

23.704 Electronic products environmental assessment tool.

(a)

(1) *General.* As required by E.O.s 13423 and 13514, agencies, when acquiring an electronic product to meet their requirements, *shall* meet at least 95 percent of those requirements with Electronic Product *Environmental* Assessment Tool (EPEAT®)-registered *electronic products*, unless-

(i) There is no EPEAT® standard for such product;

(ii) No EPEAT®-registered product meets agency requirements; or

(iii) The *agency head* has provided an exemption in accordance with [23.105](#).

(2) *Contracting officers*, when acquiring an electronic product, except as specified in paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, *shall* acquire an EPEAT®-registered electronic product, unless the agency determines, in accordance with agency procedures, that the EPEAT®-registered product will not be cost effective over the life of the product.

(3) This section applies to *acquisitions* of *electronic products* to be used in the *United States*, unless otherwise provided by agency procedures. When acquiring *electronic products* to be used outside the *United States*, agencies *must* use their best efforts to comply with this section.

(b) *Personal computer products, imaging equipment, and televisions.* These are categories of EPEAT®-registered *electronic products*.

(1) The IEEE 1680.1™-2009 Standard for the *Environmental Assessment of Personal Computer Products*, the IEEE 1680.2™-2012 Standard for the *Environmental Assessment of Imaging Equipment*, and the IEEE 1680.3™-2012 Standard for the *Environmental Assessment of Televisions*-

(i) Were as issued by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., on March 5, 2010; October 19, 2012, and October 19, 2012, respectively;

(ii) Are voluntary consensus standards consistent with section 12(d) of Public Law 104-113, the "National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995", (see [11.101\(b\)](#));

(iii) Meet EPA-issued guidance on *environmentally preferable products* and services; and

(iv) Are described in more detail at

<https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/recommendations-specifications-standards-and-ecolabels-federal-purchasing>.

(2) A list of EPEAT® product categories and EPEAT®-registered *electronic products* that are in conformance with these standards can be found at

<https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/recommendations-specifications-standards-and-ecolabels-federal-purchasing>.

(3) EPEAT® *electronic products* are designated "bronze-", "silver-", or "gold-" registered.

(4) Agencies *shall*, at a minimum, acquire EPEAT® bronze-registered *products*.

(5) Agencies are encouraged to acquire EPEAT® silver- or gold-registered *products*.

Parent topic: Subpart 23.7 - Contracting for Environmentally Preferable Products and Services