

SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION

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HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S "SUSTAINABLE" ANYWAY?

Answer: Use the Green Procurement Compilation (GPC)! The GPC is a comprehensive green purchasing resource designed for federal contracting personnel and program managers. It consolidates and organizes information about federal environmental programs in one place, saving you from visiting multiple websites. It was developed as a tool to facilitate the procurement of green products and services.

The Green Procurement Compilation tool allows you to:

- Quickly identify federal green purchasing requirements for the products and services acquired;
- Utilize category and keyword search features to find products and services;
- Determine procurement options available to federal buyers, including applicable GSA Multiple Award Schedules (MAS) Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (FSSI) solutions, and GSA Global Supply;
- Learn more about federal environmental programs, such as WaterSense and Bio-Preferred; and
- Discover optional environmental programs and additional procurement guidance that will help sustainability goals.

The green products portal identifies all product types covered by mandatory and non-mandatory federal environmental programs, including, but not limited to:

- Bio-Preferred
- Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines
- Design for the Environment
- Energy Star
- EPEAT
- Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)
- Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP)
- WaterSense

The services portal contains green purchasing guidance for services, including:

- Cafeteria & Food Services
- Electronic Leasing
- Fleet Maintenance
- Janitorial Services
- Landscaping Services

"GREEN PURCHASING" OR
"SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION" IS
PURCHASING PRODUCTS WITH
SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES
AND PURCHASING SERVICES UNDER
WHICH THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE
SUPPLIED OR USED.

- Laundry Services
- Meeting & Conference Services
- Pest Management
- Transportation Services

The guidance addresses green product requirements and optional green practices that federal buyers may incorporate into service contracts. Each service includes a variety of downloadable resources, such as sample green solicitation language and previous solicitation examples. The GPC is particularly helpful because The Office of Management and Budget and The Council on Environmental Quality are closely evaluating how agencies are “greening” service contracts, by incorporating green product requirements.

In addition, the GPC:

- Allows users to download the entire GPC database into a single Excel, Text, or CSV file.
- Allows users to create customized products lists, allowing users to download green product information for selected items.
- Remains current with the latest changes in green product designations (plus new content and features are added continuously).
- Provides basic life cycle cost-savings information for many energy-consuming products.
- Allows agencies to add agency-specific green product requirements and content.

Visit the [Green Procurement Compilation](#) website today to learn more! Keep it on your desktop for handy reference.

The next issue of ***Sustainable Acquisition*** will take a closer look at Bio-based products, including Service and Construction contract reporting requirements to the System for Award Management and the contracting officer.

If you have questions about “buying sustainably” please consult [Commerce Acquisition Manual 1323.70](#) or contact the Office of Acquisition Management, Policy and Oversight, Attention: Nancy Barrere nbarrere@doc.gov.