

Environmental specifications: carpet and flooring

Contract Release C-432(5) Carpet and resilient flooring

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.4 RECYCLING

- A. State Agencies are required, wherever feasible, to recycle under Minn. Stat. 115A.151. Any questions regarding recycling of carpet and flooring products should be directed to the manufacturer. Questions regarding the statutory requirement to recycle will be directed to MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 800-657-3864.
- B. Recycling of carpet is required. The Contractor is to provide, and include in their pricing, for the recycling of carpet and flooring materials. The Contractor will recycle the existing carpet/flooring removed from the Owner's location, regardless of the manufacturer, material type, or construction. Take-back methods may include, but are not limited to, reclaiming the carpet/flooring for salvage or resale, subcontracting for recycling of used carpet/flooring, or reclaiming the carpet/flooring through a leasing program. Traditional practices, such as landfilling or burning at a waste-to-energy plant, and carpet as an alternative fuel are not options for disposal or recycling. If recycling or reuse options are not available for a particular flooring product, the State reserves the right to remove those items from the contract after 24 months of contract commencement.
- C. When requested by Owner that existing carpet/flooring be salvaged, Contractor is to remove carpet/flooring, roll, and turn over to Owner for reuse/reinstallation.
- D. The Contractor will remove and reuse or recycle stored attic stock from the Owner's location, regardless of the manufacturer, material type or construction.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- E. Recycling: For each purchase order, the Contractor shall report product recycling in electronic format to the MPCA at sustainablepurchasing.pca@state.mn.us. Reporting shall include but will not be limited to the following:
 - Customer name (e.g. MCF – Lino Lakes, Anoka-Ramsey Community College)
 - Type of product recycled (e.g. carpet tile, vinyl tile)
 - Material type (e.g. nylon, rubber)
 - Amount recycled (in pounds)
 - Name and address of recycler
 - Date sent for recycling

If reuse or recycling options are not available for a particular flooring product, the Contractor must provide the following information:

- A letter from the manufacturer providing a detailed summary of why recycling or reuse options are not available for the product, and what measures the manufacturer proposes to provide for recycling or reuse options for the product in the future.
- The Contractor's proposed method for disposal.

Special Terms, Conditions, and Specifications

1.3 PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

By submitting a response to this solicitation, you are certifying that your company meets the following product requirements. The State reserves the right to request copies of certifications to confirm that your company is in compliance with each of the product requirements listed below.

- All carpet and carpet tile must be certified at a minimum to meet the NSF/ANSI 140 Standard at the Gold Level (see <http://www.nsf.org/services/by-industry/sustainability-environment/sustainable-building-products-furnishings> for details).
- All carpet cushions must be certified to meet the Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label Standard for cushions. (see <http://rfci.com/floorscore> for details).
- All resilient flooring must be certified to meet either GREEN GUARD for Children & Schools Standard or Resilient Floor Covering Institute Floor Score Standard (see http://www.greenguard.org/en/CertificationPrograms/CertificationPrograms_childrenSchools.aspx and http://rfci.com/?option=com_content&view=article&id=80&Itemid for details)
- Within two years of award of contract, all resilient flooring must be certified to meet the NSF/ANSI 332 Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings (<http://www.nsf.org/services/by-industry/sustainability-environment/sustainability-standards-protocols/floor-coverings>)
- All adhesives must be certified to meet either GREEN GUARD for Children & Schools Standard or Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label Plus Standard. (see <http://www.carpet-rug.org/carpet-cushion-and-adhesive.html> for details).
- All cleaning chemicals used during installation must have a low VOC content.
- Contract Vendor shall be responsible for recycling all flooring. This includes carpet being replaced as well as carpet installed by the Contract Vendor.
- An independent third party certification [such as Scientific Certification System (SCS) <http://www.scscertified.com>, or similar] or a letter from each manufacturer's headquarters for each resilient flooring product containing recycled content.
- Responders must be in full compliance with FTC Guides for Environmental Marketing Claims.