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Green cleaning - purchase of sustainable cleaning products and materials

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Glossary

Intent

To reduce the environmental impacts of cleaning products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags.

Requirements

Implement sustainable purchasing for cleaning materials and products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags. Cleaning product and material purchases include items used by in-house staff or outsourced service providers. One point is awarded if 30% of the total annual purchases of these products (by cost) meet at least 1 of the following sustainability criteria:

- The cleaning products meet 1 or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-37, for general-purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaners used for industrial and institutional purposes.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-110, for cleaning and degreasing compounds.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-146, for hard surface cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-148, for carpet and upholstery care.
- Disinfectants, metal polish, floor finishes, strippers or other products not addressed by the above standards meet 1 or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-40, for industrial and institutional floor care products.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-112, for digestion additives for cleaning and odor control.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-113, for drain or grease traps additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-115, for odor control additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-147, for hard floor care.
  - California Code of Regulations maximum allowable VOC levels for the specific product category..
- Disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags meet the minimum requirements of 1 or more of the following programs for the applicable product category:
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (or local equivalent for projects outside of the U.S.) for Janitorial Paper and Plastic Trash Can Liners.
  - Green Seal GS-09, for paper towels and napkins.
  - Green Seal GS-01, for tissue paper.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-082, for toilet tissue.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-086, for hand towels.
  - Janitorial paper products derived from rapidly renewable resources or made from tree-free fibers.
- Hand soaps meet 1 or more of the following standards:
  - No antimicrobial agents (other than as a preservative) except where required by health codes and other regulations (e.g., food service and health care requirements).
  - Green Seal GS-41, for industrial and institutional hand cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-104, for hand cleaners and hand soaps.

For projects outside the U.S., any Type 1 eco-labeling program as defined by ISO 14024: 1999 developed by a member of the Global Ecolabelling Network may be used in lieu of Green Seal or Environmental Choice standards [Europe ACP: Green Seal and Environmental Choice Equivalent].

The materials and products described above must be purchased during the performance period to count toward the credit.

Alternative Compliance Paths (ACPs)

Europe ACP: Green Seal and Environmental Choice Equivalent

Projects in Europe may use the following approved standards in place of Green Seal and Environmental Choice:

- EU Ecolabel
- Bra Miljöval (Good Environmental Choice)
- Der Blaue Engel (The Blue Angel)
- Ekologicky Šetrný Výrobek (Czech Ecolabel)
- Svanen (The Swan, Nordic Ecolabel)
- Листок жизни (Vitality Leaf)
- Жива планета (Living Planet)

LEED EBOM 2009 reference guide supplement with Europe ACPs

Credit substitution available

You may use the LEED v4 version of this credit on v2009 projects. For more information check out this article.

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