



EPP

Introduction

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) (also referred to as sustainable procurement) is an integral part of a facility's sustainability program and permeates almost every functional area of a hospital or health care facility. Questions related to EPP are distributed throughout this application on different pages--so the end users of the products and services can provide responses and indicate their progress on sustainable procurement in their departments. **Practice Greenhealth's Sustainable Procurement Specifications and Resources Toolkit** can provide staff with useful EPP tools and resources.

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

Infrastructure for EPP

1. Did the facility engage with supply chain leadership on environmentally preferable purchasing activities in 2019?

☒ Yes

☐ No

1.a At what level did the facility engage supply chain leadership? (Please select all that apply.)

☐ Health system-level

☐ Facility-level

☐ Group purchasing organization(GPO)

1.b Please describe how the facility has **engaged supply chain leadership** at each level and any resulting actions or outcomes.

(Use concrete examples such as monthly sustainability meetings with Supply Chain leadership led to avoiding mercury-containing products, participation in purchasing or green committees/teams resulted in piloting **PVC/DEHP**-free gloves.)

Please indicate your key **supply chain contact**:

Name	1.c <input type="text"/>
Title	1.d <input type="text"/>
Email	1.e <input type="text"/>

2. Does the facility have an **EPP or sustainable procurement policy** that is considered when making **purchasing decisions**?

☒ Yes

☐ No

2.a Please attach EPP policy or language:

2.b Please check all attributes included in EPP 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

3. Did the facility train **supply chain, procurement staff and/or those responsible for purchasing** on sustainable procurement?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Contracting For Environmentally Preferable Products

4. Did the facility and/or supply chain set any organizational EPP goals for 2019?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

4.a Please describe the goal(s), progress achieved and any outcomes:

5. Has the facility created a formal process to review upcoming contracts for sustainable procurement opportunities?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

5.a Please describe process for reviewing upcoming contracts for environmental attributes:

6. Is there a sustainability champion represented on contracts/procurement/value analysis review teams?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

7. Has a contract team included **scoring and weighting of sustainability criteria** in at least one contract?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7.a Please describe how sustainability is scored and weighted:

8. When making purchasing decisions, has the facility assessed the **total cost of ownership** or life cycle costing to identify cost savings and award a contract?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

For more information on determining the total cost of ownership for sustainable products and services, see the [Greenhealth Cost of Ownership Calculator](#)

8.a Please describe:

GPO Purchasing

9. To which GPO does the facility belong?

Direct Purchasing

10. Has the facility **engaged suppliers** in its EPP work?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Measuring EPP Performance

11. Does the organization purchase copy paper made with **post-consumer recycled content**?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12. Did the facility purchase **EPEAT**-registered products in 2019, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's **Greener Electronics Goal**?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

EPEAT is an environmental product rating system that evaluates and rates high-performance electronics. Learn more at: [EPEAT](#).

12.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
☐ EPEAT-registered mobile phones

Other EPP Program Successes

Please describe any **successful or innovative EPP project(s)** (such as EPP-related staff training, contracting process improvement, supplier engagement strategy, measurement, policy strategy, and improved purchasing of products/services, etc.)

Please Note: It's important not to leave this section blank. Because supply chain is such an integral part of an organization's sustainability program, responses to this section may be similar to those listed on other pages of this award application--but should focus on supply chain's role in the success.

13. EPP Success 1: Please describe

14. Please attach any additional documentation (optional) for EPP Success 1:

15. EPP Success 2: Please describe

16. Please attach any additional documentation (optional) for EPP Success 2:

17. Did the facility write any internal or external articles or documentation describing your EPP successes (such as **EPP Case Studies**)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

17.a If yes, please attach any documentation describing your EPP successes.

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 EPP-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 B. Summary of EPP Activities from Other Categories

Category	Question	Response
Waste	Has the facility implemented a Reusable Sharps Container program?	18. Yes <input type="text"/>
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?	19. Yes <input type="text"/>

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?	20. Yes <input type="text"/>
Chemicals	Does the facility utilize any Green Seal or UL ECOLOGO-certified cleaning products?	21. 0 <input type="text"/>
Chemicals	Has the facility eliminated DEHP and PVC from at least two product lines?	22. Yes <input type="text"/>
Chemicals	Is the facility actively working to purchase furnishings and furniture that eliminate the use of all of the following target chemicals: flame retardants, formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, PVC (vinyl) and antimicrobials, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Interiors Goal ?	23. 0 <input type="text"/>
Greening the OR	Has your facility implemented a single-use device (SUD) reprocessing program by an FDA-approved third party reprocessor?	24. Yes <input type="text"/>
Greening the OR	Does the facility purchase reusable surgical items where environmentally and clinically preferable?	25. 0 <input type="text"/>
Food	Does the facility preferentially purchase sustainably-produced meat and poultry?	26. Yes <input type="text"/>
Food	Has the facility purchased locally grown and produced foods? Local is defined as grown/raised and processed less than 250 miles from the facility.	27. Yes <input type="text"/>
Food	Has the facility purchased sustainably grown and produced foods? Sustainable is defined as a product that has an allowed sustainability certification or label claim in 2019.	28. Yes <input type="text"/>
Food	Is the facility purchasing certified commercially compostable food serviceware (such as certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)) where single-use/disposable items are necessary?	29. Yes <input type="text"/>
Energy	Does the facility generate or purchase renewable energy?	30. Yes <input type="text"/>
Energy	Does the facility purchase energy-efficient equipment that is EnergyStar labeled?	31. 0 <input type="text"/>
Climate	Does the facility purchase green* vehicles for transportation purposes?	32. 0 <input type="text"/>
Green Building	Has the organization integrated any green/sustainable aspects into Master Specifications for all new buildings/renovations?	33. 0 <input type="text"/>
Green Building	Does the organization require its designers, builders and contractors to have experience with LEED or other green building rating systems?	34. 0 <input type="text"/>
Green Building	Has the organization added language to contract specifications that building contractors will follow LEED or GGHC requirements and provide documentation?	35. 0 <input type="text"/>
Green Building	Has the facility consciously selected flooring, wall coverings, paints, materials, finishes, furniture or exterior materials that avoid chemicals of concern?	36. 0 <input type="text"/>

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