



MEETING NOTICE FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT

Agenda Available for download at:
<http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/DSANews/default.htm>

The Division of State Architect (DSA) will be having meetings at 1102 Q St., Suite 5100, Sacramento, CA to discuss the development of Environmentally Preferable Building Product Criteria for the following product categories and times on October 12,13, 27,28 and November 3, 2004:

October 12:

8:30 am Carpet
10:30 am Resilient Flooring
1:00 pm Hard Flooring

October 13:

8:30 am Acoustical Ceiling Tile
10: 30 am Finish Wall Panel
1:00 pm Structural Engineered Wood

October 27:

8:30 am Furniture
10: 30 am Seating
1:00 pm Casework

October 28:

8:30 am Doors
10: 30 am Concrete
1:00 pm Masonry

November 3:

8:30 am Playground surfaces;
10: 30 am Cleaning Chemicals;
1:00 pm Siding & Cladding

The agenda will be as follows:

The outreach meetings with stakeholders from each product category are open forums to exchange information and ask & answer questions. The basic agenda for each meeting will be as follows:

1. Introduction by EPP Database Team (process, schedule, logistics)
2. Each participant will be invited to ask questions, make comments, and/or provide reference material
3. The EPP Database Team will ask questions we have developed during the research phase
4. Discussion of data needs, information resources, and next steps

PLEASE NOTE: The outreach meetings are not the only opportunity for stakeholders to provide input and interface with the DSA. DSA will be collecting information and are open to meet with interested parties throughout the entire outreach period (Sept-Dec 2004). A separate webpage has been created for each product category, www.eppbuildingproducts.org, and there is a commenting function on those pages that allows stakeholders to submit questions and provide information. DSA will work with all stakeholders who submit comments to make sure the most complete and robust information as possible is available before drafting the EPP criteria for the database.

Conference call capabilities are available for all of the meetings. To call into the meetings please call 888-232-3867, code: 675609.

Project Background:

The DSA is developing of a first of its kind database designed to provide a list of environmentally preferable products for school construction. Per California Senate Bill 373 (the legislation that initiated this project), an environmentally preferable product is defined as:

A product that promotes healthy indoor environments for children, and demonstrates the use of environmentally preferable materials and systems. When compared to other similar products with similar functions an environmentally preferable product has some, or all, of the following characteristics relative to those similar products serving similar functions:

- Less hazardous to public health, safety and the environment.
- Consumes less energy in their manufacture or use.
- Contains more, or any amount of, recycled or post-consumer material content in their manufacture.
- Results in less potential waste.
- Results in less harm to indoor air quality.
- Consumes less water.
- Includes features, or is manufactured from materials, that promotes recycling or reuse of the product.

For more information regarding this meeting or this project please contact Panama Bartholomy of the DSA at (916) 442-5950.