


MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

**Treasury Implementation of Executive Order (EO) 13423
Requirements for Acquisition of Electronic Product
Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-Registered Electronic
Products**

Purpose: This Acquisition Bulletin (AB) establishes the requirement that Bureau procurement offices acquire at least 95 percent of electronic products as Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-registered items for products for which there are EPEAT standards; that applicable IT solicitations and contracts incorporate appropriate language for the procurement of EPEAT-registered products; and that Bureau procurement offices strive to purchase EPEAT Silver-rated electronic products or higher if available.

Effective Date: Effective immediately for all new requirements – both new requirements that will result in new contracts and new requirements that will be awarded as modifications to existing contracts.

Expiration Date: This AB will expire when cancelled or superseded.

Background: Section 2(h)(i) of Executive Order (EO) 13423, “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management,” requires that each Federal agency when acquiring an electronic product to meet its requirements, meets at least 95 percent of those requirements with an Electronic Production Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-registered electronic product, unless there is no EPEAT standard for such product.

Required Bureau Action:

1. Until amendment of procurement regulations is accomplished, Treasury will implement the EPEAT standard by including a special provision in all solicitations and contracts for personal computer products and for services that require furnishing of personal computer products for use

by the government. New solicitations and new contracts shall contain the following language or language substantially similar to the following language:

Under this contract, the Contractor shall deliver, or furnish for Government use, only personal computer products that are EPEAT Bronze registered or higher.

2. Bureau procurement offices shall strive to purchase EPEAT Silver-registered electronic products or higher if available.

3. The Senior Procurement Executive may grant exceptions to the EPEAT-Bronze requirement when justified, for example in circumstances when the EPEAT-registered product does not meet program requirements, or when EPEAT-registered products will not be cost effective over the life of the product.

Additional Information:

The intent of this AB is that all new acquisitions for personal computer products and for services that require furnishing of personal computer products meet EPEAT bronze or higher. Modifications to existing contracts for the current period of performance are not required. For applicable contracts containing option periods, EPEAT requirements must be included in future option periods.

For purposes of determining the “personal computer products” to which the above requirement applies, “personal computer products” is defined as desktop personal computers, laptop personal computers, and personal computer monitors. The following are definitions of personal computer products:

(a) “Desktop personal computer” means a personal computer designed for use on a desk or table.

(b) “Laptop personal computer” (also known as a notebook computer) means a small portable personal computer that is lightweight and small enough to hold on the lap, with functionality comparable to a desktop computer.

(c) “Personal computer monitor” means a video display used with a personal computer.

The EPEAT Registry includes products that have been declared by their manufacturers to be in conformance with the environmental performance standard for electronic products -- IEEE 1680-2006. The Standard sets forth required and optional criteria. EPEAT “Bronze” registered products must meet all required criteria. EPEAT “Silver” registered products meet all required criteria and 50% of the optional criteria. EPEAT “Gold” registered products meet all required criteria and 75% of the optional criteria. These are the levels discussed in clause 1.4 of the IEEE 1680 Standard.

A list of EPEAT-registered products is available at:

www.epeat.net.

Questions about this AB may be directed to Jean Carter at jean.carter@do.treas.gov telephone (202) 622-6760.

Attachment: E.O. 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management