

Environmentally Preferable Purchases

POLICY STATEMENT: Incorporate environmentally preferable purchasing practices through education and reporting.

- Work with DoIt and DAS and others as necessary to prepare a proposal for CT state agencies to join the State Electronics Challenge (SEC); consider DEP joining by the end of 2008. Require DEP and other state agencies to purchase at least 95% Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-registered products in all relevant electronic product categories, as the federal government has just done. At DEP request, DoIT has recently specified EPEAT-Silver level as a minimum rating for purchase of laptops in this product contract.
- Conduct an assessment of DEP and state agency green purchasing policies and practices and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Create policy statement on environmentally preferable purchasing and implement required training for all business managers and personnel involved with CORE regarding EPP.
- Require reporting of purchase of EPP products (e.g., EPEAT computers, green cleaners, recycled content paper and other products). Note that P2 has worked with DoIt to include language from the State Electronic Challenge (SEC) into bid specs for laptops. This language includes requirement for purchase of computers rated EPEAT Silver or higher and required reporting of numbers of EPEAT computers sold to state.