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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)**

**RE: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Best Practices Manual Now Available
Online**

California law Public Contract Code, sections 12400-12404 requires State government to practice Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) is about smart and responsible purchasing buying products that give you the best value; are durable, high-quality, safer, less toxic, reusable, easy to recycle; material-, water-, and energy-efficient; and minimize our impact on our environment.

To help you and your department meet California's smart purchasing goals, the on-line Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Best Practices Manual (Manual) is now available on the [Green California Web site here](#).

The Manual will assist State purchasers with finding and selecting environmentally preferable products. The sections of the Manual cover specific products and services commonly purchased by government.

The Manual is here to make it easy for State purchasers to "be green," so we hope that you will consult it early and often when making purchasing decisions. On-line and traditional classroom training classes on EPP will also be offered through the Department of General Services' California Procurement & Contracting Academy (Cal-PCA) in the near future.

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