

Standards for Procurement of Energy or Water Consuming Appliances and Equipment

For SEEP Agencies (as named in EO 20-01)

1. All energy-consuming appliances and equipment shall meet the most recent Energy Star specification.

Exceptions:

- Appliances or equipment not covered by the U.S. EPA Energy Star certification program
- Appliances or equipment qualified for electric or gas utility rebates

2. All plumbing fixtures and irrigation equipment shall meet the most recent U.S. EPA WaterSense specifications.

Exceptions:

- Plumbing fixtures and irrigation equipment not covered by the WaterSense specifications.

Purchasing

- Prior to purchasing energy-consuming equipment, plumbing fixtures or irrigation equipment, state agencies shall determine if the product class is covered by either the Energy Star or WaterSense certification programs.
 - If the product is covered, the appliance or equipment must meet the program specifications.
- For each product class, U.S. EPA Energy Star and WaterSense provides detailed product scope. If the state agency needs to further investigate the application for a specific class of product, the state agency should consult the detailed product specifications.

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- All product classifications and detailed specifications can be located on the U.S. EPA Energy Star or WaterSense Websites.

Procurement Contracts

- All (specify types of contracts) contracts shall specify this requirement
- Master Contracts shall be amended to include this at the first available opportunity
- Master contract documents (contractor responses) providing general specifications or listing specific equipment shall be exclusively responsive this requirement.

Background

This proposal requires state agencies to select Energy Star and WaterSense equipment.

Energy Star covers 60 appliance or equipment classifications. Water Wise covers 8 water consuming fixtures and devices.

As part of the development of standards, U.S. EPA determine that the products are available from a number of manufactures and that they are readily available in the market. They should be available throughout the state.

Energy Star and WaterSense frequently include product quality criteria as well as energy savings criteria. This maximizes the state value from appliance and equipment purchases.

References

A list of Energy Star products and equipment can be found here:

<https://www.energystar.gov/products>

Please check this list to see if a certified product is available before making a purchasing decision.