



GSA Sustainable Facilities Tool

Building sustainable practices one decision at a time

GSA presents an interactive online tool to help identify and prioritize cost-effective strategies to make office buildings and workplaces more sustainable.

The Sustainable Facilities Tool makes it easy for both government and private-sector property managers to identify sustainable practices and compare options for implementing them in their renovation projects. The Tool identifies strategies to incorporate in the planning and design phase for all building project types, with an emphasis on workplace projects under 10,000 sf.

The Sustainable Facilities Tool is intended for facility managers, real estate professionals, project managers from governmental agencies, and private-sector developers as well as building occupants and owners who require more guidance about why sustainability matters and how to implement sustainable solutions.

The Sustainable Facilities Tool is free to all users and can be found at:
<http://www.sftool.gov/>.

A screenshot of the Sustainable Facilities Tool website. The page features a green header with the 'SF TOOL' logo and the title 'Sustainable Facilities Tool'. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for 'LEARN', 'PLAN', 'EVALUATE', 'IMPLEMENT', 'SHARE', and 'GREEN PRODUCTS'. The main content area is titled 'Building sustainable practices one decision at a time' and features a central 3D rendering of an office building. Surrounding the building are five green callout boxes, each representing a step in the process: 'Learn' (Discover basic concepts, define terms, and link to web-based knowledge sets to support your understanding of sustainable workplace principles. Start Learning!), 'Plan' (Incorporate sustainability into your project from the start. Learn steps to follow to incorporate sustainability as part of your plan. Start Planning Your Sustainable Project), 'Evaluate' (While planning a project, you need to decide what materials and systems will be incorporated. Make selections with sustainability in mind. Use the comparison feature to understand the most sustainable materials for your project. Browse Spaces, Materials, and Systems), 'Implement' (Record selections on materials and systems for your project. Download guides for green procurement, installation, and operations/maintenance for your selections. Manage a Green Project), and 'Share' (Let others learn from the knowledge you've gained by greening your space! Contribute to the repository of case studies. Ask and answer questions in the forum. Get involved! Share My Story, Sustainable Building Q&A). The background of the page is a green gradient with faint, repeating text related to sustainability and building systems.

"Before creation of this site, there was no one-stop tool for learning about such a wide breadth of sustainable products and options available for retrofitting and renovating buildings. Now, users can make informed decisions based on the best practices GSA has learned over many years of experience with sustainable building."



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GSA Green Products Compilation Module

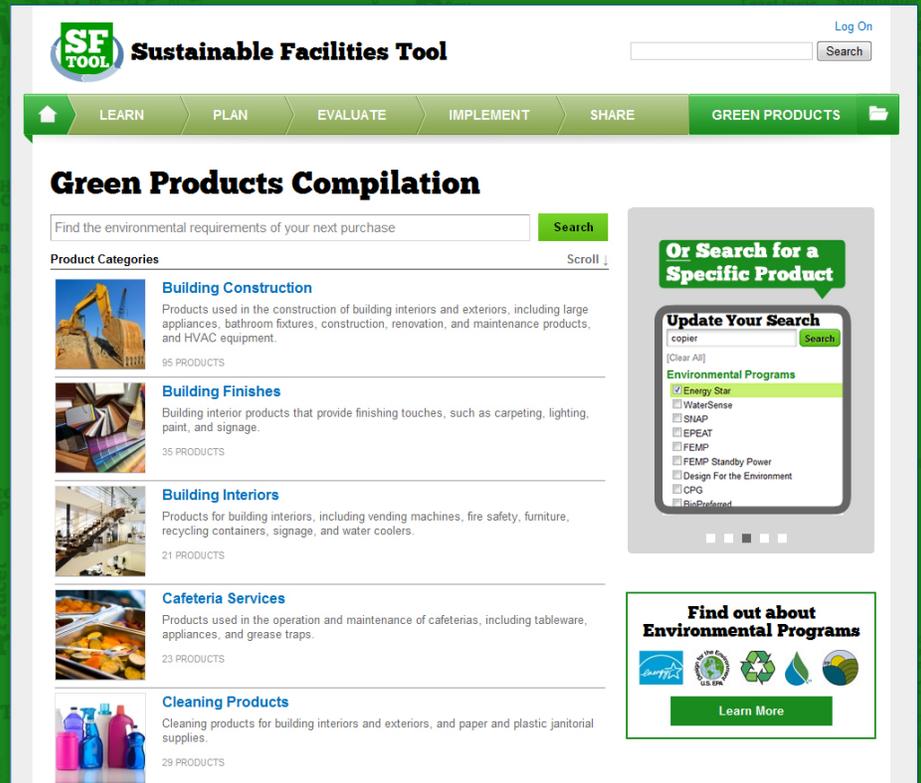
Simplifying the complexities of green purchasing

The new GSA Green Products Compilation module (GPC), a publicly available component of the GSA Sustainable Facilities Tool (SFTool), makes it easy to integrate green product requirements into the federal acquisition process. By creating an on-line searchable repository of green products, the GPC helps federal acquisition professionals understand which environmental programs apply to the products and services they buy, helps them to identify federal sources of the products, and makes it easier for them to comply with federal green purchasing requirements and agency sustainable acquisition goals.

The GPC lists the green products for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, or Department of Agriculture have issued designations or provided guidance for environmental or energy attributes. All products are arranged by product category and type, making it easy to find products applicable to your procurement. The GPC also lists the specific environmental programs applicable to each product and related Federal Acquisition Regulation provisions. In addition, it shows applicable GSA Multiple Award Schedules and Special Item Numbers and links users to pre-populated search pages in GSA Advantage where they can search for compliant items.

The GPC

- Offers direct links to environmental program web sites
- Distinguishes between mandatory purchasing programs and others that support the achievement of agency sustainable acquisition goals
- Identifies applicable Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements
- Identifies and links to potential purchasing options, including GSA Multiple Award Schedules, GSA Global Supply, AbilityOne, and UNICOR
- Contains the latest changes in green product designations



The GPC Tool is publicly available to all users and can be found at <http://www.sftool.gov/greenprocurement>.



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