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## 1.0 SCOPE

DGS Purchasing Standards provide the minimum criteria purchases must meet to be considered Environmentally Preferable (EPP), aka “green”, by the state of California, to be used for incorporating requirements that meet the state’s environmentally preferable goals, into procurements and policy.

Per Public Contract Code (PCC) §12400 through 12404, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, the purchasing standard herein establishes minimum EPP requirements for Laundry Services henceforth, services.

Laundry Services consist of washing, drying, pressing and/or dry cleaning of state-owned clothing, linens, and other items. Contracts can also include the transport of these items to and from the facilities, which can be subject to SmartWay certification.

A “green” laundry service could require the use of Bio Preferred products and the employment of sustainable practices to conserve water and energy. The third-party certification Energy Star, registers and labels washing and drying machines that conserve these resources.

## 2.0 APPLICABLE LAWS and INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Departments must adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, policies, best practices, and purchasing authority requirements, e.g. California Codes, California Code of Regulations, State Administrative Manual, Management Memos, and State Contracting Manual Volume 2 and 3, as applicable. This list is for informational purposes only and is not all-inclusive.

### 2.1 LAWS and REGULATIONS

[PCC §12400, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing](#)

[PCC §12200: State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign \(SABRC\)](#)

[EO B-18-12, Governor's Green Building Initiative](#)

[EO N-19-19: Climate Agenda](#)

### 2.2 POLICY

52.223-1 Biobased Product Certification (May 2012)

52.223-2 Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products under Services and Construction Contracts (Sep 2013)

52.223-5 Pollution Prevention and Right-To-Know Information (May 2011)

52.223-15 Energy Efficiency in Energy Consuming Products (Dec 2007)

## 3.0 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

Products must be certified by a minimum of one third-party environmental certification per Table 1, and/or contain a minimum of 30% postconsumer recycled content (PCRC) to be considered EPP. Laundry Products must contain a minimum of 30% PCRC to be considered State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) compliant.

Table 1: EPP Approved Third-Party Environmental Certifications by Commodity

Commodity	UNSPSC	Certification
Industrial Laundry & Dry Cleaning Equipment	47110000	Energy Star
Solvents or Glycols or Detergents Production Services	73101613	EPA's Safer Choice
Solvents or Glycols or Detergents Production Services	73101613	USDA's BioPreferred
Solvents or Glycols or Detergents Production Services	73101613	Green Seal
Detergent Surfactants	12161902	EPA's Safer Choice
Detergent Surfactants	12161902	USDA's BioPreferred
Detergent Surfactants	12161902	Green Seal
Bleaches	47131807	EPA's Safer Choice
Bleaches	47131807	USDA's BioPreferred
Bleaches	47131807	Green Seal
Laundry Products	47131811	EPA Compliant Recycled
Laundry Products	47131811	SABRC Compliant
Hospital blockade or hamper or laundry bags	42132112	EPA Compliant Recycled
Hospital blockade or hamper or laundry bags	42132112	SABRC Compliant
Laundry Nets or Bags	24111506	EPA Compliant Recycled
Laundry Nets or Bags	24111506	SABRC Compliant
Transport Services	78140000	SmartWay partner

- Choose Contractors that employ heat and water reclamation processes
- Choose Dry Cleaning practices that utilize non-toxic solvents, specifically excluding Perchloroethylene, and belonging to the USDA's Bio Preferred Program
- Choose Laundry Products with a minimum 35% Biobased Content
- Choose Polybags that can filter out 65% of microplastics and other material fibers
- Choose Transport services to and from facilities from an EPA SmartWay partner
  - Alternatively refer to Transportation Services purchasing standard for other shipping options.

#### 4.0 RESOURCES

- Find certified products and services in the [USDA BioPreferred catalog](#).
- Find certified products and services in the Green Seal or the [UL Product iQ database](#).
- Find certified products and services in the [EPA's Safer Choice listing](#).
- Find SABRC compliant products in the [Recycled-Content Product Manufacturers database](#).
- Visit the [Buying Green](#) website for additional information about EPP.
- Find EPA's SmartWay certified partners in the [Partner List registry](#).
- Learn more about UNSPSCs by visiting [United Nations Standard Products and Services Code®](#). Website.