

Update to the solicitation posting process debuting on Monday, July 27, 2020.

### What's happening?

A change is being made on Monday, July 27, to the solicitation posting process in [Washington's Electronic Business Solution \(WEBS\)](#) that will add to the Policy, Executive Order, and Governor's Directive compliance section. This section will include five new environmental policy preferences: Recycled Content, Electronic Products, Nonmercury-Added Products, Hydrofluorocarbons Products, and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Purchasing.

### Why is this happening?

This series of new policies are required under state statute and designed to encourage the purchase of environmentally responsible products which takes effect February 1, 2021 to allow time for training requirements to be met.

- **Recycled Content:** Implements the purchasing preference authorized in RCW 39.26.255 and WAC 200-300-085 for competitive purchases of products containing recycled material; and designates specifications for the purchase of products containing recycled material. The intent is to advance recycling through the purchase and use of new products containing or manufactured with recycled materials.
- **Electronic Products:** Establishes the purchasing preference authorized in RCW 39.26.265(1) for agencies competitive purchases of electronic products that meet environmental performance standards relating to the reduction or elimination of hazardous materials.
- **Nonmercury-Added Products:** Establishes the purchasing priority and preference required in RCW 70.95M.060 for competitive purchases of products that may contain mercury. This statutory requirement was adopted to eliminate or reduce threats to human health and the environment from the release of mercury.
- **Hydrofluorocarbons Products:** Establishes the purchasing preference authorized in RCW 39.26.310 for competitive purchases of products that do not contain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) or contain HFCs with a comparatively low global warming potential. The intent is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by incentivizing the State's contract suppliers to provide products that do not contain HFCs.
- **Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Purchasing:** Establishes the purchasing preference authorized in RCW 39.26.280 for agencies purchasing products and product packaging that do not contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The intent is to incentivize the State's contract suppliers to provide products and product packaging that do not contain PCBs.

### Who will be impacted?

This enhancement will be visible in WEBS to all state agencies users.

### When does this enhancement go live?

WEBS will be updated on Monday, July 27 at 12:01 am. The system will be accessible for use during the business day.

### How will my work change?

**When Posting a Solicitation:** New mandatory fields will be added when posting a new solicitation in WEBS. The enhancement will require you to choose if the solicitation does or does not include the new environmental preferences. If the solicitation does not have a preference, you must select a reason from the drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows a form with three dropdown menus at the top: "Solicitation Type \*", "Request Type\*", and "Open or Selective \*". Below these is a section titled "This solicitation includes language pertaining to, or is in compliance with:". This section contains a table with three columns: "Title", "Select", and "Reason for Selecting No". The table lists five environmental policies, each with "Yes" and "No" radio button options. The last five rows of the table are highlighted with a yellow border.

Title	Select	Reason for Selecting No
<a href="#">20-05 Governor's Directive</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Executive Order 18-03</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Recycled Content Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Electronic Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Nonmercury-Added Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Hydrofluorocarbons Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

These 5 environmental policies will not be enforced until February of 2021. In this case, there is an option to select "Policy not yet enforced - will be in effect Feb. 2021" when selecting "no" from now until the policies are enforced.

This solicitation includes language pertaining to, or is in compliance with:

Title	Select	Reason for Selecting No
<a href="#">20-05 Governor's Directive</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Executive Order 18-03</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Recycled Content Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	-- Select One -- Policy not yet enforced - will be in effect Feb. 2021 Agency is not subject to this purchasing preference
<a href="#">Electronic Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Sole source procurement Request for Information (RFI) Other – please specify
<a href="#">Nonmercury-Added Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Hydrofluorocarbons Products Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<a href="#">Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Purchasing</a>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact [WEBS Customer Support](#) or call (360) 902-7400.