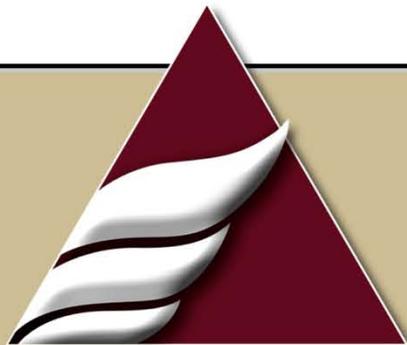




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ARMY GREEN PROCUREMENT MOVING FORWARD

PURPOSE: To provide information on the status of new initiatives for the advancement of the Army Green Procurement Program (GPP).

- Army Policy Update
- Army Strategy Document
- Installation GPP Development Guide
- GPP Program Review Protocol Development
- Completion of GPP Program Reviews for two installations
- Updating training curriculum and existing audit protocols
- Developing and providing train-the-trainer classes for DAU instructors and Program Management Reviewers



Army Policy and Strategy Update

- The Army Policy (dated 22 Nov 06) will be updated to reflect recent Executive Orders and support DOD policies and plans.
- Will be issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) and (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology).
- Will support and align with the Army Sustainability Campaign Plan and the DOD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan
- The Army Green Procurement Program (GPP) Strategy will accompany the policy memo



Army Green Procurement Strategy

- The U.S. Army Public Health Command developed an Army-level strategy document
- At DASA- Procurement in review
- Sections:
 - Program Overview
 - Assignment of Responsibilities
 - Description of the Army Program
 - Training
 - Reporting and Metrics
 - Summary of Requirements with Links to Additional Resources



Strategy Objectives

Selected to address current program weaknesses

- Assigns specific offices with responsibilities for managing the Army GPP
- Calls for increased coordination among Acquisition and Environmental community representatives
- Includes
 - Plans for improved communication of GPP laws, policies and guidance
 - Methods for more effective education that reaches all appropriate audiences
 - Plans for periodic GPP Program Reviews and incorporation of GP into existing Contract Program Management Reviews
 - Assignment of reporting responsibilities
 - Identification of metrics to align with DOD metrics and reporting requirements

Army Installation Green Procurement Program Development Guide

- Published as a PARC policy alert #11-16 on 1 December 2010
- Comprehensive guidance manual on the steps to be taken to fully implement an effective Green Procurement Program
- Contents include:
 - Applicability
 - Regulatory Drivers
 - Establishing a GP Team
 - Planning
 - Implementation and Operation
 - Checking and Corrective Action
 - Management Review
 - Useful Tools and Resources



Green Procurement Program Management Reviews

- Purposes
 - Verify compliance with GP requirements
 - Assist installations in developing their GP Programs
 - Assess implementation of internal programs and plans (EMS, GP Plan)
 - Provide findings and recommendations
- Two have been conducted by U.S. Army Public Health Command in FY11
- Available to any DOD facility upon request



GP Program Review Protocol

- Developed by US Army Public Health Command
- Major sections include:
 - Objectives and Approach
 - Program Review Criteria
 - Program Review Preparation
 - Conducting the Program Review
 - Table of Personnel to be Interviewed with Assessor Actions
 - Preparing the Findings Report
 - Interview Forms and a Findings Sheet Form



Green Procurement Program Reviews



- Process will be evaluated to determine the potential future uses of GP Program Reviews
 - Gather data for annual sustainability report
 - Assist installations/facilities in assessing their GP Program
 - Extract portions for inclusion in Program Management Reviews (the acquisition community's audit program)
 - Extract portions for inclusion in Government Purchase Card audits

Train-the-Trainer for Procurement Instructors

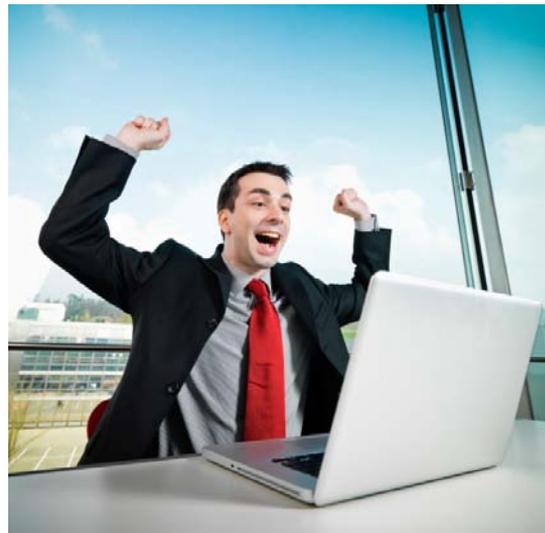
- U.S. Army Public Health Command plans to develop a train-the-trainer program for acquisition instructors
- Target audience – instructors for basic and advanced 1102 courses
- Objective – To provide procurement instructors with a deeper understanding of the Federal purchasing preference programs, and to provide course content for inclusion in mandatory training for job series 1102 employees.
- Can be included as part of their annual professional development training

This initiative is on hold



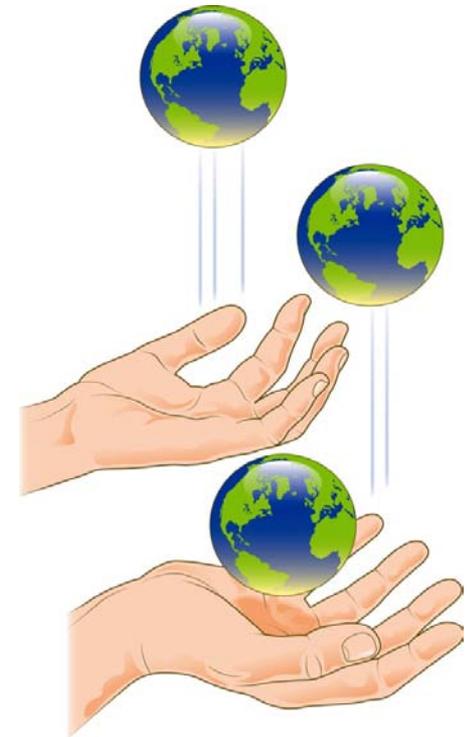
Updating Existing Training Curricula

- Through information and training materials provided at the train-the-trainer sessions, gain buy-in of procurement instructors (on hold)
- Add GP information to basic contracting courses
- Update and strengthen the GP information in the basic Government Purchase Card mandatory online training (CLG001)



Installation Challenges

- Fully engaging the acquisition community – assumption of responsibility
- Misunderstanding and lack of awareness of the regulations
- Reaching the requirements generators/specification writers
- Difficult to measure, monitor, and report green purchases
- Perceptions that green products are inferior
- Fostering a culture in which all employees take responsibility for sustainable purchasing



Installation Challenges

- Contractor compliance
- Subcontractor compliance
- Non-appropriated fund activity compliance



Addressing the Challenges

- Provide training to all affected personnel – be sure to include specification writers, NAF representatives, and key contractor representatives
- Have in installation GP Team
- Ensure the GP Manager has
 - time to take necessary actions and champion the program
 - knowledge of the regulations and requirements to field questions and support GP initiatives
- Gain support of upper level managers
- Actively promote the GP Program
- Use available resources such as the Army Installation GP Program Implementation Guide, Fedcenter and other informational websites, “green” features of online ordering systems

Addressing the Challenges

- Develop and implement a formal GP Plan which will
 - Assign responsibilities
 - Establish operating procedures
 - Standardize installation-level recordkeeping and reporting procedures
 - Establish checking and corrective action procedures
 - Provide an annual management review checklist
 - Include a list of prioritized action items



Questions?

For more information or to inquire about GP training, GP Plan development, or GP Program Reviews visit:

<http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/gsw>

Click on the Green Procurement link