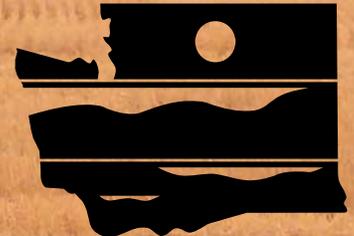


Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Activities Update

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EPP Vision:

Purchase products that do no harm

Environmentally preferable products and services have a reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products and services that serve the same purpose.

Washington state and local governments purchase over \$4 billion in products and services.

- Leading by Example
- Driving the Market



Beyond Waste

EPP Recommendations and 5 Year Milestones:

MRW 7: All of state government and 80% of other entities that are members of the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative are using EPP for products and services

IND 4: Government is leading by example, with significantly less waste generation and toxic substance use

GB 2: All new state government buildings are meeting green building standards.

Four Executive Orders and four RCWs that direct government EPP activities.



Current EPP priorities

- Increase EPP expertise
- Deliver tools to state and local governments for implementing responsible purchasing
- Provide TA to Office of State Procurement at GA on green contract language and specifications for green products & services



Tools for Purchasing

- Web-based information and resources:
 - How-to basics for EPP
 - specific products
 - toxics of concern
- Develop model EPP goals & actions for inclusion in:
 - local MRW and hazardous waste plans and state agency sustainability plans
- Take message to governments and other purchasers



The Toolkit

- Attributes
- Drivers- laws and guidelines
- Standards and certifications
- How to Institutionalize EPP
- Model policy
- LCA
- Product Fact Sheets
- Toxics Bulletins



Product Fact Sheets

- Recycled Paint
- Lamps
- Furniture
- Flooring
- Electronics- computers
- IPM
- Native Plants
- Cleaning Products
- Vehicles
- Re-refined oil
- Antifreeze
- Lead free Wheel Weights
- By-pass Filters
- Retread Tires
- Fuels



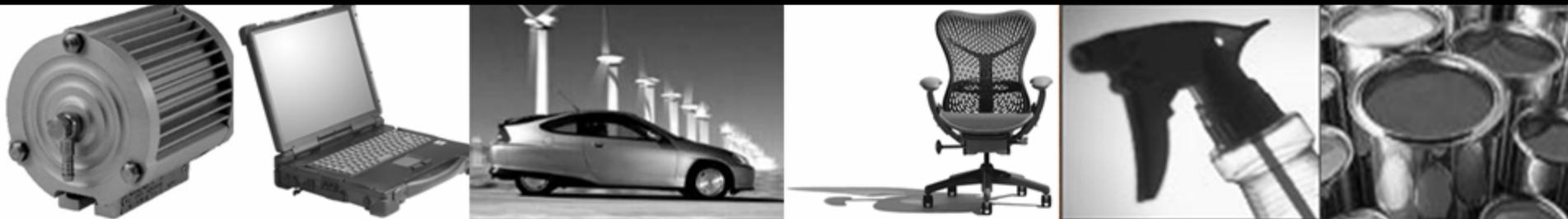
Technical Assistance

- GA on specific contracts
 - Trainings for GA Purchasing staff
 - Annual vendor fair (trainings, events, exhibits, greening the event, etc)
- State agencies, local governments, K-12, higher education
- Vendors
 - Grainger



Challenges

- Tracking progress on 5 year milestones
- How do we know when it really is EPP?
- Getting local governments to include EPP goals and programs
- How to help build successful programs with staying power?
- GA – a different culture
- Walking our talk at Ecology



How can local government help?

- Help get EPP into local solid waste and MRW plans
- Encourage leveraging resources
- Use community-based social marketing
- Outreach to local businesses



Questions?

