

## **Energy Efficiency**

### **Measure 9 – Government EnergyStar Purchase Policy**

**5 Points**

Adopt a Policy to purchase at least EnergyStar® rated equipment and appliances.

#### Discussion

Effective August 25, 2008, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners adopted an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. This policy states the practice of the County is to purchase energy efficient appliances and lighting equipment.

On February 24, 2009, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners adopted a comprehensive Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy. That Policy expands and reinforces the requirement that appliances and office equipment be EnergyStar rated equipment whenever possible, and energy efficient in all cases. It provided that a life cycle cost analysis may be performed to support purchases of efficient equipment where first cost alone is not sufficient.

The Sustainability Practices Policy directs the Purchasing Director incorporate the revised standards for purchasing EnergyStar rated equipment into the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to move the practice to the status of County official policy. Equipment and lighting purchased for all county government facilities shall meet this required standard. The County's standard procurement terms and conditions now include a statement of "EnergyStar energy efficiency standards." The Purchasing Department has the lead to ensure compliance.

#### Documentation

The following documentation is enclosed with this application

- The new 2009 Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy incorporating the requirement to purchase EnergyStar rated equipment.
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy
- The proposed Addendum 1.0 to the Cobb County Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy amending the current policy to make EnergyStar® labeled products the County's preference for equipment and appliances.