



TEST PRACTICE GREENHEALTH - HEALTHCARE FACILITY
WITH BEDS AND ORS #3 — no.1707362

Partner for Change - 2016: EPP

Introduction

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) is an integral part of a facility's sustainability program and permeates almost every functional area of a hospital or healthcare facility. EPP questions are distributed throughout this application in different sections--so the end users of the products and services can answer the questions and indicate their progress in EPP in their departments. **Practice Greenhealth's EPP Specifications and Resources Guide** can provide staff with useful EPP tools and resources.

The questions below cover EPP infrastructure and purchasing issues not found elsewhere in the PFC Award application.

Infrastructure for EPP

1. Has the **facility** engaged supply chain leadership in sustainability activities at the **hospital** level?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please share your key supply chain contact at the facility:

1.a Name:

1.b Title:

1.c Email address:

2. Has the facility engaged with supply chain leadership on environmentally preferable purchasing at the **corporate/system** level?

- ☒ Yes

☐ No

Please indicate system-level contact:

2.a Name:

2.b Title:

2.c Email:

3. Has a senior leadership or C-Suite representative signed Practice Greenhealth's **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Pledge**?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Learn more about Practice Greenhealth's **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Pledge**.

4. Does the facility have an **EPP policy** that identifies **specific environmental attributes of concern** that are being considered when making **purchasing decisions**?

☒ Yes

☐ No

4.a Please attach policy or language:

Policy and/or language **MUST** be attached to receive points for this question.

4.b Please check all attributes included in policy:

- ☐ Energy Efficiency
- ☐ Water Efficiency
- ☐ Excessive Packaging
- ☐ Recycled Content of Product
- ☐ Recyclability
- ☐ Avoiding Chemicals of Concern
- ☐ Reusable (vs. Single-Use) Products
- ☐ Waste Minimization
- ☐ Whether the product becomes or generates hazardous waste
- ☐ End of life product management (eg. take back)
- ☐ Green Building products
- ☒ Other

4.b.a Please describe:

5. Does the facility specify implementation strategies in an **EPP policy** or other resource?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

5.a Please describe:

Contracting For Environmentally Preferable Products

6. Has the facility **communicated with their GPO** regarding support for **environmentally preferable products**?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

6.a Please explain how:

6.b To which GPO does the facility belong?

7. Does your organization have a representative on a GPO Advisory Board that makes contracting decisions?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not Applicable

7.a Name:

7.b Title:

8. Does your organization have a representative on your GPO's sustainability group or committee if one is in place?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not Applicable

8.a Name:

8.b Title:

9. Has the facility **reviewed upcoming contracts** (that will expire or be renewed in the next 6 -12 months) to identify EPP opportunities or savings?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

9.a Which contracts?

10. Has the facility set priorities for **purchasing environmentally preferable products**?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10.a Please describe:

11. Does the facility have a process to include environmental considerations in the sourcing process (RFI/RFP, value analysis, or through data provided by your GPO)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

11.a Please describe:

For more information see: **EPP Specifications and Resource Guide**.

12. Has the facility **specified in contract templates** and other supplier outreach materials the organization's **commitment to EPP**?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

12.a Please explain:

12.b Attach documentation:

13. Does the facility **track and report metrics** regarding **green spend** (what is spent for environmentally preferable products)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

13.a Please explain:

14. Has the facility introduced **supply chain staff** to the **Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products**?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

15. Does your supply chain department ask vendors about available EPP products at business reviews or through other formal communications?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

16. Does your organization purchase white copy paper that contains a **minimum of 30% postconsumer recycled** content?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

16.a Has the organization **used its purchasing system/catalog to ensure** that all white copy paper contains at least 30% postconsumer recycled content?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

17. Has the facility purchased **EPEAT**-registered products?

Yes ☐

17.a Which of the following **EPEAT product types** does the facility purchase? Check all that apply:

- ☒ EPEAT-registered computers monitors and laptops
- ☒ EPEAT-registered imaging equipment (copiers, printers, fax, MFD, scanners, digital duplicators, mailing machines)
- ☒ EPEAT-registered televisions
- ☐ None

17.a.a What was your facility's dollar spend on **EPEAT**-registered computers, monitors, and laptops this year?

17.a.b What was your facility's dollar spend on **EPEAT**-registered imaging equipment (copiers, printers, fax, MFD, scanners, digital duplicators, mailing machines) this year?

17.a.c What was your facility's dollar spend on **EPEAT**-registered televisions this year?

18. Is your facility participating in the **Greener Electronics Goal** of the **Smarter Purchasing Challenge** of the Healthier Hospitals program?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

18.a Please describe any progress toward this goal:

19. Does your facility specify that **suppliers making deliveries** use any strategies to reduce environmental impact?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

19.a Check all that apply :

- ☐ EPA SmartWay Transport Partner
- ☐ Use alternative-fueled vehicles
- ☐ Use low emitting or fuel efficient vehicles
- ☐ Reduced days of delivery (e.g., no deliveries on Monday)
- ☒ Other

19.a.a Please describe:

Please describe any other **successful and/or innovative EPP project(s)** implemented at the facility in 2015 that you would like to share in the space provided below. Please feel free to provide commentary and/or attach a file.

20. Success 1: Please describe

21. Please attach any additional documentation (optional):

22. Success 2: Please describe

23. Please attach any additional documentation (optional):

24. Success 3: Please describe

25. Please attach any additional documentation (optional):

26. Please describe any **EPP Case Studies** your facility has written:

27. Please attach any Case Study (optional):

Summary of EPP Activities from Other Categories

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) is a critical component of nearly every environmentally preferred product and process within a facility,

and is integral to the success of a strong sustainability program. Below is a **compilation of your facility's answers to purchasing-related questions** from other category pages of this application. **You do not need to answer any questions in this section--** the answers will be brought over and displayed here to illustrate the **strength and breadth of environmentally preferable purchasing** across your facility.

Table A. Summary of EPP Activities from Other Categories

Category	Question	Response
Waste	Has the facility implemented a Reusable Sharps Container program?	28. Yes
Waste	Has the facility established a contract with a certified electronics waste/recycling vendor that is certified to e-Stewards (or subcontractors that use e-Stewards certified vendors) for legal and environmentally responsible electronics (or e-waste) management and recycling?	29. Yes
Chemicals	Does the facility have chemical or purchasing policies that identify and avoid specific chemicals of concern contained in products that may be hazardous to human health and the environment?	30. Yes
Chemicals	Does the facility utilize any Green Seal or UL ECOLOGO-certified cleaning products?	31. Yes
Chemicals	Has the facility eliminated DEHP and PVC from at least two product lines?	32. Yes
Chemicals	Does the facility require furniture to meet an environmental standard/certification or obtain LEED HC credit?	33. Yes
Greening the OR	Has your facility implemented a single-use device (SUD) reprocessing program by an FDA-approved third party reprocessor?	34. Yes
Greening the OR	Does the facility purchase reusable surgical items	35. Yes
Food	Does the facility preferentially purchase meat and poultry produced without the use of routine, non-therapeutic antibiotics ?	36. Yes
Food	Has the facility increased healthy beverage options in at least 3 of the following: cafeteria/retail, patient, vending and catering?	37. Yes
Food	Has the facility purchased locally and/or sustainably grown and produced foods ? Local is defined as grown/raised and processed less than 250 miles from the facility. Sustainable is defined as a product that has an allowed sustainability certification or label claim , and/or meets the definition of local.	38. Yes
Food	Is the facility purchasing certified commercially compostable food serveware (such as certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)) where single-use/disposable items are necessary?	39. Yes
Food	Does the facility purchase and use recyclable to-go containers ?	40. Yes

Energy	Does the facility generate or purchase renewable energy?	41. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Energy	Does the facility purchase energy-efficient equipment that is EnergyStar labeled?	42. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Water	Does the facility purchase US EPA WaterSense-labeled devices and equipment?	43. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Climate	Does the facility purchase alternative-fueled vehicles for transportation purposes?	44. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Climate	Does your facility purchase low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles for fleet transportation?	45. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Green Building	Has the organization integrated any green/sustainable aspects into Master Specifications for all new buildings/renovations?	46. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Green Building	Does the organization require its designers, builders and contractors to have experience with LEED or other green building rating systems?	47. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Green Building	Has the organization added language to contract specifications that building contractors will follow LEED or GGHC requirements and provide documentation?	48. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Green Building	Has the facility consciously selected flooring, wall coverings, paints, materials, finishes, furniture or exterior materials that avoid chemicals of concern?	49. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>