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TO: Procurement Directors


FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Acquisition Letter 2007-08 – Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Through the Use of the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)

SUMMARY: Electronic products often contain hazardous materials, such as lead and mercury, which make them difficult to responsibly dispose of at the end of their useful life. The Environmental Protection Agency and a group of electronic product manufacturers have studied this problem and developed a standard (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers 1680-2006) that assesses the environmental attributes of these products and a registry to identify those products meeting or exceeding the standard. The standard and registry of products are known as the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool and may be found at <http://www.epeat.net>.

Executive Order 13423, Section 2(h), sets a goal that Federal agencies acquire 95% of applicable requirements with products from the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool. A new Federal Acquisition Regulation Case is in process to implement this requirement throughout the government; however, the Department has chosen to be an early adopter. Acquisition Letter 2007-08 is attached, which describes the initiative and provides a contract clause to implement within DOE contracts.

Questions regarding this Policy Flash may be referred to Richard Langston at (202) 287-1339 or Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov.



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Attachment