

GROUNDSKEEPING AND LANDSCAPING

REQUIRED FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) CLAUSES

- FAR PROVISION 52.223-1
Biobased Product Certification (should be included in solicitations)
- FAR CLAUSE 52.223-2
Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts
- FAR PROVISION 52.223-4
Recovered Materials Certification (should be included in solicitations)
- FAR CLAUSE 52.223-9
Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA - Designated Items
- FAR CLAUSE 52.223-17
Affirmative Procurement of EPA - Designated Items in Service and Construction Contracts

OTHER CLAUSES, IF APPLICABLE

- FAR CLAUSE 52.223-10
Waste Reduction Program
- FAR CLAUSE 52.223-15
Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products

REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS SAMPLE LANGUAGE

The Performance Work Statement (PWS) should: a) specify that contractor-furnished supplies meet the recycled content requirements set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), b) specify that the contractor will use recycled content (hoses, compost, lawn and garden edging, etc.) for contractor-furnished supplies, and c) provide a [LINK to the list of EPA-designated recycled content products](#).

Sample Language:

The contractor shall maximize the use of recycled content products in the execution of this contract, to include hoses, compost, lawn and garden edging, and other materials that are associated with contract tasks. Particular attention will be given to designated products that appear on the Environmental Protection Agency's recycled content products list.

The website www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program will be consulted when identifying designated Environmental Protection Agency recycled content products.



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REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS SAMPLE LANGUAGE (CONTINUED)

The PWS should: a) specify that the contractor meet the BioPreferred Program requirements set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), b) specify individual products that the contractor will ensure contain biobased content (dust suppressants, fertilizers, erosion control materials, etc.) for all contractor-furnished supplies, and c) provide a [LINK to the list of USDA-designated product categories](#).

Sample Language:

The contractor shall maximize the use of biobased products in the execution of this contract, to include dust suppressants, fertilizers, erosion control materials and other materials that are associated with contract tasks. Particular attention will be given to designated products that appear on the USDA BioPreferred products list.

The website www.biopreferred.gov/BioPreferred/faces/catalog/Catalog.xhtml will be consulted when identifying designated USDA BioPreferred products.

HELPFUL LINKS (SELECT A LINK TO ACCESS THE WEBSITE)

[Energy Star Products](#)

[WaterSense Products](#)

[EPEAT Products | EPEAT Contract Language](#)

[EPA - Designated Recycled Content Products](#)

[United States Department of Energy - Covered Products](#)

[Environmental Protection Agency Safer Choice Products](#)

[United States Department of Agriculture BioPreferred Products](#)

[Federal Energy Management Program Low - Standby Power Products](#)



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PRODUCT CATEGORIES

- Agricultural spray adjuvants ^{BP}
- Animal repellents ^{BP}
- Bioremediation materials ^{BP, SC}
- Compost ^{EPA}
- Compost activators and accelerators ^{BP}
- Concrete and asphalt cleaners ^{BP, SC}
- Dethatchers ^{BP}
- Dust suppressants ^{BP, SC}
- Erosion control materials ^{BP}
- Fertilizers ^{EPA, BP}
- Garden and soaker hoses ^{EPA}
- General purpose de-icers ^{BP, SC}
- Hydraulic mulch ^{EPA}
- Landscaping timbers and posts (plastic lumber) ^{EPA}
- Lawn and garden edging ^{EPA}
- Mulch and compost materials ^{BP}
- Sorbents ^{BP}
- Water clarifying agents ^{BP, SC}

EPA = EPA - Designated Recycled Content BP = USDA BioPreferred SC = EPA Safer Choice

This is not an exhaustive list

OTHER SPECIFICATIONS, IF APPLICABLE

- Low or non-toxic or hazardous chemicals (reduced use of pesticides, etc.)
- Energy efficient equipment
- Use of chemicals and products that do not contain ozone-depleting substances (ODS). Note that if FAR Clause 52.223-11 is included, it does not indicate compliance. This clause requires contractors to label products with ODS but does not address the use of alternatives.
- Use of biobased products for equipment maintenance

