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ARMY GREEN PROCUREMENT MOVING FORWARD

**PURPOSE:** To provide information on new initiatives and associated planned actions for the advancement of the Army Green Procurement Program (GPP).

- Army Policy Update
- Army Strategy Document
- Installation GPP Development Guide
- GPP Program Review Protocol Development
- Completion of GPP Program Reviews for two installations
- Updating training curriculum and existing audit protocols
- Developing and providing train-the-trainer classes for DAU instructors and Program Management Reviewers
Army Policy Update

• The Army Policy (dated 22 Nov 06) will be updated to reflect recent Executive Orders and support DOD policies and plans.

• Will be issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) and (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology).

• Will support and align with the Army Sustainability Campaign Plan (Jan 10) and the DOD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (16 Feb 10 draft)

• The Army Green Procurement Program (GPP) Strategy will accompany the policy memo
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Army Green Procurement Strategy

• The U.S. Army Public Health Command (provisional) will develop an Army-level strategy document.

• Example sections:
  – Program Overview
  – Assignment of Responsibilities
  – Description of the Army Program
  – Training
  – Reporting and Metrics
  – Summary of Requirements with Links to Additional Resources
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Strategy Objectives

Selected to address current program weaknesses

• Assign specific offices with responsibilities for managing the Army GPP
• Plans for increased coordination among Acquisition and Environmental community representatives
• Plans for improved communication of GPP laws, policies and guidance
• Methods for more effective education that reaches all appropriate audiences
• Plans for periodic GPP Program Reviews and incorporation of GP into existing Contract Program Management Reviews
• Assignment of reporting responsibilities
• Identification of metrics to align with DOD metrics and reporting requirements
• Comprehensive guidance manual on the steps to be taken to fully implement an effective Green Procurement Program

• Contents will include:
  – Applicability
  – Regulatory Drivers
  – Establishing a GP Team
  – Planning
  – Implementation and Operation
  – Checking and Corrective Action
  – Management Review
  – Useful Tools and Resources
Green Procurement Program
Management Reviews

• Purposes
  – Verify compliance with GP requirements
  – Assist installations in developing their GP Programs
  – Assess implementation of internal programs and plans (EMS, GP Plan)
  – Provide findings and recommendations

• Three currently planned to be conducted by U.S. Army Public Health Command (prov) in CY10

• Available to any DOD facility upon request
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GP Program Review Protocol

- Draft completed by US Army Public Health Command (prov)
- Major sections include:
  - Objectives and Approach
  - Program Review Criteria
  - Program Review Preparation
  - Conducting the Program Review
  - Table of Personnel to be Interviewed with Assessor Actions
  - Preparing the Findings Report
  - Interview Forms and a Findings Sheet Form
Pilot Green Procurement Program Reviews

• Three GP Program Reviews will be conducted during CY10
• Results will be used to get a snapshot of the status of the GP programs at those facilities
• Process will be evaluated to determine the potential future uses of GP Program Reviews
  – Gather data for annual sustainability report
  – Assist installations/facilities in assessing their GP Program
  – Extract portions for inclusion in Program Management Reviews (the acquisition community’s audit program)
  – Extract portions for inclusion in Government Purchase Card audits
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Updating Existing Audit Protocols and Train Auditors

- Add GP questions to the contracting Program Management Review Toolkit
- Add GP questions to the Government Purchase Card audit protocols
- Provide GP training to auditors to increase their knowledge and effectiveness when auditing GP compliance
Train-the-Trainer for Procurement Instructors

- U.S. Army Public Health Command plans to develop a train-the-trainer program for acquisition instructors
- Target audience – instructors for basic and advanced 1102 courses
- Objective – To provide procurement instructors with a deeper understanding of the Federal purchasing preference programs, and to provide course content for inclusion in mandatory training for job series 1102 employees.
- Can be included as part of their annual professional development training
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Updating Existing Training Curricula

• Through information and training materials provided at the train-the-trainer sessions, gain buy-in of procurement instructors
• Add GP information to basic contracting courses
• Update and strengthen the GP information in the basic Government Purchase Card mandatory online training (CLG001)
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Challenges

• Fully engaging the acquisition community
• Communicating requirements and guidance through appropriate command channels
• Misunderstanding and lack of awareness of the regulations
• Reaching the requirements generators/specification writers
• Difficult to measure, monitor, and report green purchases
• Perceptions that green products are inferior
• Fostering a culture in which all employees take responsibility for sustainable purchasing
Questions?

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