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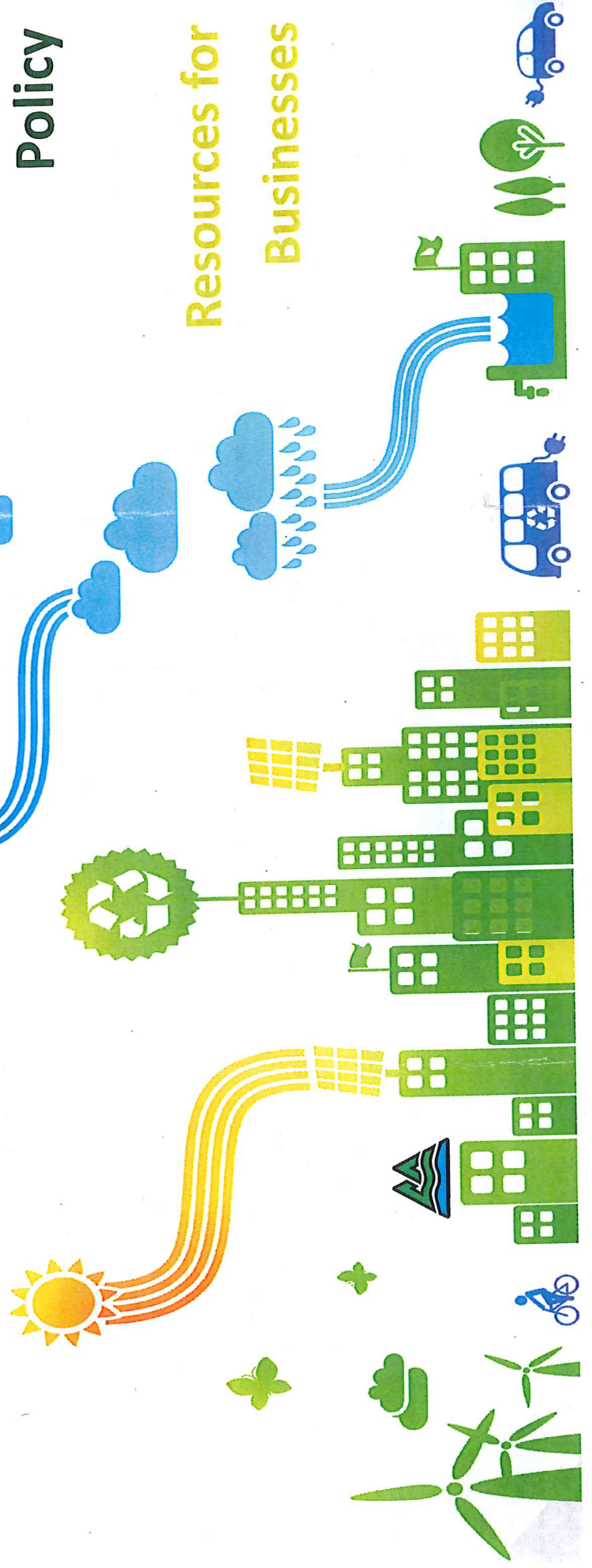
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# Multnomah County

Sustainable  
Purchasing &  
Social Equity  
Policy

Resources for  
Businesses



## Multnomah County | Be Green Buy Green

### Multnomah County's Sustainable Purchasing & Social Equity Policy

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#### What it means for you as a vendor

The County wants to do business with vendors that share our values of community and environmental stewardship and responsible business practices. The County cares about how it's business partners operate, because that is a reflection on Multnomah County. We want businesses to use energy efficiently, conserve water, and have comprehensive waste management plans. We value businesses that seek to be innovative in energy and transportation initiatives that will reduce reliance on fossil fuels and help reduce carbon emissions.

We value ethical labor practices and businesses that take good care of their employees.

We hope that our vendors will see this as an opportunity to be innovators and join Multnomah County in being leaders in sustainability.

#### What we want to buy

The County wants to purchase goods and services that will reduce the impacts on human health and the environment across the entire supply chain - such as: the impacts of resource extraction, manufacturing, labor practices, transportation emissions, storage, handling, packaging, redistribution and end of life.

Energy & Water Efficiency | Recycled Content

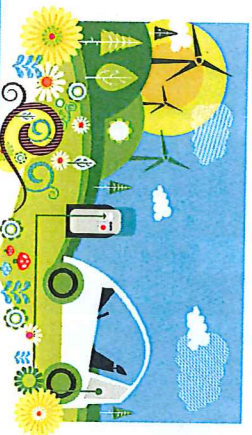
Toxics Reduction | Indoor Air Quality |

Alternative Fuels | Recyclable Materials

Waste Reduction and Prevention

#### Sustainability Attributes

- Energy Conservation (i.e. computer power management, energy efficient lighting, Energy Star electronics)
- Water Conservation (i.e. low flow faucets; high efficiency laundry equipment; low water landscaping plans)
- Waste Management and Reduction (i.e. e-waste recycling, composting program; paper reduction; buying in bulk)
- Alternative Fuels and Transportation Options (i.e. commuting options; bus pass program; hybrid electric vehicles; fuel efficient vehicles)
- Sustainable Purchasing (i.e. recycled content products; green cleaning products; local food)
- Avoiding single use/disposable items (i.e. refillable products, durable items)
- Specifying items with reusable components
- Items made from recycled content (i.e. Post-consumer content paper products, plastics, furniture)
- Specifying alternatives that do not require hazardous waste disposal - if available
- Recyclable in local facilities and/or can be remanufactured
- Packaging reduction
- Toxics Reduction (i.e. no BPA, avoid asthmagens, reproductive toxins)
- Low emission products (i.e. materials or products that offgas like formaldehyde and paints)
- Specifying third party certified products (i.e. FSC certified wood or paper, Green Seal cleaning products)
- Using LEED standards for specifications



### City of Portland Best Business Center

<http://bestbusinesscenter.org/>



The BEST Business Center provides free tools and advice to help businesses in Portland, Oregon become more profitable and sustainable. It is a partnership of city and regional government programs and energy utilities, including the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, City of Portland Water Bureau, Metro, Pacific Power, Portland Development Commission, and Portland General Electric.

#### Portland Climate Champions



#### Certification:

<http://bestbusinesscenter.org/recognition/climatecha>

#### Eco-Logical Business Program

[www.ecobiz.org/index.htm](http://www.ecobiz.org/index.htm)

### 2011 Sustainable Energy Handbook for Businesses

<http://sustainableindustries.com/resources/2011-sustainable-energy-handbook-business>

Essential tools for energy reduction that go well beyond the low-hanging fruit, such as investing in onsite renewables to further your companies' independence from fluctuating energy markets.

#### Sustainable Industries

[www.sustainableindustries.com](http://www.sustainableindustries.com)

Print and web resources to keep your business in tune with the latest news in sustainability. Features a bi-monthly magazine, industry newsletters, a Webinar and podcast series, and the Sustainable Industries Economic Forums.

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