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Sustainable purchasing - food

MRC5 | Possible 1 point

Glossary

Intent

To reduce the environmental and transportation impacts associated with food production and distribution.

Requirements

Achieve sustainable purchases of at least 25% of total combined food and beverage purchases (by cost) during the performance period. Sustainable purchases are those that meet 1 or both of the following criteria:

- Purchases are labeled USDA Organic, Food Alliance Certified, Rainforest Alliance Certified, Protected Harvest Certified, Fair Trade, Marine Stewardship Council's Blue Eco-Label or are labeled with the European Community Organic Production logo in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 834/2007 and (EC) No 889/2008.
- Purchases are produced within a 100-mile (160-kilometer) radius of the site.

Each purchase can receive credit for each sustainable criterion met (i.e., a \$100 purchase that is both USDA Organic and is produced on a farm within 100 miles (160 kilometers) of the project counts twice in the calculation, for a total of \$200 of sustainable purchasing).

Food or beverages must be purchased during the performance period to earn points in this credit.