

USDA Awareness Classroom Training for the BioPreferredSM Program Buying Biobased Products

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Capsule Description: Welcome to Awareness Training for the BioPreferredSM Program. This resource is a supporting component in compliance with Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA). It directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop and implement a comprehensive preferred procurement program for the Federal Government. The law requires Federal agencies to give procurement preference to USDA-designated biobased products and to develop affirmative procurement programs for purchasing them and establishing tracking and reporting systems.

BioPreferredSM is the name of the procurement preference program designed to increase the purchase and use of biobased products by Federal agencies. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Define the term, "biobased product" and give examples;
2. Define BioPreferredSM;
3. Define the term, "designated item" and give examples;
4. Be aware of the item designation process;
5. Discuss benefits of buying biobased products; and
6. Know where to buy designated biobased items.

More information and updates can be found at:

<http://www.biobased.oce.usda.gov/fb4p/aboutus.aspx>

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USDA has developed training to educate Federal employees about biobased products, designated items, and how to find and purchase them. Biobased products have many excellent features and benefits that should be examined carefully and considered for use immediately. BioPreferredSM makes it easy for you to make a difference.

Course Length: Classroom training lasts for 3 hours, however, there is a Course Evaluation and Self Tests that are completed after the classroom presentations.

Fees: None

Prerequisites: Review of Executive Orders and Laws is recommended and should be completed prior to the training. It is available online at:

<http://www.biobased.oce.usda.gov/fb4p/PoliciesAndLaws.aspx>

<http://www.biobased.oce.usda.gov/fb4p/ProposedAndFinalRegulations.aspx>

Participants may print their own Student Guide, which consists of note-taking versions of the instructors' slides to follow along and take notes during the presentation.

Course Contents: Topics presented include:

- 1) "Biobased Products and BioPreferredSM - What are they?";
- 2) "Why Purchase Biobased Products", and
- 3) "BioPreferredSM - What is My Role?".

Small group activities and discussions highlight biobased product knowledge, success stories and innovative uses.

Who Should Attend: Procurement and contracting personnel; buyers; credit card holders; facility managers; fleet managers; and all related program and project managers.

Benefits to You: Completion of the classroom training assists agency personnel in gaining valuable knowledge about biobased products and regulatory compliance requirements to achieve and maintain affirmative procurement goals.

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