

## **EPA Green Power Partnership**

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## Renewable Energy & Green Power

- Renewable energy market increasing in size and significance through two avenues:
  - ✓ Mandated (renewable portfolio standards)
    - Currently 2000 MW added to U.S. electrical grid due to mandates
  - ✓ Voluntary (green power purchasing)
    - Currently 1650 MW added to U.S. grid due to voluntary markets
- Large companies are helping the voluntary market
  - ✓ Leadership position
  - ✓ Making renewable energy more affordable
- EPA is involved in this market to encourage large companies to be leaders & to recognize them as such
  - Costs will decrease
  - ✓ Value proposition is improving and maturing



## What is Green Power?

- Environmentally-differentiated electricity products
- Electricity that is entirely or significantly generated from:











## Why Green Power?

#### Environmental Benefit

- Avoiding air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Stimulating long-term cost reductions for renewable energy

#### Corporate Social Responsibility

- ✓ Demonstrating civic leadership
- Meeting organizational environmental objectives
- Generating positive publicity and enhancing public image
- Generating customer, investor, or stakeholder loyalty, and employee pride
- Stimulating local economies

### Risk Management

Providing a hedge against future electricity price instability



## **Buying Green Power - Options**

#### Renewable Electricity Products

- ✓ When available, electricity suppliers offer electricity from a blend of renewable and conventional power.
- Renewable Energy Certificates (REC)
  - ✓ Buy only the "green" attributes of electricity generated from renewable resources from a REC Marketer
- Onsite Generation
  - ✓ Generate electricity at your facility using renewable resources
- Download Guide to Buying Green Power or call EPA for more information



# **Buying Green Power The Green Power Partnership**

- Voluntary program
- Goal of Partnership
  - ✓ Increase demand for green power products & expand market
  - ✓ Lower air pollution and greenhouse gases associated with electricity generation

#### Over 500 Green Power Partners

- ✓ Partners commit to purchase green power
- ✓ EPA provides procurement and communications assistance

#### Over 2 Billion kWh Annually

- ✓ Includes most significant non-residential green power users
- ✓ More than 70% of commitments are for new renewables.
- ✓ If generated by wind power alone, estimate
  750 MW required to serve Partners



## **Buying Green Power How EPA Can Help You**

- Purchasing Benchmarks
- Market Information
- EPA Recognition
- Green Power Partnership Web site:
  - ✓ List of Partners & Profiles (including a Top 25 list)
  - ✓ Green Power Locator
  - ✓ Green Power Profiler
  - ✓ Procurement Guide
  - Communications Guide
  - Newsletter
- Sector-Based Events

