



## Guiding Principles

## Shop Green!

### Laws:

- ◆ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Section 6002 (RCRA, 1976)
- ◆ Pollution Prevention Act (1990)
- ◆ Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, Section 9002 (2002)
- ◆ Energy Policy Act (1992, amended 2005)
- ◆ Energy Security and Independence Act (2007)

### Executive Orders (EOs):

- ◆ **EO 13423**, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007)
- ◆ **EO 13221**, Greening the Government Through Energy Efficient Standby Power Devices (July 31, 2001)

### Regulations:

- ◆ Federal Acquisition Regulation: Part 23 especially, and Parts 2, 7, 11, 12, 13, 36, 37, 42, and 52.  
[www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/FARTOCP23.html](http://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/FARTOCP23.html)
- ◆ DOJ Acquisition Regulation (JAR) part 2823  
[www.usdoj.gov/jmd/pe/jarinet.htm#2823](http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/pe/jarinet.htm#2823)

### DOJ Policy and Guidance:

- ◆ DOJ Green Purchasing Program (December 2007)
- ◆ Procurement Guidance Document 08-01, Environmental Issues (February 15, 2008)
- ◆ DOJ Green Purchasing Website  
[www.usdoj.gov/jmd/pe/envproc.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/pe/envproc.htm)

**GSA Advantage!® Environmental Aisle**  
[www.gsaadvantage.gov/environmental](http://www.gsaadvantage.gov/environmental)

**BioPreferred (Biobased Products), USDA**  
[www.biopreferred.gov](http://www.biopreferred.gov)

**Comprehensive Procurement Guideline, EPA**  
[www.epa.gov/cpg](http://www.epa.gov/cpg)

**Defense Logistics Agency**  
[www.dla.mil](http://www.dla.mil)

**Department of Defense—DOD EMall**  
[www.emall.dla.mil](http://www.emall.dla.mil)

**Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)** [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net)

**Energy Efficient Products and Low-Standby Power Devices, DOE**  
[www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement)

**Energy Star®, EPA**  
[www.energystar.gov/products](http://www.energystar.gov/products)

**Environmentally Preferable Products, EPA**  
[www.epa.gov/epp](http://www.epa.gov/epp)

**Federal Fleet/Alternative Fuel Vehicles, DOE**  
[www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/epact](http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/epact)

**Green Seal®**  
[www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)

**Non-Ozone Depleting Substances, EPA**  
[www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/lists/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/lists/index.html)

# Green Purchasing



## DOJ Environmental Program

[www.usdoj.gov/jmd/ep](http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/ep)

## What is “Green” Purchasing?

Both Congress and the President have directed Federal agencies to be good stewards of the environment by conserving energy, water, and other natural resources. One way that we can be good stewards is to buy products and services that conserve our precious resources. This is generally referred to as “green” purchasing.

Under Presidential Executive Order 13423, green purchasing includes the following components:

- ◆ Recycled content products, also known as Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) items
- ◆ Energy Star® and energy-efficient products; standby power devices
- ◆ Alternative fuel vehicles/alternative fuels
- ◆ Biobased products
- ◆ Non-ozone depleting substances
- ◆ Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP)
- ◆ Low or non toxic or hazardous chemicals
- ◆ Electronics with environmentally preferable attributes (i.e. Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool – EPEAT)

An Affirmative Procurement Plan (APP) is an agency’s plan for buying green products and services. DOJ’s plan is referred to as the **Green Purchasing Program (December 2007)**, and addresses the purchase of recycled content, Energy Star®, biobased, and other green products.

## Where Can I Learn More?

To learn more about the DOJ and Federal-wide green purchasing program, visit:

- ◆ DOJ Environmental Programs [www.usdoj.gov/jmd/ep](http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/ep)
- ◆ Office of the Federal Environmental Executive [www.ofee.gov/gp/gp.asp](http://www.ofee.gov/gp/gp.asp)

## Why Buy Green?

The Federal government spends more than \$200 billion on goods and services each year. The **Green Purchasing Program** minimizes negative environmental effects through the use of environmentally-friendly products.

**Buying green helps to:**

- Conserve natural resources and minimize our environmental “footprint”
- Improve worker safety and health
- Reduce Federal energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and waste to landfills
- Stimulate new markets and create jobs
- Reduce liabilities
- Provide potential cost savings \$\$\$

**It also is...**

- The law and national policy;
- Increasingly easier to do; and
- Closes the loop on the recycling process

## Who is Required to Buy Green?

The **green purchasing** requirements apply to *all* Federal agencies *and* their contractors. The requirements pertain to simplified acquisitions and large purchases, as well as to both direct purchases of products and to support services contracts.

These requirements *also* apply to federal purchase cardholders and to micro-purchases.

**The DOJ is committed to being a good steward of the environment**



## How Do Your Purchases Impact the Environment?

**Do you purchase, contract, or initiate a request for goods or services that include...**

- Paper or non-paper office products?
- Computers or other electronic equipment?
- Batteries?
- Appliances?
- Awards or plaques?
- Signs?
- Paint?
- Light bulbs?
- Vehicles, gasoline, oil, or tires?
- Park benches or picnic tables?
- Janitorial supplies or services?
- Landscaping products or services?
- Construction products or services?

**Your purchases could impact the environment by...**

- Containing hazardous or toxic chemicals that, if spilled or released, could pollute the air, soil, or groundwater
- Depleting the availability of natural resources if virgin or raw materials are constantly used
- Creating more waste in landfills that could pollute the soil and groundwater

**Work to...**

- Ensure awareness of and compliance with all **green purchasing** requirements
- Substitute **green** products for virgin products to the extent practicable
- Use recycled content office products
- Purchase Energy Star® and energy- and water-efficient products
- Find alternatives for products with excessive packaging and those with toxic chemicals
- Buy EPEAT-registered (green) computers
- Consider the entire life cycle of the product
- Include green purchasing in your Environmental Management System (EMS)

**Always think green at the start of the acquisition process!**