

## 23.403 Policy.

Government policy on the use of *products* containing *recovered materials* and *biobased products* considers cost, availability of competition, and performance. Agencies *shall* purchase these *products* or require in the *acquisition* of services, the delivery, use, or furnishing (see [23.103\(b\)](#)) of such *products*. Agency contracts *should* specify that these *products* are composed of the highest percent of *recovered material* or biobased content practicable, or at least meet, but *may* exceed, the minimum *recovered materials* or biobased content of an EPA- or USDA- designated product. Agencies *shall* purchase these *products* to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the intended use of the product while maintaining a satisfactory level of competition at a reasonable price. Such *products shall* meet the reasonable performance standards of the agency and be acquired competitively, in a cost-effective manner. Except as provided at [23.404\(b\)](#), *virgin material* *shall* not be required by the *solicitation* (see [11.302](#)).

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 23.4 - Use of Recovered Materials and Biobased Products](#)