

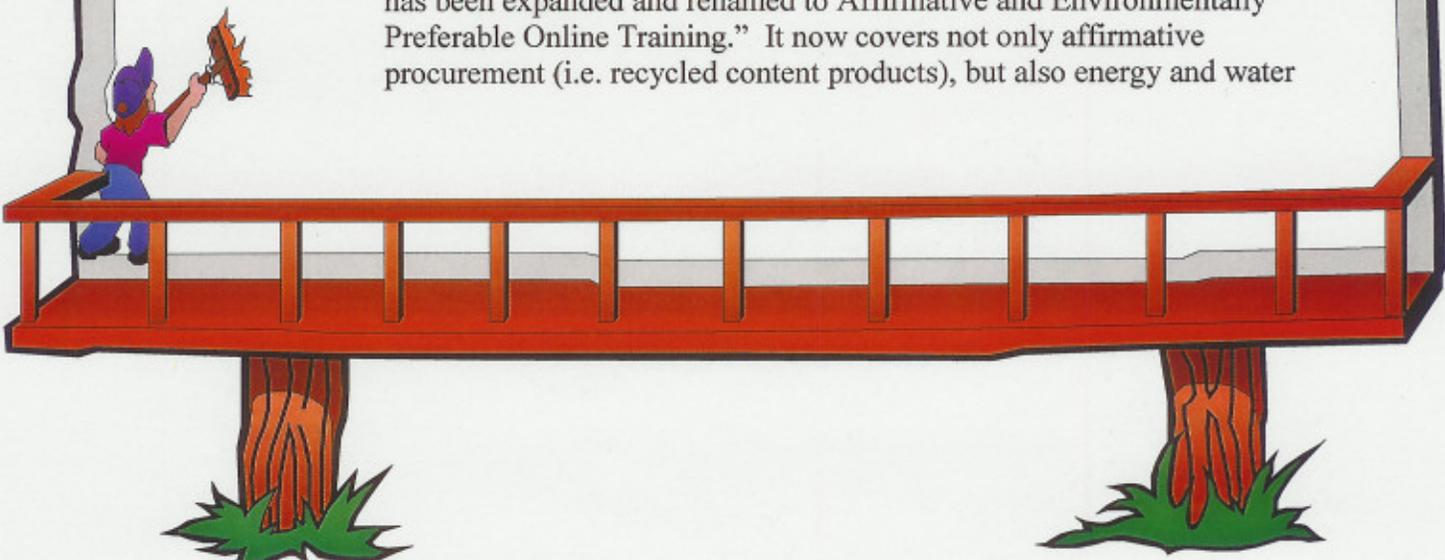
# **HEADQUARTERS POLICY FLASH**

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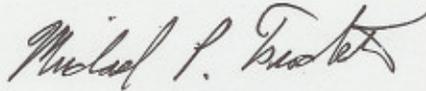
SUBJECT: **Acquisition and the Environment Home Page**

SUMMARY: The Acquisition and the Environment Home Page has been revised. The former "Purchase Card Affirmative Procurement Online Training" has been expanded and renamed to Affirmative and Environmentally Preferable Online Training." It now covers not only affirmative procurement (i.e. recycled content products), but also energy and water



efficient products and products with biobased content. If you have Purchase Cardholders routinely purchasing office supplies or construction materials should complete this training, as both the Environmental Protection Agency and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have targeted these product lines for their programs. A USDA briefing on the status of their Buy Biobased Products Program has been added.

USDA expects to issue a notice identifying products in April and to finalize the rule making in December 2005. A FAR Case to implement the Program is in process. USDA expects to initially list approximately 30 products that Agencies must procure with biobased content. These on-line training materials should help you prepare for the changes, and are located at <http://professionals.pr.doe.gov/ma5/MA-5Web.nsf/Procurement/Acquisition+and+the+Environment?OpenDocument> . The Power Point briefing materials are still available upon request. If you have questions, please contact Richard Langston at 202-287-1339 or [Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Richard.Langston@hq.doe.gov) .



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