

State of Minnesota

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#### VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL (25 Points)

Minnesota Statutes Section 16B.121 requires that State agencies consider recycled content and recyclability when purchasing commodities, when feasible and when the price of recycled materials does not exceed the price of non-recycled materials by more than ten percent.

The commissioner of Administration and State agencies, when purchasing under delegated authority, must purchase recycled materials when purchasing under delegated authority. The commissioner and State agencies must apply and promote the preferred waste management practices listed in Minn. Stat. 115A.02 with special emphasis on the reduction of the quantity and toxicity of waste generated.

The commissioner and State agencies must also consider the extent to which a commodity or product is durable, reusable, or recyclable and marketable through the State's Resource Recovery Program and the extent to which the commodity or product contains post-consumer material.

In June 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the American Hospital Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing goals of virtually eliminating mercury-containing waste from the healthcare industry waste stream by 2005, and reducing total waste generated by hospitals by 33 percent by 2005 and by 50 percent by 2010.

During the term of the Contract, MMCAP may be establishing contracts with manufacturers and may use a health care environmental purchasing tool for determination of an Environmentally Preferred Products (EPP) list. It is the responsibility of the Awardee to assist MMCAP Office in maintaining the EPP list and its availability.

\*The Awardee will provide a copy of their current corporate environmental policy. Describe how the Awardee will work with manufacturers to find EPP. The Awardee will submit its current list of EPP.

