

APD ALERT



Standardization of Biobased Products Language

Purpose

The purpose of this alert is to notify acquisition personnel that AGAR Advisory 82 dated May 23, 2006 has been posted on the USDA procurement home page at <http://www.usda.gov/procurement> .

Policy

USDA has been tasked with the development and implementation of a comprehensive affirmative procurement program (APP) to increase the procurement and use of biobased products. The success of this program will stimulate new markets and help create new investment, job formation, and income generation in rural America.

AGAR Advisory 82 standardizes FedBizOpps synopsis language for USDA contract requirements that contain biobased products. The purpose of this standardization is to improve a business' ability to identify which procurements require the use of biobased products.

How does this affect me?

Acquisition personnel should familiarize themselves with the language contained in this advisory and immediately begin using the required language in all synopsized requirements when biobased products have been included.

Please contact Jean Zurface on 301-504-1116 with any questions.