

Electronic Products Purchasing Preference Policy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Question: How might agencies validate EPEAT rating?

Answer: Bidders should indicate in their bid response the EPEAT registration rating of their proposed products. Agencies can use the [EPEAT](#) website to validate the registration rating and status.

2. Question: What products are rated by EPEAT?

Answer: The [EPEAT Registry](#) rates the following product categories: servers, computers and displays, imaging equipment, mobile phones, televisions, PCs and displays. However, EPEAT continues to expand the registry's coverage of additional electronic products.

3. Question: Do products rated by EPEAT include Energy Star standards, PCBs, etc.?

Answer: Yes, EPEAT has incorporated Energy Star, RoHS restrictions, PCBs, labor practices, etc. in their [rating criteria](#). Therefore, if a product is rated/registered with EPEAT there is no need to establish an additional requirement for Energy Star, RoHS, PCB preference, etc.

4. Question: How would a purchasing entity know if there is no feasible alternative to a product containing persistent, toxic chemicals?

Answer: The Department of Ecology has designated subject matter experts as a resource to help purchaser determine if there are no feasible alternatives to a product containing persistent, toxic chemicals. Purchasers may contact Department of Enterprise Services to obtain appropriate contact information for the Department of Ecology.

5. Question: How would a purchasing entity know what are the least hazardous materials in the event there is not an EPEAT electronic product?

Answer: The Department of Ecology has designated subject matter experts as a resource to help purchaser determine if the least hazardous materials. Purchasers may contact Department of Enterprise Services to obtain appropriate contact information for the Department of Ecology.

6. Question: What documentation to support environmental purchases is recommended?

Answer: Purchasing entities can use the EPEAT Registry to document their purchasing decisions regarding this policy and procedure. In addition, agencies will be able to use WEBS to document and track environmental preferences.