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## MEMORANDUM FOR FEDERAL AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVES AGENCY SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVES

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Survey on FY 2009 Green Purchasing Requirements

The purpose of this memorandum is to request your agency complete the annual survey of its green purchasing, recycling, and chemicals management activities by responding to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) MAX federal community (Max) webpage no later than January 15, 2010.

Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (FSRIA) require the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) to report to Congress every two years on the actions taken by federal agencies to implement the purchasing requirements of these statutes. E.O. 13423 (Order) requires OMB to issue instructions concerning implementation of the Order's acquisition requirements and periodic evaluation of agencies' implementation of the Order. It also directs the Federal Environmental Executive to report to the President every two years on agencies' activities to implement the Order.

This survey fulfills these reporting requirements and will be used to evaluate agency progress towards the green purchasing standard for success on the OMB Scorecard on Environmental Stewardship. OFPP and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive developed the survey in consultation with the agencies. While the FY 2009 survey is similar to prior year surveys, there are several changes to note. Updates to the survey request information on:

- barriers to meeting the EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) purchasing requirement;
- purchasing 30 percent post consumer content office paper; and
- recognition and leadership of green purchasing requirements.

The data survey and survey responses, including information on upcoming training, will be posted to <u>https://max.omb.gov/community/x/EoBaFw</u>. Agency personnel

responsible for responding to the questionnaire may need to establish a MAX account. Please go to https://max.omb.gov and register if you do not already have a MAX account. Agency personnel may also use MAX Help Desk features or call 202-395-6860 for assistance in providing responses.