

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

- **EPP Best Practices Manual**
 - 32 chapters are now online to provide guidance to State consumers on how to select environmentally preferable products.
- **EPP Training**
 - 185 State purchasing officials attended training in 3 California cities to learn about the process and benefits of EPP.
- **California Gold Sustainable Carpet Standard**
 - On May 15, a management memo was issued, establishing California's new sustainable carpet standard and mandating that all carpet purchases after August 31, 2006, meet this standard.
 - The standard includes requirements for recycled content, low emissions, and end-of-life recycling.
- **Full-time EPP Coordinator Hired**
 - DGS has hired a full-time EPP coordinator in its Procurement Division.
 - The EPP Task Force will join the coordinator in greening of both *new* State contracts and *existing* contracts that are up for renewal.
- **EPP Standards Development**
 - Four National EPP Standards are under development:
 - Carpet
 - Furniture
 - Textiles
 - Recycled Paint