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Green Services

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Green Mandates

- Legislation
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- Reporting requirements

- Executive Order 13514
 - **95% of new contract actions must be green!**
 - Includes task orders



Challenges

- What is a green service?
- Who sets standards for services?
- Is a company green? Or is a service green?
- What is GSA's role?
- What can we learn from industry?

- Bottom line – this is tough!



What is a Green Service?



- Services directly addressing environmental issues, such as:
 - Waste management
 - Metering services
- Any service that is performed in an environmentally friendly manner.



EPA's Guiding Principles

- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
 - Environment + Price + Performance = EPP
 - Pollution Prevention
 - Life Cycle Perspective/Multiple Attributes
 - Comparison of Environmental Impacts
 - Environmental Performance Information



How to “Green” Services (cont’d)

- Require use of green products
- Use environmental considerations as an evaluation factor
 - Direct activities – related to the actual service performed
 - Indirect activities – related to internal corporate practices



Direct vs. Indirect Example

- How are these services green?
 - Conference services
 - Recycling, energy-efficiency, water programs
 - Linen/towel reuse
 - Paperless check-in and check-out
 - Accounting services
 - Paper? Energy use?
 - Mostly indirect, internal activities



Indirect questions

- Environmental management system or plan?
- Undergo waste audits?
- Minimization of travel?
- Formal practices of minimizing paper?
- Any environmental violations?



EO 13514 Section 13

- Provide recommendations to the CEQ Chair and the Administrator of OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy regarding the feasibility of working with the Federal vendor and contractor community to provide information that will assist Federal agencies in tracking and reducing scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions related to the supply of products and services to the Government.



Summary

- More guidance needed
 - Implementation Instruction for EO 13514
- Sustainability as an evaluation factor
- Need to establish industry standards
 - GSS Services Industry Government Council recommends GSA take lead role
- Your thoughts?