

Green Purchasing Programs

WHY BUY GREEN?

“The Federal government can be a good steward of our resources, and we fully intend to be.”

- President George W. Bush

MYTHS ABOUT BUYING GREEN

- The Administration has revoked the greening the government Executive Orders.
- Inconsistent with efforts to be more like corporate America.
- Inconsistent with requirement to buy from mandatory sources.

GREEN PURCHASING ENCOMPASSES

- Recycled content products
- Energy- and water-efficient products
 - Standby power devices
- Biobased products
- Environmentally preferable products

Recycled Content Products

- Legal basis: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act section 6002, E.O. 13101, E.O. 13148, and E.O. 13149
- What's required: Purchase EPA-designated recycled content products

What To Buy Green

- Office products
- Printing services
- Fleet maintenance products
- Building construction, renovation, and maintenance (janitorial, landscaping) products
- Traffic control
- Parks and recreation products

Where to Buy Green

- GSA Advantage! (CPG symbol, recycling symbol)
- DoD EMALL
- JWOD
- UNICOR
- PRO-Net
- Commercial sources

Where to Find More Information

www.epa.gov/cpg

Energy Star, Energy Efficient Products, and Vampires

- Legal basis: Energy Policy Act, E.O. 13123, E.O. 13221
 - Additional legislative requirements pending
- What's required: Reduce building energy use, purchase Energy Star and FEMP-recommended products, and purchase products that use minimal standby power

What To Buy Green

- Electronic office products
 - Low standby power devices
- Building construction products
- Appliances (residential and commercial)
- Lighting
- Water-saving products

Where to Buy Green

- GSA Advantage! (Energy Star symbol, EE symbol)
- DoD EMALL
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts
- Utility Energy Savings Contracts
- Commercial sources

Where to Find More Information

www.eere.doe.gov/femp/procurement

www.eere.energy.gov/femp/resources/standby_power

www.energystar.gov

Biobased Products

- Legal basis: Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 section 9002, E.O. 13101, E.O. 13134
- What's required: Purchase USDA-designated biobased products

What To Buy Green

TBD but probably:

- Office products
- Printing products
- Fleet maintenance products
- Building renovation, construction, and maintenance (janitorial and landscaping) products

Where to Buy Green

- GSA Advantage! (biobased symbol)
- Defense Energy Supply Center
- DoD EMALL
- JWOD
- Commercial sources

Where to Find More Information

www.bioproducts-bioenergy.gov

www.ofee.gov, click on Green Purchasing, click on Biobased Products

Environmentally Preferable Products

- Legal basis: E.O. 13101
- What's encouraged: Purchase environmentally preferable products and services
- Pilots

Where to Find More Information

www.epa.gov/oppt/epp

You Can

- Train and educate procurement, energy, and program personnel on green purchasing
- Integrate green purchasing as a component into EMS
- Transmit guidance on importance of green purchasing

You Can

- Promote pilots
- Share related best practices and lessons learned
- Identify a green purchasing champion
- Incorporate green purchasing into your credit card training
- Develop automated and streamlined tracking procedures

Benefits

- Energy Security
- New markets
- Beneficial for environment
- Partnership with industry
- Redevelopment in rural counties
- Mission in cost-effective manner
- Awards and recognition

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