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Subj: PROCURING ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS

Ref: (a) FAR 13.201
(b) FAR 23.4

1. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6962) and Executive Order 13101, entitled "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition" references (a) and (b) respectively, require contracting officers and purchase cardholders to screen requirements and procure environmentally preferable supplies and services. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a guide to assist those personnel who are developing and procuring requirements. The guide, entitled "Guidance on the Acquisition of Environmentally Preferable Products" identifies EPA preferable items and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/cpg/.

2. The General Services Administration (GSA) has also taken steps to assist cardholders through a listing of products and services qualifying as "green" (environmentally friendly). This listing contains over 5000 items and is located at http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/environ. In addition to the EPA and GSA websites, commercial sources have labeled their products with an icon identifying a listing of their green products.

3. Contracting officers and purchase cardholders shall comply with requirements and intent of the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above.

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