

# Strategies to Reduce Toxic Materials in Computers, Monitors and Laptops

## For Washington State Agencies and Colleges

**HAVE EARLY CONVERSATIONS** – Start discussions early with your IT Operations and your Procurement Unit when planning on purchasing or leasing equipment. Share these instructions with them.

**USE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION** – The EPEAT certification gives credits for multiple environmental categories.

- 1) EPEAT MINIMUM STANDARDS - State Agencies are required to purchase EPEAT bronze as a standard per [DES Policy 265-00](#)<sup>1</sup> Electronics Purchasing Preference.
  - a) [Link to EPEAT Bronze Computers and Displays](#)<sup>2</sup>
- 2) EPEAT SEEP AGENCY STANDARDS – SEEP agencies are strongly encouraged to purchase EPEAT Silver “plus”<sup>3</sup> products ([Link to EPEAT SEEP Agency Standard for Computers and Displays](#)<sup>4</sup>)
- 3) EPEAT HIGHEST STANDARDS – State Agencies are encouraged to purchase EPEAT Gold “plus”<sup>5</sup> products ([Link to EPEAT Gold plus Computers and Displays](#)<sup>6</sup>)

### Other Resources:

- DES Master Contract [05815 Computer Equipment](#)<sup>7</sup>
- [DES Technology Leasing](#)<sup>8</sup>
- [TCO Certified](#)<sup>9</sup>
- [TCO Certified- Flame Retardants and Plasticizers](#)<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://des.wa.gov/about/projects-initiatives/procurement-reform/current-enterprise-procurement-policies#DES26500>

<sup>2</sup> <https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?epeatRatingId=1&productTypeId=185441&productTypeId=185433&productTypeId=185435&productTypeId=185434&productTypeId=185445&productTypeId=185439&productTypeId=185448&productTypeId=185437>

<sup>3</sup> Silver “plus” is the EPEAT silver standard including the following optional toxics criteria - 4.1.4.1, 4.1.9.1, 4.1.9.2, 4.1.9.3a, 4.1.9.3.b

<sup>4</sup> <https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=2&criteriaId=367&criteriaId=378&criteriaId=377&criteriaId=376>

<sup>5</sup> Gold “plus” is the EPEAT Gold standard including the following optional toxics criteria - 4.1.4.1, 4.1.9.1, 4.1.9.2, 4.1.9.3a, 4.1.9.3.b

<sup>6</sup> <https://epeat.net/computers-and-displays-search-result/page-1/size-25?countryId=112&epeatRatingId=3&criteriaId=367&criteriaId=378&criteriaId=377&criteriaId=376>

<sup>7</sup> <https://apps.des.wa.gov/DESContracts/Home/ContractSummary/05815>

<sup>8</sup> <https://des.wa.gov/services/contracting-purchasing/it-contracts-purchasing/technology-leasing>

<sup>9</sup> <https://tcocertified.com/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://tcocertified.com/accepted-substance-list/>