

# “How to Set Up an Effective Environmentally Preferable Procurement Program (EP<sup>3</sup>)”



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# ● Benefits of EP<sup>3</sup>

- **Improved health & safety for workers**
- **Reduced hazardous materials**
- **Resource conservation**
- **Water and energy conservation**
- **Saved trees**
- **Recognition**



# ● History of San José's EP<sup>3</sup>

- **1990: Policy 4.4 to encourage the use of recycled materials**
- **2001: Policy 4.6 to expand the scope beyond Recycled Content**
- **2007: Revisions**
- **Urban Accord**
- **Green Vision**



# ● Purchasing/Environmental Services Dept. Partnership

- Dual effort
- Steering Committee
- Implementation Team
  - Commodity teams

# ● 2007 Implementation Plan

- Multi-year
- Outcomes
- Goals
- Strategies
- Comprehensive
- Commodity focus

# ● Outcomes

- Reduced environmental impact of purchased goods and services.
- Expanded market for environmentally superior goods and services.
- Institutionalize EP<sup>3</sup> throughout all City contracting practices & processes.

# ● Goals

1. Fully incorporate EP<sup>3</sup> into all contracting processes.
2. EP<sup>3</sup> Outreach to vendors, departments, contractors, grantees.
3. Annual Commodities Review.
4. Incorporate EP<sup>3</sup> into the City's construction, operations, and maintenance activities.
  - Achieve real environmental improvements.
  - Identify Performance measures to monitor progress.

# ● Strategies

- Pilot green products
- Inter-departmental collaboration
- Educate staff, contractors, and grantees
- Regional Collaboration

# ● Successes

- Green Fleet
- EPA Green Electronics Champion
- Green California Leadership Award
- Enhances the City's overall sustainability



# ● Successes

continued

- \$19 Million of “green” purchases
- 14.2 % of all Purchases in Fiscal Year 2007/08



# ● Next Steps

- Identify Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) implementation opportunities
- Continue implementing the Green Fleet Policy
- Refine performance measures
- Continue to test and adopt green commodities



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