

Quick Summary of Some Existing DAS State Statutes Related to Purchasing of Recycled Content Products by State Agencies

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DAS Procurement - Environmentally Preferred Purchasing: <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=132>

EPP Related Statutes and Polices: <http://das.ct.gov/fp1.aspx?page=146>

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The following procurement Regulations and Policies promote Environmentally Preferable Purchasing in Connecticut State Agencies.

Connecticut

Policy / Statute Name	Citation
Cooperative purchasing plans.	CGS § 4a-53
Purchasing standards and specifications.	CGS § 4a-56
Competitive bidding or competitive negotiation for purchases and contracts. Regulations.Waivers.Exceptions.	CGS § 4a-57
Distribution of surplus state property. Lease of property to municipalities.	CGS § 4a-57a
Standardization Committee. Waiver of bid or proposal requirement.	CGS § 4a-58
Award of contracts. – includes: Subsection (c) The commissioner may give a price preference of up to ten per cent for (A) the purchase of goods made with recycled materials or the purchase of recyclable or remanufactured products if the commissioner determines that such preference would promote recycling or remanufacturing.	CGS § 4a-59
Plan to increase state purchase of goods containing recyclable materials and goods capable of being recycled or remanufactured. Includes: The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall, whenever practicable, make efforts to increase state procurement of goods that contain recycled materials and products that are recyclable or remanufactured, as defined in subsection (c) of section 4a-59, Such efforts may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring replies to state agency bid specifications to include a statement of postconsumer and secondary waste content; • establishing minimum goals for state purchase of white bond and other paper with specified postconsumer and secondary waste content and a schedule for the accomplishment of such goals; • requiring bids to be accompanied by statements assessing the ability of the materials to be recycled or products to be recycled or remanufactured and assessing the extent to which there are established recycling programs which would facilitate recycling or remanufacturing; • authorizing the Department of Administrative Services to substitute similar but different paper products to meet agency orders if the substitute has a higher postconsumer waste content; • requiring the Department of Administrative Services to revise a specification to eliminate requirements which favor virgin over recycled materials unless there is a compelling reason for the specification; • requiring the state to utilize two-sided copies, whenever possible, to reduce paper waste. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall revise the specifications for products and materials purchased by the state for which the United States Environmental Protection 	CGS § 4a-67a

Agency has guidelines for minimum recycled content to incorporate such minimum guidelines. Such specifications shall favor recycled, recyclable or remanufactured products and materials where such products or materials are available	
Elimination of use of disposable and single-use products in state government. Also includes: On and after October 1, 1999, the Department of Administrative Services in the exercise of its procurement authority shall not procure any product for state use if the original manufacturer of the product prohibits the remanufacture or recycling of such product or requires any contract that forbids remanufacturing or recycling of the product.	CGS § 4a-67b
Equipment and appliances for state use, energy standards.	CGS § 4a-67c
Purchase of cars and light duty trucks. Gasoline mileage ratings. Exemption. Alternative fuel vehicles required to be purchased.	CGS § 4a-67d
Standards for purchase of recycled paper. Includes: All recycled xerographic or copy paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal Executive Order No. 13101, and any regulations or guidelines promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the purposes of said order (I believe this is now a minimum 30% post-consumer content).	CGS § 4a-67e
Specifications for printing and writing paper.	CGS § 4a-67f
Recycling and remanufacturing of laser printer toner cartridges.	CGS § 4a-67g
Procedures promoting the procurement and use of recycled products and environmentally preferable products and services by state agencies.	CGS § 4a-67h
An Act Concerning the Use of Cleaning Products in State Buildings	CGA 4b-15a

PA 12-205 Amendments: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/ACT/Pa/pdf/2012PA-00205-R00SB-00339-PA.pdf>

- NEW: Sec Section 4a-67a(b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall post on the department's Internet web site information regarding the department's efforts to increase state procurement of goods that contain recycled materials and products that are recyclable or remanufactured.

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Welcome to Connecticut's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Program home page.

This page provides access to state contracts that feature environmentally preferable products and services. The site also includes a list of state statutes and policies that support and guide environmentally preferable purchasing efforts in Connecticut. The general information section provides background information, including a description of the EPP Program and an explanation of state contracts.

What are Environmentally Preferable Products?

Environmentally Preferable Products are products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. Such products or services may include, but are not limited to, those which contain recycled content, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, and reduce the amount of toxins disposed of or consumed.

General Information

Why Use EPP Products and Services?

EPP On-Demand Training Video

Statutes and Policies

These CT Statutes promote Environmentally Preferable Purchasing in Connecticut State Agencies.

Other important information:

- Green Cleaning Products Policy
- Bottled Water Policy
- Connecticut EnergyStar Requirement
- DEP Recycling Unit
- CT Climate Change

EPP Contracts

These contracts feature environmentally preferable products and services and are located on the DAS website. For more information, please contact the Contract Specialist listed on the contract.

Links

DAS has compiled a number of links and reference material from across the state and across the country regarding EPP.

The Ins and Outs of Statewide Contracting

For more information on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Contracts:

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