

PE3 Action: Waste & Energy Provisions in Government Contracts

1 Points

2 Points

3 Points

A. Why is this action important?

Often products and procedures that affect a local government's energy use and waste stream are not the responsibility of the local government staff but are procured or handled by external entities through government contracts. For this reason, it is important that energy efficiency and waste handling provisions are incorporated into the standard specifications of those contracts.

B. How to implement this action

Energy efficiency standards and waste handling requirements should be adopted as standard specifications in government contracts. Types of specifications could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Waste separation and recycling requirements for
 - Janitorial services
 - Construction and demolition
 - Events held on public property
- Energy efficiency and fuel efficiency standards for
 - Appliances and equipment used by contractors
 - Transit vehicles
 - Waste hauling vehicles
- Anti-idling policies for contractor vehicles

There are many more examples and local governments should consider the types of specifications that make sense for inclusion in their contracts, especially for those contracted goods and services that have significant effect on energy use and waste handling.

C. Time frame, project costs, and resource needs

These standard specifications can be developed over time and should be reviewed and adjusted on an ongoing basis as needed. Local government staff will benefit from investigating example specifications regarding energy efficiency and waste handling from other local governments' contracts, as provided below.

D. Which local governments implement this action? Which departments within the local government are most likely to have responsibility for this?

This action is applicable to any local government. This may include drafting of specifications by a variety of departments, but procurement staff will be primarily responsible for implementation of this action.

E. How to obtain points for this action

Local governments can earn points for this action by incorporating energy efficiency and waste handling specifications into government contracts.

POSSIBLE POINTS

Incorporate energy efficiency specifications into government contracts

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Incorporate waste handling specifications into government contracts

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F. What to submit

Submit copies of all relevant specifications included in government contracts. The contracts must be active or executed within one year prior to the application date.

All CSC action documentation is available for public viewing after an action is approved. Action submittals should not include any information or documents that are not intended to be viewed by the public.

G. Links to additional resources or best practices

- [US EPA Energy-Efficient Product Procurement](#)
- [New York City Department of Design and Construction, Construction and Demolition Waste Manual \(2003\)](#)

H. Recertification requirements

The recertification requirements are the same as the initial certification requirements.