



GREEN PROCUREMENT

Buying Green

As the largest federal buyer of goods and services, the Department of Defense (DoD) strives to ensure that every procurement meets the requirements of all applicable federal green purchasing requirements. In FY2004, DoD established a formal Green Procurement Program (GPP) to enhance and sustain mission readiness while protecting the environment through compliant, cost-effective acquisition that reduces consumption of resources and excessive generation of solid and hazardous wastes.

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The objectives defined in the DoD's GPP policy are to:

- ✓ Educate all appropriate DoD employees on the requirements for federal green procurement preference programs, their roles and responsibilities relevant to these programs and DoD's GPP and opportunities to purchase green products and services
- ✓ Increase purchases of green products and services consistent with the demands of mission efficiency and cost-effectiveness, with continual progress toward federally established procurement goals
- ✓ Reduce the amount of solid waste generated
- ✓ Reduce consumption of energy and natural resources
- ✓ Expand markets for green products and services

Implementation

DoD's GPP applies to all acquisitions, from individual unit supply and service requisitions to major systems programs. Purchased products and services falling under DoD's GPP include office products, printing services, fleet maintenance products, traffic control, park and recreation services, water efficient products, appliances, building construction, renovation, and maintenance. These products and services are addressed in one or more of the following components of the federal green procurement preference program:

Reference - FAR Part 23

