

Environmental Protection Agency

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meeting and conference services to the greatest extent practicable. Environmental preferability is defined at FAR 2.101. Environmental preferability shall be considered in all purchases of meeting and conference services.

(c) *Procedures for micropurchases.* The contracting officer shall request information on environmentally preferable features and practices from each meeting and conference services vendor solicited using the provision or language substantially the same as the provision at 1552.223-71.

(d) *Procedures for purchases exceeding micropurchase threshold.* The contracting officer shall request information on environmentally preferable features and practices from each meeting and conference services vendor using the provision or language substantially the same as the provision at 1552.223-71, and shall notify vendors that basis for award will be best value with price and other factors considered. Environmental preferability must be considered among the other factors. The contracting officer shall determine the relative importance of price and other factors as appropriate to the acquisition.

(e) *Contractor support for meetings and conferences.* A contract, order, work assignment or purchasing agreement that includes contractor support for meeting and conference planning and logistics must include a green meeting and conference requirement. The contracting officer shall ensure language is included in the tasking document work statement that requires the contractor to use the provision at 1552.223-71, or language approved by the contracting officer that is substantially the same as the provision, when soliciting quotes or offers for meeting and conference services on behalf of the EPA.

(f) *Solicitation Provision.* The contracting officer shall insert the provision or language substantially the same as the provision at 1552.223-71, EPA Green Meetings and Conferences, in solicitations for meeting and conference services. Contracting officers issuing an oral solicitation must also use the provision, though it may be provided to the vendor orally or electronically. Contractors soliciting

quotes or offers for meeting and conference services on behalf of EPA shall use the provision, or language approved by the contracting officer that is substantially the same as the provision.

Subpart 1523.70—Energy-Efficient Computer Equipment

SOURCE: 61 FR 14506, Apr. 2, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

1523.7000 Background.

(a) Executive Order 12845 requires the Federal Government to purchase only microcomputers, including personal computers, monitors and printers, which meet “EPA Energy Star” requirements for energy efficiency. This equipment is often identified by the Energy Star™ logo and is capable of entering and recovering from an energy-efficient low power state.

(b) The EPA Energy Star Computer Program is a voluntary partnership effort with the computer industry to promote the introduction of energy-efficient personal computers, monitors, and printers which can reduce air pollution caused by utility power generation, and ease the burden on building air conditioning and electrical systems. The Energy Star Program is designed to be a self-certifying computer industry program, policed informally by the computer industry itself.

(c) FIRMR Bulletin C-35 (dated 11/19/93) describes procedures that will promote the acquisition of energy-efficient microcomputers and associated computer equipment.

1523.7001 Policy.

(a) The “Energy Star” Executive Order (E.O. 12845) applies to the following equipment:

- (1) Personal Computers (stand-alone).
- (2) Personal Computers (end-user on network).
- (3) Notebook and other portable computers.
- (4) PC printers - laser, inkjet or dot matrix (stand-alone or networked).
- (5) High-speed printers used on a PC network (less than approximately 20 pages per minute).
- (6) Monitors (CRT or Flat-panel LCD).