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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Procurement Thresholds for Implementation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Correction of certain procurement thresholds under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476 or [Jean\\_Grier@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Jean_Grier@ustr.eop.gov).

**SUMMARY:** On December 14, 2007, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published notice of the Procurement Thresholds for Implementation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (72 FR 71166). That Notice included three incorrect procurement threshold values due to inadvertent calculation errors. This notice provides the corrected thresholds.

Now, therefore, I, Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative, in conformity with the provisions of Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out the trade agreement obligations of the United States under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO/GPA), Chapter 15 of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Australia FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Bahrain FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Chile FTA), Chapter 9 of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States (DR-CAFTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Morocco FTA), and Chapter 13 of the United

States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Singapore FTA), do hereby determine, effective on January 1, 2008, for the calendar years 2008-2009, the following thresholds shall apply and replace those set out in the Determination published on December 14, 2007 (72 FR 71166):

*\$7,443,000*—for the procurement of construction services by all entities listed in the WTO/GPA, U.S.-Australia FTA, U.S.-Chile FTA, DR-CAFTA, U.S.-Morocco FTA, and the U.S.-Singapore FTA.

*\$528,000*—for the procurement of goods and services by sub-central entities listed in the WTO/GPA, U.S.-Australia FTA, U.S.-Chile FTA, DR-CAFTA, U.S.-Morocco FTA, and the U.S.-Singapore FTA.

*\$595,000*—for the procurement of goods and services by entities listed in U.S. Annex 3 of the WTO/GPA; List B in Annex 15-A of the U.S.-Australia FTA; List B in Annex 9-A, Section 3 of the U.S.-Bahrain FTA; List B in Annex 9.1, Section C of the U.S.-Chile FTA; List B in Annex 9.1, Section C of the DR-CAFTA; List B in Annex 9.1, Section C of the U.S.-Morocco FTA; and Annex 13A, Section C of the U.S.-Singapore FTA.

**Susan C. Schwab,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Office of Federal Procurement Policy; Acquisition of Green Products and Services

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), OMB.

**ACTION:** Proposed policy letter on the acquisition of green products and services.

**SUMMARY:** OFPP is proposing to issue a policy letter on green procurement policies and strategies. The policy letter would address: (1) General responsibilities of agencies for the procurement of green products and services; (2) the relationship of green products and services to other socio-economic programs; (3) automatic substitution policies; (4) listing of green products in Federal catalogues and online ordering systems; (5) green requirements for paper and printing; (6) application of green requirements in service contracting; and (7) energy efficiency. The proposed policy letter would implement specific provisions of

Executive Order (E.O.) 13423, *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*, Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6962), the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 6903), the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 6361), and Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8102). The proposed policy letter, when finalized, would supersede OFPP Policy Letter 92-4, *Procurement of Environmentally-Sound and Energy-Efficient Products and Services*, dated November 2, 1992.

**Comment Date:** Comments must be received in writing on or before February 26, 2008 to be considered in the formulation of the final policy letter.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [OFPPGreen@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OFPPGreen@omb.eop.gov).
- *Facsimile:* (202) 395-5105.
- *Mail:* Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Room 9013, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**Instructions:** Please submit comments only and cite "Proposed OFPP Policy Letter" in all correspondence. All comments will be posted without change to [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/green/green\\_comments.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/green/green_comments.html), including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Daumit, Policy Analyst, at (202) 395-1052, for clarification of content.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed policy letter provides guidance on green purchasing policies and strategies. It requires agencies to identify opportunities and give preference to the acquisition of green products and services, including but not limited to: (1) Alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles and hybrids; (2) biobased products; (3) Energy Star® and Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products; (4) environmentally-preferable products and services; (5) electronics registered on the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool; (6) low or no toxic or hazardous chemicals or materials or products; (7) non-ozone depleting substances; (8) recycled-content and/or remanufactured products; (9) renewable energy; and (10) water-efficient products.

In addition, the proposed policy letter:

- Requires agencies to first consider mandatory and preferred sources to obtain green products and services that meet their performance needs, and