



State Government Biobased Procurement Activity

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Midwest Governor's Association Resolution

- **establish a Midwestern Bioproduct Procurement System to support growth of the region's bioeconomy**
- **create a common approach for listing biobased products consistent with the federal program**
- **seek authorizing legislation, where necessary, to enable participation**
- **form a regional task force of state procurement officials and others to design the rules of a regional biobased product system**
- **appoint a task force of state procurement officials to oversee and implement the System and to develop model rules for the system**

Midwestern Regional Meeting

- **The Midwestern Region of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) meets monthly by teleconference.**
- **A meeting was held in Ames, Iowa on March 25-27, 2008 to discuss the MGA resolution and establish a Midwestern Biobased Procurement Program.**
- **Attendees: Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, California, USDA and the ISU Center for Industrial Research and Service**

Meeting Outcomes

- **Adoption of the USDA definitions for biobased products and USDA-designated items.**
- **Agreement that the USDA list of designated items would be used, but that each state could determine whether an offered product that is not on the USDA list was acceptable. The USDA requirements for inclusion on the list are the standard for evaluation.**
- **Establish cooperative biobased product contracts through the NASPO Procurement Cooperative, Midwest Regional Working Group.**
- **Cooperative contracts would be available to any member of the Midwestern Biobased Product Procurement System, and to any member of the NASPO Procurement Cooperative.**

Midwestern State Biobased Procurement Laws/Legislation

- **Illinois – 5% discretionary preference went into effect January 1, 2008**
- **Indiana – Law passed in 2007 requiring purchase of biobased products if readily available and economically feasible**
- **North Dakota – Law took effect in July 1, 2008 requiring purchase of biobased products when practicable.**
- **South Dakota – 5% discretionary preference for biobased product took effect on July 1, 2008.**
- **Iowa – Biobased preference law is in place providing a 5% preference.**
- **Other Midwestern states do not have specific “biobased” laws but have environmentally preferred laws or executive orders that can be used without new legislation**
- **Arkansas is not a Midwestern State but has a biobased procurement preference law “Biobased Product Act of 2005”.**

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- **Kansas does not currently have a biobased preference but are considering one for the future.**
- **The District of Columbia may include biobased products in a forthcoming “green” procurement policy.**

Procurement Activity in the States

- **Most states have had preference for soy based inks for many years**
- **Midwestern and other states are emphasizing the purchase of biofuels, including E-10, E-85, and biodiesel. Other blends of gasohol are being considered as well.**
- **The Midwest region of NASPO is currently working to establish a cooperative contract for environmentally preferred cleaning products, and is considering other similar contracts.**

Other Considerations for States

- **Coordination with other “Green” or “Environmentally Preferred Procurement” Initiatives**
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Water Conservation
 - Recycling

- **Acceptance of Products by end-users**
 - Training on how to use effectively
 - Cost when compared to their usual product.

Questions?

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