

**NYS OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES
PROCUREMENT SERVICES GROUP**

**ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS, RENEWABLE POWER SOURCES AND
ALTERNATE FUELED VEHICLES
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is Procurement Services' role in Executive Order 111?

Procurement Services provides centralized contracts for energy efficient products and clean fueled vehicles to assist Agencies in obtaining the products necessary to meeting their obligations under EO-111.

What is Energy Star?

In 1992 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) introduced ENERGY STAR as a voluntary labeling program designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Computers and monitors were the first labeled products. Today the program has grown to include over 40 product categories for the home and office.

Are energy efficient products more costly?

Typically there is a premium for purchasing energy efficient products, however, in many cases, the energy savings realized results in an overall lower cost of ownership.

EO-111 includes a requirement to purchase renewable energy. Is there a centralized contract for renewable energy?

PSG, in cooperation with the Governor's Office, NYSERDA, and the State Power Authority (NYPA), developed a contract renewable electrical energy attributes for nine agencies that expressed interest in being part of the contract. OGS is purchasing the attributes on behalf of these agencies and invoicing them for their portion of the contract amount. At this time, there is not a statewide contract for renewable energy.

EO-142 includes a requirement to purchase bio-fuels for transportation and heating State buildings. Is there a centralized contract for bio-fuels?

The current gasoline contract includes E-85 and our diesel engine fuel (on road only) contains bio-diesel. These fuel contracts are based on filed requirements by customers and the quantities on these contracts reflect the filed requirements. Future contracts for these commodities, as well as heating fuel, will reflect quantities of E-85 and bio-fuel as requested by customers.

Do the Executive Order's directives supersede the State Finance Law?

The executive order does not in any way supersede the State Finance Law's requirements for competitive bidding.