



Who:

- The Federal Acquisition Regulations require all federal agencies to buy 95% EPEAT Registered products.
- DOI is purchasing 95% EPEAT Registered products, however as current EPEAT standards become more stringent and new EPEAT standards are issued, the agency will require more partnerships with small businesses in order to meet executive and statutory goals.

What:

- EPEAT is the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT).
- EPEAT is a standard for computer desktops, laptops, and monitors that meet stringent environmental criteria.
- New EPEAT standards for printing and imaging equipment, and TVs will be issued in the summer of 2011.
- Subpart 23.705 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) states:
"...As required by E.O. 13423, agencies must ensure that they meet at least 95 percent of their annual acquisition requirement for electronic products with Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) – registered electronic products, unless there is no EPEAT standard for such products. This policy applies to contracts performed in the United States, unless otherwise provided by agency procedures."

Where:

- Use the EPEAT Logo in product catalogs and promotional materials.
- Offer "EPEAT-only" catalogs and web portals for federal clients.
- Educate sales representatives about the EPEAT program so they can assist federal purchasers to meet their EPEAT purchasing requirements.

Why:

- EPEAT-registered products:
 - Protect the environment and save money.
 - Contain reduced levels of toxic chemicals to better protect human health and the environment.
 - Must meet Energy Star's technical specifications, so are more energy efficient, which reduces emissions of climate changing greenhouse gases.
 - Are easier to upgrade and recycle.
 - Performance and cost are on parity with conventional products.

How:

- Manufacturers can register products that meet the EPEAT criteria.
- Resellers can promote EPEAT purchasing by becoming EPEAT Partners.
- Purchasers can use EPEAT to make sourcing greener-products easier.
- Visit resources for small businesses at www.epeat.net/smallbusiness.aspx



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

EPEAT is intentionally designed to accommodate small business participation. The system is designed with sliding scale fees, and provides a variety of resources – listed below – to assist small business to register products, promote EPEAT registered products, or use EPEAT to make environmentally preferable purchasing decisions.

Visit resources for small businesses at www.epeat.net/smallbusiness.aspx

Examples of resources available there include:

[Intel EPEAT Training modules](#) – web-based recorded training sessions that review the EPEAT system and what small manufacturers need to know to register products in the system.

[Product Assessment Tool](#) – helps manufacturers assess a product against the EPEAT criteria

[EPEAT Reseller Partner Program](#) supports resellers who want to better identify and promote EPEAT registered products to their customers.

Sample Contract Language Feds are Required to Put into IT Contracts:

For desktops, laptops and monitors:

The Government reserves the right to require or otherwise provide preference on contractor solutions that include specific models of desktop computers, notebooks and monitors qualified through the Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) or its successor.

Sample Contract Language Recommended For Insertion in Upcoming Federal IT Contracts by the Federal Electronics Stewardship Workgroup:

For forthcoming printing and imaging equipment:

[Department/Agency] reserves the right to require, via upcoming technology refreshes to this contract, products meeting the upcoming IEEE 1680.2 Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Imaging Equipment, and/or the IEEE standards are final and publicly available. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring equipment meets the latest EPEAT registration requirements before it is delivered. The registration requirements and a list of all equipment meeting the requirements will be available at: www.epeat.net

At the time that these new IEEE standards are final, suppliers will be required to provide quarterly reports quantifying the number of EPEAT registered products purchased under this contract.