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BC Hydro "Power Smart" http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/	Features fact sheets, Home Energy Profile, Appliance Calculator, Power Smart Tips, Energy Library, Shop Power Smart, Power Smart Homes and more.	Database Resource Centre
City of Richmond "Environmental Purchasing Guide" http://www.city_richmond.bc.ca/environment/policy/purchasing_guide/purchasing_guide.htm	Guide that includes their environmental purchasing policy; considerations before you buy; guidelines for purchasing specific kinds of products; and sample specifications.	Guide Specifications
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Environmental Procurement http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/sustain/EnvironMan/system/greenop/procure/index-en.asp	Provides extensive information: terms and concepts; government policies and private sector initiatives; existing environmental standards; characteristics of environmental products and services; how to buy green; numerous checklists and other reference materials.	Resource Centre Information Checklists Guidelines
Environment Canada "Greener Procurement" http://www.ec.gc.ca/eogoeg/greener_procurement/Greener_Procurement.htm Green Purchasing and Procurement Program http://www.ns.ec.gc.ca/g7/purchase	Offers links, green procurement policy, EC Case Study, checklist, green furniture checklist and environmental specifications for office furniture. The Green Purchasing and Procurement Program focuses on products certified with Canada's "Environmental Choice" Eco-Logo Program, and on following the guidelines of the Energy Pathways Inc. reference guide developed for the G-7 Environmental Summit.	Resource Centre Guidelines Eco-Logo Program Policy Specifications
Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) "Sustainable Region Initiative" http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/sustainability/	Provides a framework, vision, and action plan for Greater Vancouver based on the concept of sustainability that embraces economic prosperity, community well being, and environmental integrity.	Policy- example Program
Natural Resources Canada "Energy Star" http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar/	The international ENERGY STAR® symbol is a simple way for consumers to identify products that are among the most energy-efficient on the market.	Labelling Energy Saving

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Province of Manitoba "Sustainable Development Procurement Guidelines" http://www.gov.mb.ca/gs/psb/green.html	Demonstrates how to promote and incorporate the principles and guidelines of sustainable development into all facets of government activity through policies, goal setting, action plans and delegation of responsibilities.	Policy - Example and Guide
Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) "The Green Procurement Network" "A Guide to buying Green"	The Green Procurement Network is an intranet site for PWGSC employees only. It provides information and guidance on how to green their purchases of goods and services. "A Guide to Buying Green" is an e-class mandatory training tool for all procurement officers.	Information Training

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Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) http://www.cielap.org	CIELAP is an independent, not-for-profit research and educational organization whose mission is to provide leadership in the research and development of environmental law and policy that promotes the public interest and sustainability.	Policy Legislation
Canadian Standards Association "Environmentally Responsible Procurement Standard" http://www.csaintl.org/onlinestore/GetCatalogItemDetails.asp?mat=2004919&Parent=472	Standard, for purchase, explaining the steps to environmental procurement.	Standards
Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, Inc http://www.cier.mb.ca/ http://www.procara.ca http://www.greenpurchasing.ca http://www.econexus.net/	Establishing and implementing environmental capacity-building initiatives for First Nations through the development of the education, research and technical resources for green purchasing among other environmental issues.	Databases Resource Centre

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Conservation Council of Ontario "Green Ontario - Buy Green" http://www.greenontario.org/buygreen/index.html	Resource center for buying green including green procurement, green retailers, green labels, green businesses, green investments, hemp, food and office supplies.	Resource Centre
Equiterre http://www.equiterre.qc.ca/english/home/indexfinal2.html	Promotes ecological, socially just choices through action, education and research from a standpoint that embraces social justice, economic solidarity and the defense of the environment. Programs cover: Fair trade, ecological agriculture, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency.	Fair trade
Governments Incorporating Procurement Policies to Eliminate Refuse (G.I.P.P.E.R.) "G.I.P.P.E.R.'s Guide to Environmental Purchasing" http://www.environmentalchoice.com/GIPPER.pdf	A tool to assist purchasers' to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process. It describes a number of methods for doing this, one of which is the application of environmental criteria to target product and service categories.	Guide Guidelines
Green Building Information Council http://greenbuilding.ca/GBIC.htm	Non-profit organization whose mission is to disseminate information about energy and environmental issues in the building sector from other sources and organizations around the world.	Building Information
Innovative Management Solutions (IMS) "A guide to Green Products and Services" http://www.buygreen.com	Guidelines; standards; and certification services; green products and services; information on purchasing and the environment; news updates; etc.	Resource Centre
Interface Flooring Systems Canada Inc. http://www.interfaceflooring.com/	Develops a full range of product and service solutions designed to take less from the environment while continuing to provide optimum performance and value.	Products Policy
International Institute for Sustainable Development "Business and Sustainable Development: A global Guide" http://www.bsdglobal.com/	Liaison between business and the environment through information sharing and advice, case studies, lobbying reports and links.	Information

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La Coop La Maison Verte http://www.cooplamaisonverte.com/eng/index.html	A community-based, member-owned cooperative offering environmental products, services and consulting.	Products and services Policy
Markets Initiative http://www.oldgrowthfree.com/	Works directly with Canadian companies to develop practical and economic ways to shift their wood and paper use away from ancient and endangered forest products to ecologically sound alternatives.	Forestry products Information
Oceans Blue Foundation http://www.oceansblue.org/allaboutoceansblue/index.html	Helps to conserve coastal environments through environmentally responsible tourism by focusing on developing and promoting best practices and standards for all sectors of the tourism industry.	Best practices Standards
Recycling Council of Alberta "Enviro Business Guide" http://www.recycle.ab.ca/	Promotes and facilitates waste reduction, recycling, and resource conservation in the Province of Alberta. Tools include a searchable database of environmentally preferable companies based on product or service category as well as an extensive links page.	Resource Center Company database
Small & Rubin Ltd. "The Envirodesic™ Certification Program" http://www.envirodesic.com/	The Envirodesic™ certification mark is licensed to qualified builders, manufacturers and service-providers whose buildings, products and services meet stringent standards for healthy indoor environments. The Envirodesic team also helps manufacturers develop products, which are ecologically sustainable.	Certification
TerraChoice Environmental Services Inc. Environmental Choice Program http://www.environmentalchoice.com/index_main.cfm	Canada's only national and comprehensive ecolabelling program includes a listing of products and services that are third party verified and certified environmentally responsible.	Certification Product Listing

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Austin, Texas www.ci.austin.tx.us/sustainable/purchasing.htm	References specific products and companies and defines Austin's environmental purchasing objectives. Also includes a list of additional resources.	Policy Resource center
California "Buy Recycled" www.ciwmb.ca.gov/BuyRecycled/Default.htm	Focuses on California's "Buy Recycled" initiative. Includes access to California's Recycled Content Product Database and sample green purchasing policies.	Database Policies
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) http://www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/index.htm http://www.epa.gov/cpg/ http://www.energystar.gov	EPA offers EPP Guiding Principles; links to many EPP resources, and case studies of successful programs; several guides covering topics such as: greening your purchase of cleaning products, electronics, carpet, copiers, food service-ware, meetings and conferences; comprehensive database including contract language, voluntary standards and guidelines, and product environmental attributes. EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) is a recycled-content product's database. The Energy Star is an energy efficiency certification.	Resource Centre Specifications Guides Databases Certification
Federal House in Order (FHIO) Green Procurement http://www.fhio.gc.ca/green_procurement/green_procurement.htm	Reports guidelines; programs and committees; best practices; tips and facts; tools; success stories; and links.	Resource Centre
Florida Department of Management Services "National Association of State Purchasing Officials Database of Recycled Commodities" http://fc.state.fl.us/bpsr/drc_notice.html	Identifies thousands of recycled content products. The site is free, but requires users to register.	Product Database
Georgia www.state.ga.us/Departments/doas/procure/environ/environment.html	Describes Georgia's efforts to promote recycled-content and energy-efficiency purchases and to base costs on a lifecycle cost perspective rather than initial cost.	Guidelines Policies

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Government Purchasing Project http://www.gpp.org/	Provides a listing of environmentally preferable purchasing policies at the federal, state, and, local level. Areas of focus include wood reduction, green buildings, paper, and energy.	Policies
King County, Washington Washington's Recycled Product Procurement Program http://www.metrokc.gov/procure/green/index.htm	Includes the program's annual report, summaries of the county's experience with recycled-content products, model buy-recycled contract language, and links to other related Web sites.	Policy and Guide Contract Language Database
Massachusetts Commonwealth "Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement Program" http://www.state.ma.us/osd/enviro/enviro.htm Health Care Environmental Purchasing Specification Database http://www.state.ma.us/ota/support/medspecs.htm	Extensive program that includes: reports, handbooks, specifications, policies and regulations, specific products and services information, checklists, contracts, events, links, contacts, conference, and much more. They also host a database of Specifications and Policies for Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) in Health Care.	Resource Centre Specifications Checklists Guidelines Heath Care Database
Michigan www.deq.state.mi.us/ead/p2sect/epp/index.html	Provides information to Michigan purchasers about the environmental impacts of their purchasing decisions. Includes several newsletters with information on paint, cleaning products, energy-efficient purchases, etc.	Information Guidelines
Minnesota www.moea.state.mn.us/lc/purchasing/index.cfm	Recommends a useful method for selecting environmental criteria and includes several product examples. Also includes a link to Minnesota's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Guide and links to numerous other environmental purchasing resources.	Guide Resource center
New Jersey www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/recycle.htm	Links to New Jersey's Recycled Products Guide and an executive order mandating recycled-content purchases.	Guide Policy
North Carolina www.p2pays.org/BuyRecycled/index.htm	Includes links to a state statute and executive order requiring environmental purchasing, North Carolina's 2000 Buy Recycled Report outlining the state's purchases of recycled-content, and information about buying recycled-content products in North Carolina.	Resource center

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<p>Office of the Federal Environmental Executive "The White House Task Force on Waste Prevention and Recycling, in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)" http://www.ofee.gov/textonly/gp/gp.htm</p>	<p>A task force that assists Federal agencies to promote the acquisition of recycled content, environmentally preferable, and bio-based products. It covers a Model Agency Affirmative Procurement Plan (Guidance for Contents and Organization); a list serve; links to various federal programs; green purchasing training to agency contracting, environmental; and facilities staff; Federal Acquisition Regulation and much more.</p>	<p>Resource Centre Legislation Training Network</p>
<p>Ohio www.epa.state.oh.us/opp/eppmain.html</p>	<p>Includes a list of links to help introduce Ohio purchasers to green purchasing.</p>	<p>Resource center</p>
<p>Pennsylvania www.gggc.state.pa.us/default.htm</p>	<p>Provides information about the Governor's Green Government Council, including information about the state's efforts to build green buildings, buy green power, and increase green purchasing. Identifies numerous state contracts for environmentally preferable products and services.</p>	<p>Resource center</p>
<p>Phoenix, Arizona www.ci.phoenix.az.us/P2/index.html</p>	<p>Describes the city's hazardous materials purchasing program and includes links to an online material safety data sheet (MSDS) database to review the hazards associated with the city's purchases.</p>	<p>Program MSDS database</p>
<p>Santa Monica, California http://www.ci.santa-monica.ca.us/environment/policy/purchasing/</p>	<p>Describes the city's purchasing policies for recycled-content products, certified wood, low toxicity cleaning products, low emission vehicles, and environmentally responsible printing. It also includes copies of Santa Monica's innovative cleaning product specifications.</p>	<p>Policy Guidelines</p>
<p>Seattle, Washington "Copernicus" http://www.cityofseattle.net/purchasing/purchasingservices/copernicusproject.htm</p>	<p>Copernicus is the City of Seattle's project to re-engineer contracting, which includes green purchasing policies and procedures.</p>	<p>Policy</p>

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Vermont State Office of Purchasing "The Vermont Clean State Initiative" http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/csc/Envpurch.htm	Encouraging environmentally preferable purchasing by listing items to include in specifications, maintaining a green product's guide and providing links to other helpful sites. Beware, some reports and tools are out of date.	Specifications Checklists
Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) "Greening the Government" http://www.wapa.gov/cso/procurmt/green.htm	The "Greening the Government" program is based on executive orders and other greening directives, along with Western Area Power Administration Greening Directives. It includes Executive orders, links for information, reports, presentations and contacts.	Executive Orders Resource Centre

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Aveda "Aveda Environmental Sustainability" http://www.aveda.com/protect/we/default.asp	Included in the environmental sustainability policy is a dedication to purchasing bio-industrial products using the Standard for Sustainable Agriculture (by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy)	Policy Use of standards
Cargill Dow LLC "NatureWorks PLA" http://www.cargilldow.com/corporate/home.asp	Included in the environmental sustainability policy is a dedication to purchasing bio-industrial products using the Standard for Sustainable Agriculture (by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy) and therefore fabricating performance plastics made from annually renewable resources	Policy Use of standards
Center for a New American Dream "Procurement Strategies" http://www.newdream.org/procure/	Provides tips on buying green and environmental preferable purchasing through lists of existing policies and guidelines, activities, products and services, resources.	Resource Centre Policies

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Center for Study of Responsive Law & The Resource Conservation Alliance "Government Purchasing Project (GPP)" http://www.gpp.org/	Ensures environmentally preferable purchasing at the federal, state and local levels including green building, activism, policies and Executive Orders, information on current issues, and more.	Legislation
Certified Forest Products Council www.certifiedwood.org	Verifies sustainable forestry standards, including those developed by the Forest Stewardship Council.	Wood Certification
Chlorine Free Products Association www.chlorinefreeproducts.org	Labels chlorine-free products. Includes a list of certified chlorine-free products.	Certification Chlorine-free
Co-op America's Green Pages Online http://www.greenpages.org/	A comprehensive U.S. listing of socially and environmentally responsible businesses including over 25,000 products and services from 2,000 green companies. Products and services are qualified under Co-op America's evaluation criteria.	Directory/ Listing
DLA Training Center (DTC) "Buying Green: A Multifunctional Approach to Pollution Prevention" http://www.hr.dla.mil/dtc/coursecatalog/EPHM/BG.htm	2-day workshop that provides an overview of the Federal pollution prevention initiatives and how they relate to the DoD acquisition process. Topics include: P2 Laws/Executive Orders/Regulations, Affirmative Procurement Program, environmentally preferred products, life-cycle costing, acquisition planning, FAR requirements.	Training
Environmental Defense Fund http://www.environmentaldefense.org/home.cfm	They link science, economics and law to create innovative, equitable and cost-effective solutions to society's most urgent environmental problems. A good source of U.S environmental information.	Information
Forest Ethics "Green Purchasing" http://www.forestethics.org/purchasing	Challenges all companies to adopt a formal forest product purchasing policy and provides examples and information.	Forestry Policy

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Green Order www.greenorder.com	Matches government buyers of environmentally preferable goods and services with suppliers.	Information Consulting
Green Seal http://www.greenseal.org/	Green Seal provides certifications and standards for products and services. They offer green purchasing services: instituting or improving green purchasing; lists of recommended products, standards, criteria, and contract language; environmental or financial justification for environmental purchases.	Certification
Home Depot "Wood Purchasing Policy" http://www.homedepot.com/HDUS/EN_US/corporate/corp_respon/environmental.shtml	Home Depot sells wood that is certified under Forestry Stewardship Council and also offers a wide range of products that are certified by a third party for their environmental performance.	Certified wood and other products
Ikea "The IKEA Way on Purchasing Home Furnishing Products" http://www.ikea.com/about_ikea/code_of_conduct/suppliers.asp http://www.ikeausa.com/ms/en_US/about_ikea/social_environmental/the_ikea_way.html	This document is their Code of Conduct in our relation with suppliers of products for the IKEA range. The Code of Conduct is the minimum requirements on Social & Working conditions and Environment.	Policy Use of standards
INFORM http://www.informinc.org	Includes information on several programs designed to reduce the environmental impacts of the U.S. economy through improved product design and environmentally preferable purchasing.	Information
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) "Environmentally preferable products (EPP) purchasing program" http://web.mit.edu/environment/ourpart/where_you_learn/greengoods.html	Some of the program initiatives: Recycled Products Quick Reference Guide; Remanufactured Toner Cartridge Reference Guide; Battery Recycling and Rechargeable Battery Reference Sheet.	Guidelines - Product Specific
Minolta Co., LTD., Minolta Affiliated Companies "Minolta Green Procurement Guidelines" http://www.minolta.com/f_green_pro.html	Minolta is actively promoting environmental preservation through their green procurement system in order to introduce and provide products and service with less impact to the environment.	Policy - Example and Guide

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National Association of Counties www.naco.org/programs/environ/purchase.cfm	Describes the efforts of U.S. counties to adopt environmental purchasing strategies. Includes an order form for their highly regarded "Environmental Purchasing Starter Kit" and links to additional resources.	Starter Kit Resource Centre
National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. Webinar: "Technical curriculum for the public procurement profession" by Scot Case, Center for a New American Dream. http://www.nigp.org/educate/WebinarGreenProc.htm	The course is designed to show how government purchasers are identifying and buying affordable environmentally preferable products and to make it easy for purchasing officials to integrate environmental considerations into traditional selection criteria.	Training
National Wildlife Federation "Campus Ecology Program" http://www.nwf.org/campusecology/	Provides information to help colleges and universities become living models of an ecologically sustainable society, including by greening their purchasing practices.	Information Programs
Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC) Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement List Serve (EPPnet) http://www.nerc.org/eppnet.html	Quick access to information, such as: availability of product specifications, vendors of particular products, pricing information, and strategies to achieve recycled product procurement goals and federal procurement policies.	List Serve
Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center http://www.pprc.org/pprc/pubs/newslets/news1199.html	Topical reports on environmental purchasing including resources from federal, state, local and international governments, non-profit and trade associations, list serves, case studies, and green product databases. A newsletter entitled "Sustainability & Green Procurement: Getting Down to Brass Tacks" includes important tools.	Resource Centre Reports Databases
Pollution Prevention Regional Information Center (P2RIC) "P2ric topic hub for Green Procurement" http://www.p2ric.org/TopicHubs/toc.cfm?hub=13&subsec=7&nav=7	A thorough compilation of pertinent on-line resources, including incentives and benefits, implementation steps, lists of organizations, experts, databases and over 226 links.	Resource Centre Databases

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Rainforest Alliance http://www.ra.org/	Runs programs such as Sustainable Agriculture, which certifies environmentally and socially responsible agricultural products; SmartWood that certifies environmentally and socially responsible forest management and Sustainable Tourism Program (STP) that works to transform business practices and traveler behavior to support environmentally and socially sound tourism operations.	Certification Ecotourism
Recycled Products Purchasing Cooperative http://www.recycledproducts.org/index.html	A cooperative of US based businesses and public institutions that have joined their purchasing power to encourage suppliers to offer recycled paper and other products at reduced rates.	Resource center Recycled Products
Scientific Certification Systems http://www.scs1.com/	Independent, third-party certification of environmental and food safety achievements.	Certification
Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board "Environmental Preferable Purchasing Guide" http://www.swmcb.org/EPPG/	The Guide will: identify ways you can reduce waste in your office, shop, or facility; write environmental specifications into your bid solicitations; locate surplus and reuse programs to obtain low-cost or used equipment and supplies; and choose more environmentally preferable products in over 30 categories.	Guide Checklists Specifications
Staples "Environmental Paper Procurement Policy" http://www.staples.com/products/centers/recycle/	As part of Staples' environmental commitment, they have developed a comprehensive policy for recycled content in paper and paper products.	Policy
Starbucks "Commitment to Origins" http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/origins.asp	Starbucks offers four categories of sustainable coffees: Fair Trade, Organic, Farm Direct, and Conservation. In conjunction with Conservation International, Starbucks has developed Coffee Sourcing Guidelines.	Certified coffee Guidelines

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U.S. Green Building Council "LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)" www.usgbc.org/programs/leed.htm	Describes the process and requirements for evaluating the environmental performance of a building. Many state and local governments are incorporating the LEED criteria into their construction and renovation projects.	Building Standard
Worldwatch Institute http://www.worldwatch.org/	Independent research organization working for an environmentally sustainable and socially just society. Raising public awareness by providing information on inter-disciplinary and non-partisan research on prevalent environmental issues.	Information Research

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Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios http://cofepris.salud.gob.mx/	Programs support environment and health and include product and service criteria	Information
Commission for Environmental Cooperation "North American Green Procurement Initiative (NAGPI)" http://www.cec.org/programs_projects/trade_envIRON_econ/index.cfm?varlan=english	CEC's ongoing projects: Trade in Environmentally Preferable Goods and Services; Assessing the Environmental Effects of Trade; Financing in Support of Environmental Protection and Conservation, Secretariat for NAGPI.	Hub
Consumer Choice Council http://www.consumerchoicecouncil.org	Association of 66 environmental, consumer and human rights groups that supports ecolabelling and seeks to ensure that consumers have the information they need to purchase greener, more socially just products.	Information Association
Environment and Development Foundation http://www.edf.org.tw/	They provide environmental certification of green products and of EMS's, offers consulting services and is instrumental in the drafting of Republic of China (ROC) government's green procurement clause in the "Government Procurement Law".	Certification Legislation

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EnviroWindows Environmental Information for Businesses and Local Authorities http://www.ewindows.eu.org/ManagementConcepts/Greenp	Sustainable production and consumption issues and international best practices related to public purchasing and sustainable market strategies.	Resource Centre
European Commission "Guidelines on greening public procurement by using the European Eco-label criteria" http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/gpp/index.htm	Clarification as to how community law offers numerous possibilities to public purchasers who wish to integrate environmental considerations into public procurement procedures at every stage of the procurement process.	Guidelines
European Partners for the Environment "European Green Purchasing Network"s Green Purchasing Workbook" http://www.epe.be/workbooks/gpurchasing/index.html	An extensive multi-stakeholder policy approach that covers action programs and legislation under public and private procurement.	Legislation Network
Green Purchasing Network (GPN) http://www.gpn.jp	2,610 member organizations - GPN holds seminars and exhibitions, draws up purchasing guidelines and publishes Data, surveys the status quo, and awards organizations that have shown remarkable performance in implementing green purchasing.	Guidelines - Product Specific Resource Centre Awarding
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) "Eco-procurement programme" http://www.iclei.org/europe/ecoprocura/	International program that delivers information, a network, magazine, events, services, projects, news, contacts.	Resource Centre
Leeds University "The Green Purchasing Guide" http://www.lmu.ac.uk/fin/envmnt/op/purch/green5.pdf	It highlights the University's consumption of materials and offers tips for reduction as well as providing information on alternative products that have less environmental impact.	Policy - Example and Guide
Materiales y Servicios Generales, Secretaria de Salud http://www.salud-sonora.gob.mx/	Program supports environmental preferable purchasing through the use of standards.	Policy Information

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Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) http://www.oecd.org/home/	Source of information on coordinating and promoting green public purchasing in industrial countries	Information Resource Center
Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, SEMARNAT (The Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources) http://www.semarnat.gob.mx/wps/portal/	To strive to including in all levels of society and public duty, criteria and instruments assuring the optimal protection, conservation and exploitation of our natural resources thereby creating a comprehensive and inclusive environmental policy within the sustainable development framework.	Criteria Policy Framework
Taneco limited http://www.taneco.co.uk/index.html	UK's leading specialists in environmental procurement strategy & training, developing sustainable procurement programs.	Consulting Training
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) "Production and Consumption Branch's Sustainable Consumption" http://www.uneptie.org/pc/sustain/	Information on the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative, which builds on the ISO 14040 standards and intends to establish approaches and best practices. Also contains sections on UNEP's activities on eco-design and sustainable procurement, including a product and criteria database.	Best Practices Database