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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: Department of the Treasury Affirmative Procurement Program

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<u>Purpose:</u> This revision to AB 02-19 incorporates into Treasury's Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) the requirements for giving preference in procurement to biobased products as designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Effective Date: This Revision supersedes AB 02-19 dated June 14, 2002 and is effective immediately.

Expiration Date: This AB 02-19 R1 will expire when cancelled or superseded.

Background: Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (FSRIA) established Federal requirements for procurement of biobased products. The requirements are similar to those that apply to procurement of products designated for preference by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Treasury's APP has been revised to address FSRIA requirements for biobased products as well as EPA requirements for recovered materials.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for establishing a procurement program and for designating those items for which Federal agencies will give preference in procurement. USDA has not yet formally designated biobased preference items. Treasury's APP will be revised to include the FSRIA-required elements when USDA's designations become available.

<u>Action</u>: Bureau procurement offices are required to comply with Treasury's APP for recovered materials and biobased products. Bureau Chief Procurement Officers should supplement the Treasury APP as needed to ensure preference is given in procurement to EPA-designated products and services and to USDA-designed products as designated.

The February 2006 APP has been revised to address FSRIA requirements to the extent possible until USDA designation of preference items, and to update website locations and other information that has become available since 2002.

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