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Sustainable Procurement Requirements Vendor and Contractor Emissions

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Executive Order 13514

- Executive Order 13514 requires agencies to set emission reduction goals
 - Scope 1 and 2 Emissions: aggregated 28% absolute reduction
 - Scope 3 Emissions: aggregated 13% absolute reduction
- Vendor and contractor emissions included in Scope 3
- Section 13 of Executive Order 13514 asked GSA, the DoD and EPA to review and provide recommendations for vendor and contractor emissions
 - Consider impacts on procurement process and small businesses
 - Create recommendations for vendor and contractor disclosure



Vendor and Contractor Emissions

Recommendations

- Recommendations from GSA, DoD and EPA
- Reporting emissions will be voluntary for vendors and contractors
 - GHG information to be used to support contract award decisions
- Vendors and contractors are not required to report to a third party voluntary registry
 - Information should be available upon request
- Product-level emissions would allow agencies to optimize the supply chain for a given product, but
- No current method to estimate supply chain emissions associated with services, thus
- Preference for corporate-level approach for calculating agency Scope 3 Emissions



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Recommendations (continued)

- Scope 1, 2 and 3 Sources (corporate-level only) should be used as a procurement evaluation factor
- Section 13 Working Group to provide final guidelines for emission disclosures and use as evaluation factor



Federal Sustainable Acquisition

- History of federal sustainable acquisition requirements
 - Executive Orders and various regulations set framework for green purchasing
- Interim rule released May 31, 2011 amending the FAR to mandate sustainable acquisition policies for federal agencies
- The ruling implements parts of Executive Order 13514 and 13423
- Federal government expects to improve its supply chain's impact through evaluating products and services based on environmental criteria
- Vendors and contractors are expected to comply with agencies' environmental management systems

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Key Revisions to FAR

- 95% of new contract actions must contain requirements for products and services that are designated to meet sustainable acquisition performance requirements
 - Specific requirements available for eligible products
- High-performance sustainable building design, construction, renovation, repair, operation and management
- Contractor-operated facilities and vehicles subject to federal environmental standards
- Information Technology acquisitions – policies to enable power management and energy efficient products
 - Best management practices for federal data center and server management

(preferred)



If not, then



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Issues to be addressed



Clarity on qualifying a service as environmentally preferable



Training of federal procurement professionals



Definition of best management practices for IT



Contractor compliance with agency EMS
Multiple systems - how to comply with all?



Electronic delivery of documents