

U.S. Communities & Responsible Purchasing Network Partner to Promote Green Products on Cooperative Contracts

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What do you get when you combine aggregated influences of over 87,000 buyers with Responsible Purchasing Network's green purchasing programs? A powerful new resource for finding and buying credible green products through competitively solicited contracts.

The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) is the expert in green purchasing. Their step by step resources narrow the complicated field of green procurement and take the guesswork out of effectively implementing environmental policies at your organization, community, company or office. RPN compiles resources from the leaders in the green purchasing world and gives its users access to cutting edge research, industry experts, peers and a team of consultants.

U.S. Communities provides a national purchasing forum for local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education and nonprofits nationwide by pooling the purchasing power of over 87,000 public agencies. These buyers are eligible to utilize seventeen contracts facilitated by U.S. Communities and solicited by a lead public agency. The League of California Cities is a sponsor of U.S. Communities. In its mission to continue to bring benefits to its participants, U.S. Communities established the Going Green program in 2006 to assist local agencies with their sustainability goals. To find out more about the sustainability solutions U.S. Communities offers visit www.gogreencommunities.org.

U.S. Communities is excited to partner with RPN to identify and promote the products on the U.S. Communities contracts that meet independent, third-party green standards such as those certified by GreenSeal, EcoLogo or EPEAT. The new partnership will kick off the program by identifying the GreenSeal certified cleaning products available through U.S. Communities with Zep Superior Solutions. Once the program is in place, RPN members will be able to search green products through RPN's database and quickly identify which cleaning products are available on the Zep contract, download the contract, and request contact from a sales rep to set up an account. It'll be that easy!

To celebrate this powerful new green partnership, RPN will be revising, updating and expanding their popular Responsible Purchasing Guide for Cleaners. Stay tuned for updates about how to find Zep's GreenSeal-certified cleaning products and access the U.S. Communities group contract via the RPN website. To learn more about Responsible Purchasing Network, visit www.responsiblepurchasing.org. In the meantime, find green products available through U.S. Communities via our online product search functionality at our website.