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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Army Green Procurement Program

On August 27, 2004, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) established the Department of Defense (DoD) Green Procurement Program (GPP).

To accelerate Business Transformation, the U.S. Army will implement the GPP to minimize environmental impacts and total ownership costs of Army installations, facilities and operations by integrating the practices of sustainability into its organizations. Therefore, all Army organizations initiating contracting/procurement actions or credit card purchases will comply with green procurement requirements in order for the U.S. Army to meet the DoD goal of 100 percent compliance with federal purchasing preference programs, and to support the Army Strategy for the Environment.

The Army Green Procurement guide provides: (a) An explanation of U.S. Army GPP requirements; (b) defines the applicability and implementation of those requirements; (c) provides detailed assignment of responsibilities; addresses training, monitoring, and reporting; and, (d) directs users to additional resources. The U.S. Army Green Procurement guide may be downloaded at: https://webportal.saalt.army.mil/main/saal-zp.htm?page_no=3.

Green procurement requirements apply to all acquisitions, including individual purchases and the use and purchase of regulated products in the execution of federally-funded contracts. Requiring activities and contracting organizations will also use applicable comprehensive procurement guidelines for the purchase of items containing recovered material. Affirmative procurement is a top priority in implementing the U.S. Army GPP.

Personnel procuring products used for weapon system maintenance and operation will not deviate from products specified in standard system documentation without written authorization from the program management office. This exception to green procurement requirements is based on safety and performance issues inherently critical to the use of weapons systems.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement has overall responsibility for the U.S. Army GPP. The U.S. Army GPP point of contact is Mr. Steven Jaren at (703) 604-7105, or e-mail: steven.jaren@hqda.army.mil.

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