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To: Functional Heads, Administration / Finance of all Departments and Agencies

Subject: Policy on Green Procurement

Summary

Treasury Board Ministers approved the *Policy on Green Procurement*, effective April 1, 2006, as presented by Public Works and Government Services Canada, Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada

The objective of the policy is to advance the protection of the environment and support sustainable development by integrating environmental performance considerations into the procurement decision-making process.

Background

The policy addresses the Government's commitment to implement a Green Procurement policy by 2006 as outlined in the October 2004 Speech from the Throne and Budget 2005. It also provides the Government of Canada the opportunity to green operations by considering not only what and how it purchases, but also how it uses, maintains and disposes of acquired goods and services.

The policy will operate within the overall procurement policy framework of the Government of Canada, which includes utilizing procurement to achieve other social, economic and environmental outcomes.

Policy On Green Procurement

The *Policy on Green Procurement* is designed to advance the protection of the environment and support sustainable development by integrating environmental performance considerations into the procurement decision-making process. The policy applies to all departments within the meaning of section 2 of the *Financial Administration Act*, unless specific acts or regulations override it.

1. Contribute to environmental objectives, such as:
 - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air contaminants;
 - Improving energy and water efficiency;
 - Reducing ozone depleting substances;
 - Reducing waste and supporting reuse and recycling;
 - Reducing hazardous waste; and
 - Reducing toxic and hazardous chemicals and substances.
2. Result in more environmentally responsible planning, acquisition, use and disposal practices in the federal government.
3. Stimulate innovation and market development of, and demand for, environmentally preferred goods and services, making these available and mainstream for other sectors of society.
4. Support emerging environmental technologies.

The policy requires that Deputy Heads incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process consistent with the overall objectives of value for money in procurement while also complying with associated legislative, regulatory and policy obligations. Deputy Heads will also set green procurement targets for their organization as appropriate. Reporting will occur through the annual Report on Plans and Priorities and Departmental Performance Reports according to performance measures developed by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

The policy is available on the Public Works and Government Services web at <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>.

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