

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Biobased Purchasing Statement

On February 21, 2012, President Obama signed a Memorandum, *Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement*. The memorandum requires all federal agencies to undertake a number of activities to increase their purchase of biobased products. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is moving aggressively to implement the Presidential Memorandum requirements.

Accomplishments to date include:

- Aggressively shared training opportunities on Biobased products with the DOJ acquisition workforce.
- Included biobased clauses and requirements in janitorial and construction contracts.
- Met with Small Business vendors to advise of requirement for biobased products.
- Issued Procurement Guidance Documents that provided information for capturing biobased information –
 - 12-07, “Reporting Sustainability Attributes to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)” (3/7/12)
 - 12-09, “Green Products Compilation” (7/18/12)
 - 12-22, “Utilizing Green Codes within Unified Financial Management System” (8/31/12)
- Staff from Ability One briefed the DOJ Acquisition Council about the requirements to purchase environmentally friendly products, including biobased products (January 2012).

Baseline for Biobased Contracting:

- DOJ will establish a baseline for biobased contracting upon completion of the FY12 FPDS-NG data quality review.

FY 2013 Target/Compliance Goal:

- DOJ plans to include biobased requirements in at least 50% of relevant acquisitions in FY 13, and increase by 10 percent annually thereafter.
- DOJ plans to achieve full compliance of the 95 percent sustainable acquisition goal in E.O. 13514 for biobased products no later than FY18.

Strategies for Improving Compliance:

- The DOJ strategy for improving compliance--full incorporation of requirements and clauses for biobased products in relevant and appropriate contracts and follow on activities to ensure compliance is achieved--includes the following elements:

- DOJ will generate and disseminate agency level reports on biobased compliance using data from newly created biobased reporting elements in the Federal Procurement Data System–Next Generation.
- DOJ will review and assess solicitation announcements in FedBizOpps to ensure that biobased language and requirements are incorporated as appropriate, and the contracting officer will make corrections where requirements are not incorporated.
- DOJ will use USDA contract templates from the BioPreferred website and promote their use.

Required Specification Reviews: N/A