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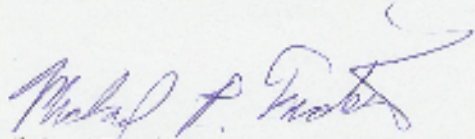
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
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SUBJECT: DOE Acquisition Guide Chapter 23 — Greening the Government —
Environmental Considerations in Acquisition

SUMMARY: This new Guide Chapter is issued to replace Acquisition Letter 2002-05 issued July 10, 2002. The Acquisition Letter is cancelled. The Guide Chapter continues the DOE practice of a Green Acquisition Advocate for each contracting activity. It also begins the implementation of the US Department of Agriculture's Biobased Products Procurement Preference Program. That Program is being implemented as a subset of the Affirmative Procurement Program because of the similarities between it and the Environmental Protection Agency Program for Recycled Content Products.

A summary of changes is attached.

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Attachment

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

1. Coverage of the US Department of Agriculture's Biobased Products Procurement Preference Program has been added. That Program implements requirements of Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act. FAR Case 2005-038 is in process to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Federal agencies have a period of 1 year from March 16, 2006 to implement the program. Any contracting activity having requirements for these products is encouraged to procure them in advance of the mandatory date.
2. A new section on the proper use of environmental solicitation provisions and contract clauses is added.
3. Attachment 3, Internet Information Resources, was updated.
4. Attachment 6, List of USDA-Designated Products, was added.
5. Attachment 7, List of ENERGYSTAR and FEMP Designated Products was added.
6. Attachment 8, Green Acquisition Advocates, was updated.
7. Attachment 9, Greening Requirement in Executive Orders, the FAR and the DEAR, was added.
8. Other editorial changes were made.