by more routine check ins with
- We continue to hold biweekly leadership meetings to plan for the future or make operational decisions new hires and a formal onboarding process
- We maintain a company handbook incorporating a Non-discrimination statement, anti breastfeeding parents, grievances, etc. harassment/whistleblower policies, policies on maternity leave and supporting



Workers

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

52/52

OVERALL SCORE

IBM SCORE

OPERATIONS SCORE

30.0

NVA SCORE

satisfaction. In addition, this section recognizes business models designed to benefit workers, such as companies that are at least 40% owned by nonexecutive employees and those that have workforce development programs to support individuals with barriers to employment. Workers evaluates a company's contributions to its employees' financial security, health & safety, wellness, career development, and engagement &

## Workers Impact 2023:

- supplementary benefits, including long term disability and and employer funded HSA. WPI pays 100% of family (including domestic partners) health care premiums. We offer
- We offer a 401k plan to all full time employees and included a 6% employer contribution
- Increases We continue to offer our employees competitive wages including annual cost of living
- when they are able WPI continues to offer unlimited PTO and encourages employees to rest and recharge
- All employees received bonuses throughout the year and owners received profit sharing.



#### Community

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

25/25

OVERALL SCORE 13.8

OPERATIONS SCORE
11.6

IBM SCORE

N/A SCORE

business models that are designed to address specific community-oriented problems, such as poverty alleviation through fair trade sourcing or distribution via diversity, equity & inclusion, economic impact, civic engagement, charitable giving, and supply chain management. In addition, this section recognizes microenterprises, producer cooperative models, locally focused economic development, and formal charitable giving commitments. Community evaluates a company's engagement with and impact on the communities in which it operates, hires from, and sources from. Topics include

## Community Impact 2023:

- WPI is currently owned by 50% women
- The WPI Partners are made up of various ages
- In 2023, we were able to hire 3 full time employees and 3 independent consultants
- In 2023 we were able to donate \$16,822 to various organizations throughout the United
- States. Most of them food based.
- We gained multiple non-profit clients in 2023 helping to serve the NYC community by providing affordable healthcare and other human services
- Watershed Partners has employees located throughout the United States so we are able volunteering at: touch multiple communities. Our employees provided their time and materials
- A local horse rescue and animal shelter in Colorado
- Pro Bono project work in NYC
- Volunteer work at Pratt Institute in NYC helping students with career guidance
- Volunteer greeter and docent at The High Line in NYC



### Environment

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED** 

20/20

OVÉRALL SCORE

OPERATIONS SCORE

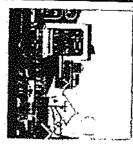
IBM SCORE

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the market or extract and services that create renewable energy, reduce consumption or waste, conserve land or wildlife, provide less toxic alternatives to with environmentally innovative production processes and those that sell products or services that have a positive environmental impact. Some examples with environmentally includes the direct impact of a company's operations and, when applicable its supply chain and distribution channels. This section also recognizes companies Environment evaluates a company's overall environmental management practices as well as its impact on the air, climate, water, land, and biodiversity. This

## Environmental Impact 2023:

- carbon offsets through Project Wren. Watershed Partners was able to offset our employees' carbon footprints by purchasing
- hazardous waste disposal. Watershed has a written policy in our handbook encouraging recycling and proper
- We continue to host virtual meetings when possible to eliminate travel
- projects and re-using materials such as millwork and lighting fixtures when possible We support many of our Clients in their goals of achieving LEED certification for their



#### Customers

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

5/5

OVERALL SCORE

OPERATIONS SCORE <u>1</u>5

IBM SCORE

NVA SCORE

of other businesses or organizations. customers, such as health or educational products, arts & media products, serving underserved customers/clients, and services that improve the social impact and feedback channels. In addition, this section recognizes products or services that are designed to address a particular social problem for or through its Customers evaluates a company's stewardship of its customers through the quality of its products and services, ethical marketing, data privacy and security,

## Customers Impact 2023:

- someone if not meeting their expectations. our Project Managers work for the same clients so there is always an open dialogue if As a small company, we are able to closely monitor our customers satisfaction. Many of
- a true testament to our quality of service. We have gained many if not all of our clients through word of mouth and we think that is



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