

MANAGEMENT MEMO

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SUBJECT: BUY CLEAN CALIFORNIA ACT	DATE ISSUED: 13 FEBRUARY, 2020
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REFERENCES: PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE § 3500-3505	ISSUING AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Purpose

This Management Memo (MM) provides awarding authorities with directives to meet the requirements set forth in the Buy Clean California Act.

Policy

Beginning **January 1, 2020**, awarding authorities will require successful bidders for public works contracts to submit current facility-specific Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for all eligible materials.

Awarding authorities are those identified in Public Contract Code (PCC) § 3501 (a) and state agencies granted authority to work on public works projects under MM 18-01. Eligible materials subject to the EPD requirement are structural steel, carbon steel rebar, flat glass, and mineral wool board insulation.

Project bid specifications must require that facility-specific EPDs are compliant to ISO 14025 and applicable product category rules located on the Department of General Services (DGS) Buy Clean California Act website.

Reporting Requirement

Facility-specific EPDs collected by awarding authorities must be sent to DGS on a quarterly basis (March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31).

At the end of each quarter, awarding authorities shall send an email to BuyCleanCalifornia@dgs.ca.gov with the following information:

- Unique project identifier
- Eligible material used in project
- Collected EPD(s) as a Portable Document Format (PDF) attachment.*

*If there are no EPDs to submit at the end of the quarter, provide an explanation why they were not collected.

Background

The Buy Clean California Act was introduced as Assembly Bill (AB) 262 and signed into law on October 15, 2017. Beginning July 1, 2021, it targets the embedded carbon emissions of certain construction materials used in public works projects. AB 262 requires that these materials have a Global Warming Potential (GWP) that falls below a limit set by the Department of General Services. Environmental Product Declarations will be used to gauge GWP compliance.

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Additional Resources

The Department of General Services Buy Clean California Act website is located at: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/Buy-Clean-California-Act>

Questions

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