



ATTACHMENT 02 CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS and EPP

I. GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY

Identify the geographic area(s) in which your products will be available to Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities by checking one of the following:

- Nationwide (including the District of Columbia and U.S. territories)
- Nationwide (including the District of Columbia)
- The following specific states (to include the entire state): _____

II. EXCLUSIONS

The Master Agreements resulting from this solicitation are not intended to replace or materially overlap in scope with other NASPO ValuePoint contract portfolios, including the following:

- [Automatic External Defibrillator \(AED\) and Accessories](#)
- [Ground Maintenance Equipment](#)
- [Automotive Parts](#)
- [Professional Grade Tools and Diagnostic Equipment Master Agreements.](#)
- [Office Furniture](#)
- [Office Supplies](#)
- [Audio Video Equipment and Supplies](#)
- [Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services](#)
- [Copiers & Managed Print Services](#)
- [Laboratory Equipment and Supplies](#)

Offerors may include equipment, accessories, and services available under these portfolios only to the extent that such solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or services being proposed by Offeror. The Lead State may, at its sole discretion, reject products and services from an Offeror's proposal, or remove products and services from a Contractor's Master Agreement, if the Lead State determines that such products and services exceed the intended scope of this solicitation or do not comply with this requirement.

Other Exclusions:

- Electric vehicle charging station and/or installation
- Public safety electronic equipment or any first responder electronic equipment
- Drones, drones' maintenance, and parts
- Software or SaaS solutions

III. CATEGORIES

Identify the category(ies) for which you are submitting a proposal response by checking one or more of the following (the products listed for each category below are only examples and are not intended to be exhaustive):



- ☒ **Category 1: Janitorial Supplies, Equipment, and Sanitation Cleaning Chemicals** includes but not limited to cleaning chemicals, hand soaps, paper products, trash can liners, adhesives.
- ☒ **Category 2: Fasteners** includes but is not limited to thread fasteners, anchors, bolts, cables, clips, hose couplings, inserts, lock nuts, pins, plates, rivets, screws, studs, and washers.
- ☒ **Category 3: Material Handling** includes but is not limited to hand trucks, ladders, welding supplies, shop supplies, containers, cabinets, chains, wire rope, pails/drums. Motor rider forklifts, reach trucks, order pickers, pallets jacks, stackers, and tow tractors.
- ☒ **Category 4: Plumbing Equipment** includes but is not limited to facets, fittings, pipes, water filters, drains, pumps, and plumbing tools.
- ☒ **Category 5: Power Sources** includes but is not limited to electric power grid, such as an electrical outlet, energy storage devices such as batteries or fuel cells, generators or alternators, solar power converters, or another power supply, other batteries, electric vehicle charging stations and parts, solar energy, and AC and DC power supply.
- ☒ **Category 6: Landscaping and Outdoor Supplies and Equipment** includes but is not limited to seasonal lawn and grounds maintenance supplies.
- ☒ **Category 7: Lamps, Lighting, Ballasts, and Equipment** includes but is not limited to lamps, ballasts, fixtures, bulbs, diodes, and tubes.
- ☒ **Category 8: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC)** includes but is not limited to air filters, blowers, diffusers, fans, coolant, small heaters, air conditioning units (window and portable), foam coil cleaners, filters, and valves.
- ☒ **Category 9: Hand Tools** includes but is not limited to hammers, pliers, rakes, screw drivers, shoves, hand saws, and measuring tools.
- ☒ **Category 10: Power Tools** includes drills, saws, table saw, air compressor, band saw, sander.
- ☒ **Category 11: Electrical Supplies and Equipment** includes but is not limited to circuit breakers, conduits, electrical boxes, fuses, switches, outlets, cords, and plugs.
- ☒ **Category 12: Paint and Related Supplies** includes but is not limited to paint interior and exterior, primers, coatings, brushes, paint pans, fire retardant sealants, and stirrers.
- ☒ **Category 13: Security** includes but is not limited to cameras, strobes, safes, locks.
- ☒ **Category 14: Safety** includes personal protective equipment and related building safety equipment, eye protection, protective clothing, barricades, fire escape ladders, master lock, hearing protection and head and face protection, hand sanitizer, gloves, and sorbents.



- Category 15: Other** Contractor is allowed to sell other items related to MRO but not specifically listed above. Products that are included in the Exclusion Section II, may not be sold.

Offeror is limited to selling products and services in the category(ies) awarded to Offeror.

IV. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS

Many of the Participating States have indicated that sourcing Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) is important and may become more important in the future with legislative mandates to comply with for sustainable and climate preferable products being used in their state.

Indicate below if the Offeror can offer EPPs (see Specifications for EPP Products in Each Category listed below). If the Offeror is not able to meet the Environmental Specifications listed below, indicate no. If yes, Offeror must fill out the rest of this attachment in full which will be included in the Master Agreement if awarded.

- No, the Offeror will not be able to sell Environmentally Preferable Products, no need to proceed with this Attachment (this attachment must be submitted with the NO checked)**
- Yes, Offeror would like to sell Environmentally Preferable Products and has filled out all sections below:**

1. Does the Offeror have any sustainability policies or programs (e.g., adoption of a sustainability policy, climate action plan, using clean fuel vehicles or sustainable packaging to deliver products, powering your facilities with renewable energy, etc..)? If yes, describe and attach supporting documentation. If no, describe any plans the Offeror may have to do this in the future.

HD Supply is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of The Home Depot. The Home Depot's environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategy is centered on three key pillars: focusing on our people, operating sustainably, and strengthening our communities. We strive to operate as a company that reflects and supports diversity, equity and inclusion among our associates, suppliers and in the communities we serve.

Attached to this document please find highlights from The Home Depot's 2023 ESG Report. This extensive report can be found in its entirety at [2023 Home Depot ESG](#) and includes efforts and programs to support sustainability, carbon emissions reduction, circularity, water conservation, responsible chemistry and more.

Furthermore, HD Supply has launched investments into electric vehicles to evaluate additional ways to be good stewards of the environment. We look forward to continuing to develop sustainable alternatives for the future.

2. Does the Offeror identify products with any of the following environmental certifications in catalogs and/or price sheets (print and online)?

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- US EPA ENERGY STAR Yes No
- US EPA Safer Choice Yes No
- US EPA WaterSense Yes No
- Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI, certified compostable) Yes No
- Design Lights Consortium (DLC) for LED lighting products Yes No
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Yes No
- Green Seal Yes No
- UL ECOLOGO Yes No
- UL GREENGUARD, SCS Indoor Advantage, etc. (certified low emitting) Yes No
- Other(s): please list _____

3. Does the Offeror identify products with any of the following environmental attributes in catalogs and/or price sheets (print and online):
- Percentage of post-consumer recycled content Yes No
 - RoHS-compliance (for electrical equipment) Yes No
 - Rechargeable batteries Yes No
 - Prop 65 Warning Yes No
 - Identified in online catalog? Yes

4. Describe how a buyer finds environmental products in your online ordering catalog. Does it show the ecolabels and environmental attributes that the Offeror recognizes? Include whether there are filters for EPP's in the online catalog. Provide examples.

Full product purchasing support is available to customers including help finding sustainable products, through the Customer Care team, local Field Representatives, HD Supply's online catalog and the HD Supply Green Team.

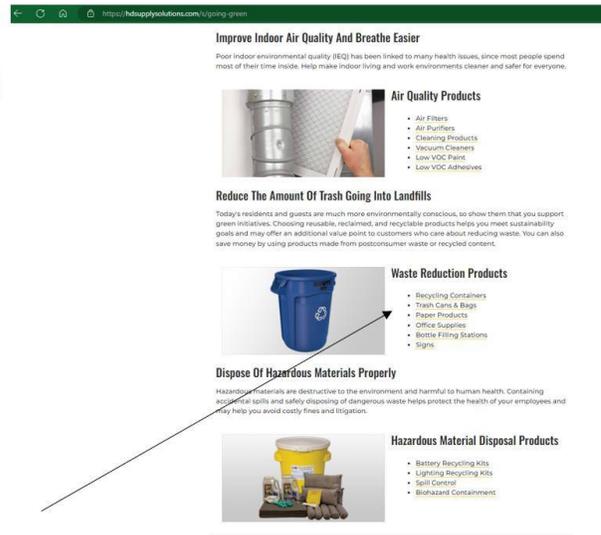
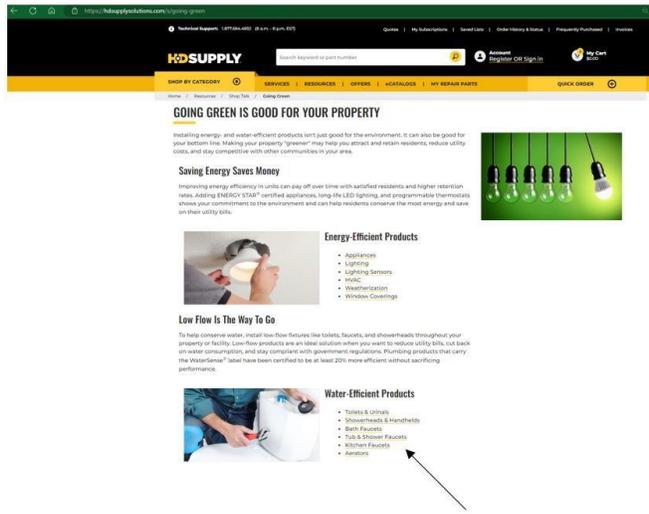
Green product resources can be easily found on the HD Supply website (hdsupplysolutions.com) at [Going Green | HD Supply \(hdsupplysolutions.com\)](http://Going Green | HD Supply (hdsupplysolutions.com)). This site also provides quick links to products available in various categories including energy efficiency, water efficiency, air quality, waste reduction and hazardous material disposal.

Furthermore, search capabilities exist within the HD Supply online site for key product attributes, such as Water Sense and ENERGY STAR, and throughout the HD Supply online catalog users can filter on various product attributes including ENERGY STAR Qualified, CSA Certified, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Certified, and more. Our detailed product descriptions and other product resources (such as material safety data sheets (MSDS) and specification sheets) are also available. HD Supply continues to pursue additional tools to help users search for specific products by key attributes.

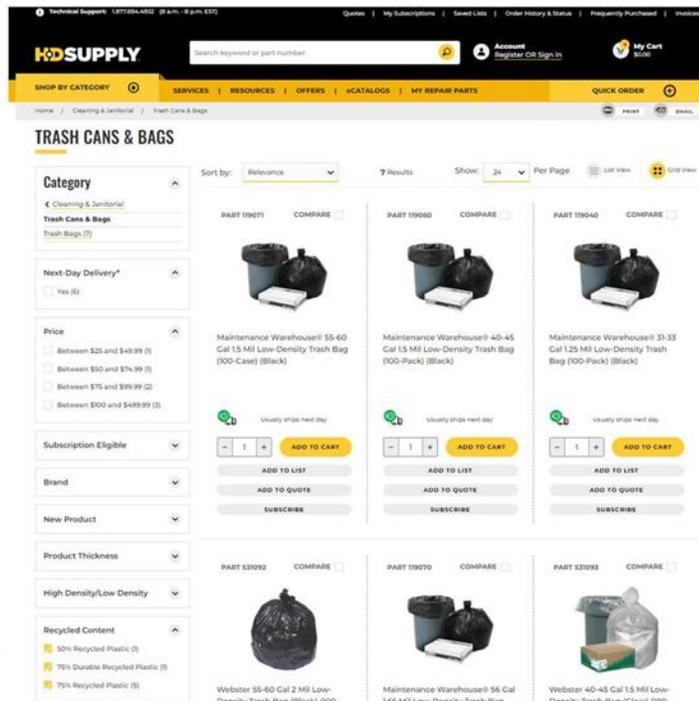
Please find examples of various filtering capabilities below.

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Each link on this page of the HD Supply website directs customers to sustainable products/solutions



Filtering functionality supports the searching of products that meet specific attributes



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The screenshot shows the Home Depot website's search results for 'energy star'. The page features a navigation bar with 'SHOP BY CATEGORY', 'SERVICES', 'RESOURCES', 'OFFERS', 'eCATALOGS', and 'MY REPAIR PARTS'. A search bar at the top contains 'energy star'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Category', 'Next-Day Delivery*', 'Price', 'Subscription Eligible', 'Brand', 'California Compliant', and 'Color'. The main content area displays a grid of product cards, each with an image, part number, and 'ADD TO CART' button. A message at the top of the grid states: 'We found a large number of products related to your search. Please use the refinements on the left to narrow your results.'

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Environmental product labeling

The screenshot shows the product details page for a 'GE 18cuft Topmount Fridge Wht Wire Shelf'. The page includes a product image, part number (501235), and manufacturer part number (GTEB0TNRWW). It features a 'QUANTITY' selector, 'ADD TO CART' button, and 'ADD TO LIST' button. A yellow callout box contains shipping information: 'Shipping charges may apply', 'Non returnable. Cannot be returned or exchanged', and 'Usually ships next day'. Below the product image, there is a section titled 'About this item' with tabs for 'Product Details', 'Product Specs', and 'Resources'. The 'Product Details' tab is active, showing a list of features and benefits. The 'Resources' tab is also visible, showing links to 'INSTALLATION GUIDE', 'ENERGY GUIDE', 'HOW TO', and 'SPECIFICATIONS'.

Product Details, Product Specs and Resources pages for each product provide further product details/attributes



5. Does the Offeror offer any product take-back or recycling services? If yes, describe what services are available. If not, describe if the Offeror has any plans for the future:

HD Supply has offered recycling services to our customers in the past, and we are actively working with supplier partners to provide future reclaim and recycling programs for our customers. Additionally, we offer products within our product portfolio that can be used to support customer-directed recycling programs.

6. Using the check boxes below, indicate what categories of products the Offeror offers that includes *at least* one of the listed required Environmental Specifications for the sub-category. If awarded, the subcategories will be included in the Master Agreement.

Specifications for EPP Products in Each Category

Environmental Product Specifications

Offeror has the ability to provide product with the following environmental certifications or attributes, as identified below:

Category #1: Janitorial Supplies, Equipment, and Sanitation Cleaning Chemicals

A. Cleaning chemicals

1. *Cleaning and floor maintenance chemicals* have at least one of the following certifications: Green Seal, US EPA Safer Choice, UL ECOLOGO, or Cradle to Cradle (Silver level or higher).

This product category includes, but is not limited to general-purpose cleaners, floor cleaners, glass cleaners, degreasers, non-disinfecting restroom cleaners, carpet and upholstery cleaners, deodorizers, dish and laundry detergents, wood and metal polishes, floor polish and strippers, air conditioner coil cleaners, etc. It also includes onsite generators of cleaning chemicals such as aqueous ozone.

2. *Hand sanitizers* have at least one of the following certifications: Green Seal, UL ECOLOGO or Cradle to Cradle (Silver level or higher). This product category includes liquids, gels and wipes.

In addition, the product contains at least 60% ethanol per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, does not contain any active ingredients other than ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol, and is not on the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Hand Sanitizer Do-Not-Use List which may be viewed at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use>. This list includes products that are dangerous because they are found or likely to be contaminated with methanol or 1-propanol or that are packaged in food or drink containers.



3. *Hand soaps, body washes, and hair shampoos* have at least one of the following certifications: Green Seal, US EPA Safer Choice, UL ECOLOGO or Cradle to Cradle (Silver level or higher).
4. *Keyboard cleaners* are EITHER mechanical or a chemical formulation that is free of chlorinated and fluorinated compounds (e.g., air dusters containing HFC-134a: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane or HFC-152a: 1,1-Difluoroethane)
5. *Surface disinfectants and sanitizers* are US EPA-registered and contain only the following active ingredients: Citric acid, Ethanol, Hydrogen peroxide, Isopropanol, Lactic acid, Octanoic acid (Caprylic acid), or Thymol OR are certified by either Green Seal or EPA's Design for Environment Program.

B. Janitorial paper products EITHER have one of the following third-party certifications: Green Seal, UL ECOLOGO or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC); OR comply with the US EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG), including:

- *Paper Towels and Industrial Wipers*: 40% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC)
- *Toilet Tissue and Toilet Seat Covers*: 20% PCRC
- *Facial Tissue*: 10% PCRC
- *Paper Napkins*: 30% PCRC

In addition, they do not contain intentionally added antimicrobial ingredients, fragrances, or dyes.

C. Waste, Recycling and Trash Supplies

1. *Organic waste bags* have at least one of the following compostability certifications: Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) or OK Compost (Industrial or Home). In addition, they are labeled with the certification. This includes bags that are made of bioplastic or paper lined with bioplastic.
2. *Paper bags* are unlined and EITHER have at least 20% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC), which complies with the US Environmental Protection Agency's Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Paper Bags, have 100% total recycled content, or are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
3. *Plastic trash can liners* have at least 10% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC) OR are certified by UL ECOLOGO or Green Seal. In addition, the product does not contain any intentionally added antimicrobial ingredients, chlorinated compounds such as vinyl (PVC), fragrances, or PFAS (e.g., polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and is not labeled "oxo-degradable" or "oxo-biodegradable".
4. *Waste receptacles and recycling containers* comply with the applicable US EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) for this category, which means it contains:



- At least 20% post-consumer recycled-content plastic;
- At least 25% post-consumer recycled-content corrugated cardboard; OR
- 100% steel.

In addition, the product is free of vinyl (PVC) and fiberglass.

D. Janitorial Supplies

1. *Cleaning cloths* are reusable and are made of EITHER microfiber, reused material or recycled-content fabric with at least 10% post-consumer recycled content. In addition, they do not contain antimicrobial ingredients, fragrances, cleaning chemicals, or other chemical treatments.
2. *Floor pads used with powered janitorial equipment* EITHER contain at least 30% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC) OR are certified by Green Seal.
3. *Gloves (including disposable and reusable products)* are free of PVC (vinyl) and latex. Gloves that are labeled compostable must be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) or Vincotte OK Compost.
4. *Entryway, anti-fatigue and safety floor mats are PVC-free AND:*
 - Contain at least 30% post-consumer or 50% total recycled content (e.g., rubber or PET); OR
 - Are 100% biobased (e.g., coir)
5. *Mops, mop heads and dusters* are reusable and EITHER contain microfiber or are certified by Green Seal. In addition, the product does not contain vinyl (PVC), antimicrobial ingredients, fragrances, or cleaning chemicals (e.g., dust mop treatments).
6. *Sorbents and other dust-control products*, including but not limited to loose and granular formulations as well as pads, socks and booms, meet one of the following criteria:
 - Contain at least 89% total recycled content (which complies with the US EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) for this product category);
 - Contain at least 30% post-consumer recycled content; OR
 - Have one of the following certifications: Cradle to Cradle (Silver or higher), Green Seal, UL ECOLOGO, US EPA's Safer Choice or USDA Certified Biobased.
7. *Sponges and scrubbers* are made of 100% cellulose and/or other plant-based fiber OR at least 20% post-consumer recycled material. In addition, the product does not contain antimicrobial ingredients, fragrances, cleaning chemicals, or other chemical treatments.



E. Powered Janitorial Equipment

1. *Vacuum cleaners, carpet extractors, and deep cleaning equipment* are certified by the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) under its Seal of Approval Program.

A list of CRI-certified vacuum cleaners can be accessed at: <https://carpet-rug.org/testing/seal-of-approval-program/certified-vacuums>.

A list of CRI-certified carpet extractors can be accessed at <https://carpetrug.org/testing/seal-of-approval-program/certified-deep-cleaning-extractors>.

A list of CRI-certified deep cleaning equipment can be accessed at <https://carpet-rug.org/testing/seal-of-approval-program/certified-deep-cleaning-extractors/>.

2. *Powered floor maintenance equipment (e.g., burnishers and polishers)* are electric-powered AND are equipped with controls or other devices for capturing and collecting particulates.
3. *Hand dryers* meet all of the following criteria:
 - a. UL or ETL listed.
 - b. RoHS-compliant
 - c. Energy consumption does not exceed 1500 watts.
 - d. Operate at a sound level of less than 80 dBA (decibels)

Category #4: Plumbing Equipment

1. *Bathroom sink faucets and showerheads* are WaterSense-certified.
2. *Toilets and urinals* are EITHER WaterSense-certified or waterless.
3. *Water bottle refill stations* are UL listed, certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 61-G & 372 and conform with the lead content requirements for "Lead Free" plumbing by the State of California.
4. *Water coolers, bottled water dispensers, and pool pumps* are ENERGY STAR-certified.
5. *Water filters* (e.g., carbon filtration and reverse osmosis systems) meet applicable NSF standards.

Category #5: Power Sources

1. *Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9V only)* are rechargeable and uses nickel-metal hydride chemistry.



2. *Battery chargers* are UL Listed and compatible with nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries.
3. *Electricity generators* are battery-powered, and the battery does not contain lead.
4. *Flashlights, lanterns, or headlamps* use LEDs as the light source OR have a built-in rechargeable battery.
5. *Motors* are variable speed or labeled NEMA Premium Efficiency.
6. *Solar powered-generating equipment* is UL or ETL listed. **Solar powered lighting**

Category #6: Landscaping and Other Outdoor Products Supplies and Equipment

1. *Compost, mulch, and soil amendment products* are certified by the Organic Materials Research Institute (OMRI).
2. *Deicers and snowmelt products for facilities maintenance* are certified by either Safer Choice or Green Seal, OR are on the Clear Roads Qualified Products List, which can be found at <https://clearroads.org/qualified-product-list/>. All products that contain sodium chloride have a corrosion inhibitor. These products are not intended for use on roads and include products in bags only up to 50 pounds as well as liquids only up to 55 gallons.
3. *Fertilizers and pesticides* are certified by the Organic Materials Research Institute (OMRI) or the product is a mechanical pest management product such as a bait or trap. A list of OMRI-certified products can be found at <https://www.omri.org/us-list>.
4. *Garden hoses* are free of vinyl (PVC).
5. *Irrigation equipment*, including spray sprinkling bodies and irrigation controllers, is WaterSense certified.
6. *Powered landscaping equipment* (e.g., chain saws; edgers, lawn mowers; leaf blowers, shredders and vacuums; mulchers, snow blowers, trimmers, wood chippers) emits zero emissions, which means it is powered by a battery or an electrical cord.

Category #7: Lamps, Lighting, Ballasts and Equipment

1. *Lamps, luminaires and retrofit kits* use LEDs as their only light source and have at least one of the following lighting efficiency certifications: DesignLights Consortium (Standard, Premium or Luna), ENERGY STAR, or International Dark Sky Association.



2. *LED drivers and lighting controllers* (e.g., occupancy sensors) are RoHS compliant AND UL or ETL listed.

Category #8: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Air conditioners, air purifiers, dehumidifiers, and ventilating fans are ENERGY STAR-certified. Products that have the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient label or use refrigerants that have a "lower impact on global warming" (e.g., R-32) are preferable. Use ENERGY STAR filter to find preferable products.

1. *Refrigerants* are considered "climate friendly" by US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) because they have a lower global warming potential. This includes:
 - R-32 (used in air conditioners)
 - R-290 (used in ice machines and refrigerators)
 - R-600a (used in freezers and refrigerators)
2. *Thermostats* are digital and EITHER programmable or ENERGY STAR-certified.

Category #12: Paint and Related Supplies

1. *Interior latex wall and ceiling paints and primers* have at least one of the following multi-attribute green certifications: Cradle to Cradle Certified or Material Health Certificate: at the Gold level or higher, Green Seal, Greenwise Gold, or Master Painters Institute (MPI) Extreme Green.
2. *Specialty paints, primers and coatings* comply with the applicable South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) limit on volatile organic compounds (VOCs); OR have a VOC content that does not exceed 100 grams/liter; OR have at least one of the following environmental and/or health third-party certifications:
 - Multi-attribute green certifications: Cradle to Cradle Certified or Material Health Certificate Silver level or higher, Green Seal, MPI Green Performance Standard (Extreme Green, GPS-2 or GPS-1), or Safer Choice (covers spray paint only)
 - OR single-attribute green certifications: SCS Indoor Advantage Gold (low emitting), UL GREENGUARD Gold (low emitting), USDA Certified Biobased, or ENERGY STAR (for roof coatings)
3. *Paint thinners and removers* do not contain any chemicals on the [CA Prop 65 List](#), which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm (such as methylene chloride or n-methyl pyrrolidone).

Category #15: Other

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If there are other products that meet third party environmental certifications or standards that the Offeror offers that are not listed above, provide, similar to the above, the product type and the specific third-party certification or standard.

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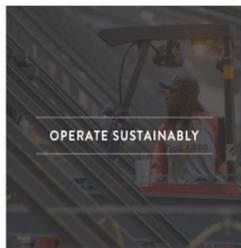
[Read our 2023 ESG Report](#)

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MORE THAN
90%
of U.S. store leaders started
as hourly associates

In 2022,
APPROXIMATELY
36%
of our new hires were women and
58%
were ethnically/racially diverse



We REDESIGNED
350+
private-brand packages to
reduce size and materials.
This helped us eliminate
MORE THAN
81M
square feet of PVC film –
enough to cover Central Park twice

We DECREASED
electricity consumption
52%
in our U.S. stores since 2010



Since 2009, our **Retool
Your School** grant program
has helped fund over
180 PROJECTS
benefiting
70% OF HBCUs

As of the end of 2022,
The Home Depot Foundation
has contributed **more than**
\$450 MILLION
towards **veteran causes** since 2011

To learn more and read the full report, visit corporate.homedepot.com/responsibility

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To learn more about the company's ESG efforts, check out the [Give Me an H](#) podcast. Chief Sustainability Officer, Ron Jarvis discusses the company's sustainability initiatives and Chief Diversity Officer, Derek Bottoms talks about the company's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.



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WATER CONSERVATION

Our freshwater resources are an essential ingredient of life that we must protect from water scarcity and drought. This is why The Home Depot commits to conserving water as one of our five environmental pillars. We work to reduce water consumption in our store operations and help guide our customers to water-conserving products with product selection and labeling.

Store Operations

As water scarcity continues to impact many of our communities, we remain committed to taking steps to reduce our water consumption and helping our customers to do the same.

While our business relies on healthy watersheds in the regions where we operate, we know the greatest impact we can have is through the products we sell, like washing machines, toilets, dishwashers and faucets, which help reduce our customers' water usage.

We aim to make this resource more abundant and readily available to the communities we serve.

Water Use Drops with Smart Irrigation

A pilot program launched in 2019 showed us the potential of using smart irrigation systems to save water at our stores. Since rolling out the pilot in 2019, we have grown this program to over 500 U.S. stores. On average, there is a 29% reduction in water used to irrigate landscaping, compared to stores with traditional timer-based irrigation systems.

Here's how it works: In-ground sensors, real-time weather data and other data sources guide when sprinklers come on and how long they operate. This approach helps water a store's landscaped areas according to plants' needs, rather than the clock.

Water Accumulation Tanks

In select stores, we use water catchment systems to store water in tanks used for irrigation in our garden centers. By recycling water rather than tapping it from the ground, we can reduce our strain on local water resources.

Water Resilient Landscaping

For our zoned planting areas, we incorporate local species that do not require excess watering or maintenance, as they are adapted to the local ecosystem.

Dual-Flush Toilets

We have equipped store restrooms with dual-flush toilets that offer a low-water flush option. These models can reduce the water used per flush by half when the option with a lighter water flow is selected. Customers and associates can help conserve water resources by choosing the higher flow option only when necessary.



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Renewable and Efficient Energy

To execute against our carbon reduction strategy, we focus on several initiatives including: sourcing clean/renewable electricity, promoting a cleaner grid and increasing the efficiency of our stores and supply chain network.

Renewable Energy

Key to reducing our carbon footprint is our investment in alternative energy solutions. Given the dynamics of the renewable energy market, we have built a diversified energy portfolio, which includes off-site wind and solar electricity procurement, rooftop solar projects, fuel cells and on-site batteries to power stores during peak demand spikes.

The Home Depot joined RE100, a global initiative of business leaders who pledge to produce or procure 100% renewable electricity. In our pledge, we committed to produce or procure enough electricity to meet the electricity needs of all The Home Depot facilities with renewable energy by the end of 2030. This builds upon our recently achieved goal to produce or procure 335 megawatts (MW) of renewable or alternative energy capacity by 2025.

In 2022, three additional projects came online: Noble Solar, Samson III Solar and a wind farm project in Nebraska. We expect to purchase about 535 million kWhs of renewable energy from these three projects on an annual basis. Once fully operational, and in combination with our previous projects, we expect a total of six renewable energy projects to provide enough electricity to power the equivalent of over 900 Home Depot stores.

We are also proud to have recently joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [Green Power Partnership \(GPP\)](#), an EPA-led program that aims to advance the American market for renewable electricity, while also helping to protect the

environment. Our annual power usage from wind and solar resources placed us 8th among the top 30 retailers in this program as of January 2023.

The Home Depot continues to leverage the space atop our stores. As of the end of 2022, we expanded our rooftop solar installations to 86 stores and six distribution centers. We continue to increase our emphasis on rooftop solar by:

- Increasing the amount of roof space allocated to solar panels at our stores
- Exploring possibilities for adding solar panels atop more distribution facilities

Energy Efficiency in Our Stores

For more than a decade, we have been making investments to increase the efficiency of our stores. Despite the expansion of our store footprint, our investments, which include LED interior lighting, high efficiency HVAC systems and operating procedures among others, have helped us mitigate the electricity demands needed to run our operations. These and other investments helped us reduce our U.S. store electricity use by approximately 3.8% year-over-year, and 52% since 2010.

We continue to pilot new efficiency projects like exterior LED retrofits across 36 of our Canadian stores, while also operating electricity-generating fuel cells in more than 200 stores.

Making Every kWh Count

The Home Depot reduced U.S. store electricity consumption 52% since 2010 through a multifaceted effort to find energy savings in every corner of the store. See our annual year-over-year progress below:

