

23.703 Policy.

Agencies *must*-

(a) Implement cost-effective *contracting* preference programs promoting energy-efficiency, water conservation, and the *acquisition* of *environmentally preferable products* and services; and

(b) Employ *acquisition* strategies that affirmatively implement the following *environmental* objectives:

(1) Maximize the utilization of *environmentally preferable products* and services (based on EPA-issued guidance).

(2) Promote energy-efficiency and water conservation.

(3) Eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and the need for special material processing (including special handling, storage, treatment, and disposal).

(4) Promote the use of nonhazardous and *recovered materials*.

(5) Realize life-cycle cost savings.

(6) Promote cost-effective *waste reduction* when creating plans, drawings, specifications, standards, and other product descriptions authorizing material substitutions, extensions of shelf-life, and process improvements.

(7) Promote the use of *biobased products*.

(8) Purchase only plastic ring carriers that are degradable ([7 USC 8102\(c\)\(1\)](#), 40 CFR part 238).

Parent topic: [Subpart 23.7 - Contracting for Environmentally Preferable Products and Services](#)