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## **ANNEX B ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES**

As part of the Federal Government's commitment to environmentally responsible procurement, Public Works and Government Services Canada encourages the private sector to develop and implement environmentally responsible initiatives in manufacturing processes, products, business management systems and packaging.

In support of the required "General Environmental Criteria Certification" at Part 5(5.2.3), suppliers are also requested to submit information regarding their stated environmental initiatives, and the details of the environmental impact of the goods proposed in terms of overall environmental management, for example:

1. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to environmentally responsible manufacturing processes.
2. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to environmentally responsible waste disposal initiatives.
3. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to waste reduction initiatives.
4. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to packaging initiatives.
5. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to re-use strategies.
6. Provide details of your policies and practices in relation to recycling.

If your company has a corporate environmental policy, you are requested to submit a copy of this policy.

If your company has established a program for solid waste auditing, has prepared a waste reduction plan and has instituted a means to track progress towards waste reduction and diversion from disposal of materials such as metals, plastics, fabrics, wood, fibreglass, glass etc., a description of this program is requested.

### **Definitions**

**Recyclable product:**

A product, which after its intended use can demonstrably be diverted from the solid waste stream for use as a raw material in the manufacture of another product.

**Recycled material:**

Material and byproducts that have been recovered or diverted from solid waste and that can be utilized in place of raw or virgin material in manufacturing a product. It is derived from post consumer recycled material, manufacturing waste, industrial scrap, agricultural waste and other waste material, but does not include material or byproducts generated from and commonly reused within an original manufacturing process.

**Recycled product:**

A product containing recycled material.

**Post consumer recycled material:**

Only those products generated by a business or consumer which have served their intended end uses, and which have been separated or diverted from the solid waste stream.