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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)  
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)**

**RE: Compliant and Non-Compliant Trash Bag Manufacturers and Wholesalers**

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The Department of General Services, Procurement Division requests your continued support in enforcing the Plastic Trash Bag Law (Public Resources Code 42290, et al.). Pursuant to Public Resources Code 42297 (c) (1) and (2), any plastic trash bag supplier, manufacturer or wholesaler, or any of its divisions, subsidiaries, or successors, is ineligible for any State contract or subcontract or renewal, extension or modification of any State contract, if it is not in compliance with the certification requirements of the law. To be compliant, manufacturers must certify annually to CalRecycle (California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 17978) and meet either one of the following options:

- Ensure that its plastic trash bags contain a quantity of recycled plastic postconsumer material (RPPCM) equal to at least 10 percent of the weight of the regulated bags.
- Ensure that at least 30 percent of the weight of material used in all of its plastic products intended for sale in California is RPPCM.

Manufacturers and wholesalers who are non-compliant with the Plastic Trash Bag Law cannot contract with the State regardless of the product being provided in the contract (i.e. plastic trash bags, janitorial supplies or services, or any other products or services). The list of compliant and noncompliant trash bag manufacturers and wholesalers must be reviewed annually and prior to award for each solicitation. Document the date of the review and the list in the procurement file. The current list and additional information is available on the CalRecycle website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BuyRecycled/TrashBags/ComplyList>

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