

### Comparison of Local Government Reporting Protocols for Greenhouse Gases

<b>Protocol</b>	<b>WRI Government Protocol</b>	<b>ICLEI Local Government Protocol</b>	<b>Climate Registry</b>	<b>EPA</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Provide internationally-accepted framework for conducting an emission inventories. Makes a strong recommendation for local governments to consult LGO Protocol for local-govt specific examples and calculation information.	Provide specific program for members to conduct emission inventories, set targets, develop climate action plans, and report results.	Provide specific program for members to prepare and report emission inventories in publicly accessible registry.	Provide specific guidance to assist state and local governments prepare inventories. Mandatory reporting coming soon.
<b>Scope: Government Operations</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Scope: Community-wide</b>	No	Possible/Companion document required	No	Possible
<b>Reporting and Repository</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Policy: Reduction Goals/Targets</b>	No	Yes	Encouraged	Possible
<b>Mitigation/Offset Credit Calculations</b>	No - refer to Project Protocol	Yes	No	Possible
<b>Calculation Tools</b>	Free on-line tools	Members pay for access to tools . Other resources are provided as well.	Members pay for access to tools	Free tools
<b>3rd Party Verification</b>	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Cost</b>	None	Yes: fee structure to become member based on local government population	Yes: fee structure based on size of local government's annual revenue/budget.	No

Sources:

<http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/>

<http://www.icleiusa.org/programs/climate/ghg-protocol>

<http://www.ghgprotocol.org/standards/publications>

<http://www.ghgprotocol.org/the-public-sector-works-with-ghg-protocol-to-develop-a-new-standard>

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>

[http://epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/state\\_guidance.html](http://epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/state_guidance.html)