



# Greening the Environment

- Green procurement is the purchase of environmentally preferable products
- Formerly known as "Affirmative Procurement"
- DoD agency wide strategy is to enhance and sustain mission readiness through cost effective acquisition that achieves compliance and reduce resource consumption and waste generation



## Green Procurement Objectives

- Educate all appropriate DoD employees
- Increase purchases of green products and services
- Reduce amount of solid waste generation
- Reduce consumption of energy and resources
- Expand markets for green products and services



# Green Procurement Program (GPP)

- The responsibility for implementing DoD's GPP lies not within any single organization, but with every person involved in the procurement process





# Green Procurement

Procurement rules REQUIRE you to purchase green products when you are planning to purchase products and services in the following categories (note that this list is not all inclusive):

- Office products (including electronic equipment and furniture)
- Printing services
- Fleet vehicles and fleet maintenance products
- Building construction, renovation and maintenance (including janitorial and landscape services)
- Traffic control
- Park and recreation
- Appliances
- Lighting



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Where the latest products can be found:

- Recovered material ([www.epa.gov/cpg](http://www.epa.gov/cpg))
- Environmentally preferable ([www.epa.gov/epp](http://www.epa.gov/epp))
- Energy efficient  
([www.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/eeproducts.cfm](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/eeproducts.cfm))
- Biobased products (<http://www.biobased.oce.usda.gov> and [www.ofee.gov/gp/bioprod.html](http://www.ofee.gov/gp/bioprod.html))
- Alternative fuels and fuel efficiency  
(<http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/>)
- Non-ozone depleting substances  
(<http://www.ofee.gov/gp/snap.html>)

The EPA database at <http://www.epa.gov/epp/database.htm> provides a quick reference guide. Once at the site, click on "Search Now" and follow the links to see products, guidance, and sources of supply



# Green Procurement – Contracting Officer's Responsibility

Contracting officials are responsible for:

- Reviewing all procurement requests to ascertain and validate whether green products or services are involved in procurement
- Providing guidance to procurement request originators and facilitating acquisition wrt green products and services
- Providing and documenting green procurement training
- Incorporating appropriate green procurement language and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses in contracts
- Gathering, sorting, and reporting of procurement data for the purpose of evaluating green procurement performance



# Green Procurement – Contracting Officer's Responsibility

Contracting officials are responsible for: (Cont'd)

- Ensuring all contract actions from development to close-out meet relevant FAR requirements, example: FAR 23.405. The requirements include a written justification for acquisitions above micro-purchase threshold that describes why an EPA designated product containing recovered materials was not acquired
- Maintaining required documents in the contract file to include estimates, certifications, and written justifications for exceptions
- Accurately completing the Contract Action Report (CAR), (DFARS Part 53). Including environmental considerations (reuse, recycling, waste reduction, and green purchasing) as a selection criterion
- Complying with procedures for monitoring and annually reviewing the effectiveness of the GPP



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