COMPREHENSIVE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES

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Environmental Attribute: Made with Recovered Materials

Program Summary: Under the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designates products that are or can be made with recovered materials, and recommends practices for buying these products. Once a product is designated, procuring federal agencies are required to purchase it with the highest recovered material content level practicable. Buying recycled content products helps to ensure that the materials collected in home and office recycling programs will be used again in the manufacturing of new products.

Covered Products: The EPA’s CPG cover more than 60 products in 8 categories:

- Construction Products (e.g., roofing materials, building insulation, floor tiles)
- Landscaping Products (e.g., garden hoses, hydraulic mulch, lawn and garden edging)
- Nonpaper Office Products (e.g., office furniture, plastic envelopes, plastic trash bags)
- Paper and Paper Products (e.g., newsprint, paperboard and packaging products)
- Park and Recreation Products (e.g., plastic fencing, running tracks)
- Transportation Products (e.g., channelizers, traffic cones, delineators)
- Vehicular Products (e.g., engine coolants, retread tires, rebuilt vehicular parts)
- Miscellaneous Products (e.g., mats, pallets, signage)

For Schedule and SIN information, please refer to the Green Product Crosswalk. On the master sheet, you can find information about specific products, icons, schedules, and SINs. By clicking on the drop down arrow at the top of each column, you can filter the entries based on your requirements.

Certification: Vendor self-declares that product meets minimum recycled content level.

Summary of Federal Purchasing Requirements: When acquiring products designated by EPA in the CPG, agencies must give preference to products containing recovered materials. For some products, EPA recommends postconsumer recovered materials content. As with the BioPreferred program, there are exceptions for products not meeting agency performance requirements, availability, and price.