Environmentally Preferable Purchasing ("EPP") Pledge

WHEREAS, The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority ("Authority") is committed to creating an environmentally conscious culture that engages and inspires social responsibility and enhances the customer experience. By incorporating environmental considerations into purchasing and procurement practices, Authority can serve its commitment by continuing to improve the work environment for those who work for the Authority and for those working for one of the many business partners of the Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport. This pledge will also serve to continue to improve the passenger's experience and launches Authority's continuous efforts in procuring environmentally preferable products and services.

WHEREAS, through this process, Authority encourages all departments, vendors, and service partners to adopt, practice and promote environmentally preferable purchasing practices. This pledge applies to the following types of products:

1. Consumable Items.
3. Mercury containing items.

WHEREAS, This pledge supports Authority's Sustainability Management Plan (SMP) by establishing criteria for the procurement of products and services that incorporate consideration to reduce the:

- Consumption of natural resources.
- Use of products that have unhealthy components or that are manufactured using processes that may be harmful to the manufacturer's employees or the public near the manufacturing plants.
- Consumption of energy and water in the manufacturing or distribution process.
• Waste generation through optimized packaging.
• Use of virgin material.

WHEREAS, The Authority’s Purchasing Department encourages the practice of purchasing sustainable products and requests departments, vendors, and other service partners to support their commitment to the EPP guidelines whenever possible, as follows:

Vendor, Supplier and Service Partner Recommended Responsibilities:
• To notify, report and document new and existing sustainable products or features.
• To use environmentally preferable products and services.
• To provide sustainable product tracking to increase awareness of the environmental and public health benefits achieved through sustainable purchasing.
• To maximize the amount of material which can be recycled.

Authority’s Responsibilities:
• To determine the sustainable criteria to be used for the categories listed in the scope above.
• To incorporate the sustainable criteria into bid solicitations and evaluations.
• To develop quantifiable sustainable goals.
• To develop a process to track and report progress toward the cited goals.
• To develop a corporate wide EPP policy for implementation.
• To maximize the amount of material which can be recycled.

Purchasing Responsibilities:
The Purchasing Department shall continue to strive to reduce the amount of solid waste generated, increase recycled materials recovered from Authority’s operation and maximize the procurement of recycled, energy efficient and safe products. The Purchasing Department shall monitor compliance with this pledge.
Now, I, Phillip N. Brown, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Executive Director of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim, this “Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Pledge” shall take effect December 1, 2014 and continue until amended and/or replaced by subsequent sustainable purchasing policy at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority; and encourage all departments, vendors, and service partners to adopt, practice and promote environmentally preferable purchasing practices.

Signed this 1st Day of December 2014

Phillip N. Brown, Executive Director
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority