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References: (a) USD (AT&L) memorandum, Aug 22, 2004
(b) DASN (ACQ) memorandum, Nov 22, 2004
(c) NAVSUP Publication 728, Affirmative Procurement Guide, Sept 2001
(d) PDASN (I&E) memorandum, Jan 18, 2005

The Department of Defense (DoD) established the DoD Green Procurement Program (GPP) Strategy in reference (a). DoD defines "Green Procurement (GP)" as "the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services in accordance with Federally-mandated 'green' procurement preference programs." These programs are to encourage industry to provide products and services that advance national environmental sustainability goals. GPP was implemented within the Department of the Navy (DON) by reference (b).

The DON Green Procurement Program strategy requires use of "green" products and services to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the requirements of relevant Federal procurement preference programs. All personnel are responsible for implementing the DON GPP including requirements developers, contracting officers, and Government purchase card holders. DON endorses reference (a). Currently, DON guidance for procurement of products and services under the affirmative procurement program is in NAVSUP Publication 728 [reference(c)]. NAVSUP Publication 728 is being revised to assist DON personnel and contractors in identifying and procuring environmentally preferred products and services that meet DON mission requirements considering suitability, quantity, costs and availability of the product and service. The revised guide will be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2007 and provide a department-wide strategy for implementing an effective GPP.

GPP requirements apply to all DON facilities, operations and systems, except military tactical vehicles and equipment, including weapons systems, used on the battle ground, portable equipment to support logistical and combat aircraft, vehicles to transport combat and support personnel during military operations and other military equipment and weapons systems. Reference (d) provides amplifying guidance on alternative fueled vehicles.

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