

329.17 - Environmentally preferable purchasing.

- (a) The city recognizes that the products and services the city buys have inherent social, health, and environmental impacts, and that the city should make procurement decisions that further the city's commitment to sustainability. City agencies shall develop specifications to require the purchase of environmentally preferable products or services ("EPPS") unless a determination is made there is not an acceptable EPPS for such good or services. The director of finance and management or designee shall, where practicable, establish default EPPS specifications for goods and services and may waive such specifications on a case-by-case basis. For goods and services that are of a specialized or unique nature, city departments shall develop EPPS specifications on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the director of finance and management or designee.
- (b) In determining whether an acceptable EPPS exists for a specific good or service, city departments shall consider the following:
  - (1) If the EPPS is cost-effective, including, but not limited to, life-cycle costs;
  - (2) If the EPPS is known or anticipated to perform as needed;
  - (3) If the EPPS is available in the necessary timeframe;
  - (4) If a competitive market exists for the EPPS; and
  - (5) If reliance on an EPPS would adversely impact the quality and reliability of the good or service to be procured.

(Ord. No. 3062-2014, § 3, 12-15-2014; Ord. No. [1970-2017](#), § 1(Att.), 7-31-2017)

**Article II. Competitive Sealed Bidding**