

# Model Contract Language – Mobile Phones



*Cut and paste to develop RFP or contract language that suits your needs. U.S. Federal purchasers should use the [model Federal contract language](#) in preference to this language when referencing EPEAT.*

## **Definitions:**

**EPEAT**, or the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool, is an environmental rating system and product registry for identifying and purchasing sustainable IT products. EPEAT-registered products must meet environmental criteria detailed in corresponding standards. Products are classified as Bronze, Silver, or Gold based on meeting criteria that addresses the life cycle of the products, including material extraction, hazardous substance reduction, end-of-life management, packaging, and corporate sustainability.

**Product Requirements:** Purchasers are encouraged to use the following minimum contract language to ensure the Mobile Phone products they buy or lease are EPEAT-registered.

All mobile phone products provided under this contract are required to have achieved a Bronze rating or higher in the EPEAT system in [COUNTRY/COUNTRIES]. [Purchaser] will prefer products that have achieved an EPEAT Silver or EPEAT Gold rating.

EPEAT is a rating system designed to help large-volume purchasers evaluate, compare, and select electronic products based upon their environmental attributes. The EPEAT category for Mobile Phones is based in part on the ANSI/UL 110 Standard for Sustainability of Mobile Phones. The EPEAT registration criteria and a database of all registered products are provided at <http://www.epeat.net>.

**Recommended additional language:** Suppliers shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that EPEAT approved products are prioritized above non-EPEAT products in any electronic catalog search results.

**Reporting Requirements:** Purchase or lease information may be used to calculate the environmental benefits of EPEAT purchasing/leasing and to provide required data for a variety of recognition programs. Requiring suppliers to provide regular EPEAT reporting – using language below – will simplify this task.

Suppliers are required to provide [quarterly/semiannual/annual] reporting on the number of EPEAT-registered products purchased or leased under this contract, together with the total number of unregistered products purchased. For each piece of equipment sold/leased, EPEAT Registration Status (i.e. Bronze, Silver, Gold or Unregistered) must be

provided. The information must be reported in aggregate in a matrix providing the following data:

<b>Product Type</b>	<b>EPEAT Gold</b>	<b>EPEAT Silver</b>	<b>EPEAT Bronze</b>	<b>Unregistered</b>
Mobile Phones				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

***Additional Guidance:***

*As appropriate, purchasers may want to consider including reference to EPEAT-registered products in any portion of the contract that gathers information on product sustainability.*

*Example Language may include:*

[Purchaser] is committed to purchasing sustainable goods and services. Include a brief statement describing how the devices and services being offered reflect a commitment to sustainability. Examples may include use of the EPEAT ecolabel, or any other effort that mitigates environmental impact across the product life cycle (e.g. considering greenhouse gas reduction, waste reduction, toxicity reduction, etc.).