



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

As the Treasury Department's Chief Acquisition Officer, I am pleased to respond to your letter to Secretary Geithner on the USDA BioPreferred Program. The Treasury Department strongly supports the purchase of biobased products:

- Treasury's Affirmative Procurement Program Plan requires our procurement offices to identify opportunities and give preference to the acquisition of biobased products.
- Treasury gives preference to biobased products in annual procurement forecasts for all products and services to the extent practicable, and purchases designated products in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements.
- Treasury recently hosted training by the General Services Administration on green procurement, which included information on the BioPreferred Program and USDA-designated products.
- The Office of the Procurement Executive intranet site on affirmative procurement contains information on biobased products and a link to USDA's BioPreferred Program website.
- Online training on the BioPreferred Program is required, under Acquisition Bulletin #09-05, for all Treasury acquisition personnel.

In addition, we plan to include a review of compliance with the BioPreferred Program as part of our agency Evaluation and Monitoring Program. To add overall emphasis, I recently sent the attached memorandum to all Treasury Chief Procurement Officers.

I appreciate the opportunity to share Treasury's current and planned activities in support of the BioPreferred Program. If you have any questions, please let me know, or you may contact Thomas Sharpe, Treasury's Senior Procurement Executive, at (202) 622-6611.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Tangherlini".

Dan Tangherlini
Assistant Secretary for Management
and Chief Financial Officer