

Office of Contracting and Procurement

FY22 Sustainable Purchasing Report

Executive Summary

In accordance with the Procurement Practices Act of 2010 (PPRA), the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) is required to submit to Council a report detailing green spend across the District of Columbia, progress in implementing sustainable purchasing policy, recommended changes, and next steps for its Environmentally Preferred Program and Services (EPPS) sustainability program.

OCP continues to push sustainability forward. OCP:

- 1) researched other successful state and local government sustainability programs.
- 2) met with federal government professionals and other subject matter experts.
- 3) reviewed over 5,000 Acquisition Planning submissions making suggestions wherever purchasing sustainably was possible.
- 4) added *Green Corner* to OCP's Monthly newsletter to educate staff and to bring awareness to the importance of purchasing sustainably.

The Green Food Purchasing bill amendment was signed during the third quarter of 2021, now known as, the Green Food Purchasing Act of 2021 (the Act). Although the Act is a Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) mandate, OCP will have to accommodate most requirements through its systems. Upon notice, OCP had to pivot to include DOEE's requirements in its system and re-strategize its program. OCP began working diligently with DOEE and their hired consultant in FY2022. The consultant's finding indicated best practices that will require a significant amount of time to implement than the Act's, January 1, 2023, deadline allowed. DOEE submitted to Council a request for an extension. Meanwhile, data is still being collected, processes are being developed as well as strategies to implement requirements and training.

FY 2022 Green Spend

The District's non-EPPS spend for FY2022 was \$5.0 billion. Of that, \$19.3 million was EPPS (4.0%) of the total spend.

Additionally, In FY 22, OCP earned more than \$6.9 million from 5,012 surplus-property auctions. OCP's scrap and recycling initiative turned over 1.75 million pounds of metal, earning more than \$131,000. OCP earned a total of \$7,032,179 from all surplus property sales and scrap metal recycling activities.

Next Steps

Completing the requirements of the Green Food Purchasing Act of 2021, including but not limited to:

- 1) Updating EPPS categories
- 2) Planning and Implementing DOEE's EPPS certification processes
- 3) Analyzing data and tracking the district's food purchases
- 4) Developing and providing EPPS training and awareness to OCP/DOEE staff and stakeholders