

Responsible
purchasing made
simple.



The Responsible Purchasing Network. The definitive resource for socially and environmentally responsible procurement.

A powerful force.

The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) is a member-based network of purchasing stakeholders working together to identify, buy, maintain, and dispose of or repurpose, socially and environmentally responsible goods and services.

The guesswork gone.

We base our practical tools and resources on credible product standards and proven strategies for addressing social and environmental considerations. And, we meet the real-world need for readily available, cost-competitive, high-quality goods and services.

Many organizations. One common goal.

RPN membership is as diverse as the goods and services we buy. Our members range from federal, state and local government agencies to universities, global corporations, non-profits, and small businesses.

Join RPN and watch your business grow.

Visit ResponsiblePurchasing.org for complete details.

“ RPN was a great resource for us as we developed an RFP for the second largest state purchase of renewable energy. Their staff was readily accessible for questions, guidance, helping us assess the renewable market and in writing the RFP. ”

Neil Howell, Conserve Wisconsin Program, State of Wisconsin



A wealth of benefits—for both your organization and our planet.

RPN's acclaimed Responsible Purchasing Guides cover every aspect of a product area: model purchasing policies, contract specifications, certified products database, recommended third-party standards, calculators, and much more. Existing guides include bottled water, cleaners, computers, fleets, green power, light-duty tires and wheel weights, lighting, office electronics, and paint—and we are constantly adding new categories.



Additional member benefits include:

- Complete access to every tool and resource on ResponsiblePurchasing.org
- Peer networking through our online discussion forums and member directory
- Responsible purchasing training via web-based seminars
- Timely responsible purchasing news
- Opportunities for unique partnerships and projects
- In-house experts

Expert consulting services. Sustainability goals met.

Beyond membership, RPN offers customized responsible purchasing services for businesses, governments, universities, and other institutional buyers. Our proven strategies leverage your purchasing power to meet your sustainability goals. We can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower energy and water consumption, and decrease toxins and solid waste—all while improving the workplace environment and cutting costs.

Our consulting services include:

- Site audits
- Contract and vendor evaluations
- Product evaluations
- Financial and environmental cost-benefit calculations
- Staff trainings
- Purchasing specifications
- Customized purchasing guides
- Purchasing policies and best practices

Make your bottom line green.

Visit ResponsiblePurchasing.org/consulting for more information.

Add your own story to the successes listed here. Visit ResponsiblePurchasing.org and join us today.

In action and making an impact.

“RPN’s green fleet guidelines and informative webcasts were invaluable resources in assisting us in developing our new groundbreaking Green Fleet Policy. Our partnership with RPN and their expertise will contribute greatly to our goal of decreasing total vehicle emissions by 25% by 2013.”

*Ken Davies,
Supervising Environmental Services Specialist, City of San José, California, Environmental Services Department,
Office of Environmental Compliance & Safety/Office of Sustainability*

“RPN worked with us to help educate supply store and procurement staff that 100% post-consumer waste paper works...Going green in the House actually works for our offices and means we can still meet our immense supply needs and demands. RPN also provided us with the data analysis demonstrating the long-term, positive environmental affects made by shifting to more responsibly made products.”

*Perry Plumart, Deputy Director, Green the Capitol Office,
U.S. House of Representatives. Office of Greening the Capitol*

“Office Depot recently joined the Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) marking another important step in our Company’s environmental journey. RPN has helped Office Depot develop the innovative notion of ‘shades of green’, which helps us distinguish ‘green’ and ‘greenest’ products in our assortment—we used this important idea on the packaging of our new Office Depot Green brand.”

*Yalmaz Siddiqui,
Director of Environmental Strategy for Office Depot*