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NASPO Updates Online Green Purchasing Guide

LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 2, 2014) – The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) originally produced the Green Purchasing Guide on naspo.org five years ago as a resource to provide purchasers with a basic understanding of the concept and benefits of green purchasing. It is now presented in an easy-to-use format with improved aesthetics and revised content which reflects current environmentally preferable purchasing practices (a.k.a. green purchasing), recommended steps and strategies to implement a green purchasing program, and links to other resources. The guide is available at no cost on NASPO's website - <http://www.naspo.org/green>

"The NASPO Green Purchasing Guide is a very useful resource for state purchasers and anyone trying to develop a general knowledge base about green purchasing," noted Christine Warnock, Chief Procurement Officer and Chair of the NASPO Green Purchasing Committee. "It has been instrumental in helping us further our green initiatives and given us an opportunity to share best practices with other procurement officials in a convenient format."

Included in the guide are outlines of the basic concepts of green purchasing, twelve steps to developing a working program, sample calculators for environmental benefits estimates, implementation strategies, training and sample case studies, links to green purchasing policies and programs currently utilized in other states and localities, and more.

Fortunately, the demand for sustainable products has become more universal across all levels of purchasing which has resulted in many major manufacturers to respond with cost-effective, efficient solutions to a variety of products. The guide offers assistance to purchasers in identifying and verifying true environmental claims. Basic environmental standards are noted as are resources for additional research.

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