

GREEN PURCHASING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Green procurement is the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services. These products are preferred because they conserve resources, create less pollution and waste, or eliminate health and safety risks. Buying green also includes the policy and practice of purchasing products made with recycled materials instead of virgin materials.

WHAT YOU MUST DO

DoD Instruction 4105.72 **Procurement of Sustainable Goods and Services**, establishes a policy promoting sustainable acquisition and procurement by ensuring that each of the following environmental performance and sustainability factors are included to the maximum extent practicable for all applicable procurements in the planning, award, and execution phases of the acquisition:



EPA Designated Products — Purchase sustainable products and services identified by EPA programs. Give preference to products and services identified by EPA’s Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP), WaterSense, Safer Choice, and SmartWay programs.



Purchase environmentally preferable products or services that — (A) meet or exceed specifications, standards, or labels recommended by EPA that have been determined to assist agencies in meeting their needs and further advance sustainable procurement goals of this order; or (B) meet environmental performance criteria developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies consistent with section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-113) and OMB Circular A-119.



Comply — Until an agency achieves at least 95% compliance with the BioPreferred and biobased purchasing requirement: (A) establish an annual target for the number of contracts to be awarded with BioPreferred and biobased criteria and dollar value of BioPreferred and biobased products to be delivered and reported under those contracts in the following fiscal year.



Reduce copier and printer paper use — Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2378, DoD Components shall procure copying machine paper that is **at least 50% post-consumer recycled content**, unless such paper does not meet price, performance, or availability requirements.



Implement—Sustainable acquisition requirements are considered practicable, and therefore mandatory, unless there is a documented, allowable exemption based on cost, performance, availability, or other statutory exemption. DoD Components must establish procedures and approval authorities for determining and documenting sustainable procurement requirements, exemptions, and automatic substitution where appropriate and feasible.



Training—Contracting professionals, Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs), and program and project managers can enroll in DAU “CLC 046 DoD Sustainable Procurement Program” as part of their annual refresher requirements.

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