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U.S. Communities and the Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) are joining forces to combine the purchasing power of 87,000 public agencies with the nation's foremost green purchasing authority. U.S. Communities is partnering with RPN to identify and promote products offered through U.S. Communities contracts that meet independent, third-party green standards such as those certified by GreenSeal, EcoLogo or EPEAT.

The first initiative of the partnership will address green cleaning supplies by identifying the GreenSeal certified cleaning products available through U.S. Communities with Zep Superior Solutions. RPN members will ultimately 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. As part of this partnership, RPN will expand its Responsible Purchasing Guide for Cleaners.

Background

By pooling the purchasing power of more than 87,000 public agencies, U.S. Communities serves as a national purchasing forum for local and state government agencies, school districts, higher education and nonprofits nationwide. Cities can take advantage of 17 different contracts for thousands of products facilitated by U.S. Communities and solicited by a lead public agency. U.S. Communities established its Going Green program in 2006 to assist local agencies with their responsible purchasing goals. The League is a sponsor of U.S. Communities.

Additional Information

Visit www.gogreencommunities.org to find out more about the sustainability solutions offered by U.S. Communities. [Connie Kuranko](#) with the Going Green Program can answer questions.

Visit [RPN's Web site](#) for more information about the organization.

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