Enterprise Services Policy No. POL-DES-255-00

Recycled Content Purchasing Preference Policy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Question:** Does the policy include consideration of recycled content in product packaging?

**Answer:** No. The recycled content purchasing preference shall only be applied to the product.

1. **Question:** What products are designated by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program?

**Answer:** The [Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program](https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program#products), designates products that are or can be made with recovered materials and recommendations for recovered content, both post-consumer material content and/or total recovered material content. The products are grouped into eight categories, which include construction products, landscaping products, miscellaneous products (i.e. awards/plaques, bike racks, signage, etc.), nonpaper office products, paper and paper products, park and recreation products, transportation products, and vehicular products.

1. **Question:** Can you provide a definition for the terms “post-consumer” and “total recovered” content levels?

**Answer:** Post-consumer material means a material or finished product that has served its intended use and has been discarded for disposal or recovery, having completed its life as a consumer item. Post-consumer material is a part of the broader category of “recovered material”.

Recovered material means waste materials and by-products recovered or diverted from solid waste, but the term does not include those materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process.