



2012 RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING NETWORK REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has established a 2012 Regional Membership to the [Responsible Purchasing Network \(RPN\)](#). RPN membership in 2012 is provided at no charge to COG member jurisdictions.

An unlimited number of local jurisdiction employees are entitled access to all of RPN's online resources. If you would like access to your member benefits please contact Maia Davis at mdavis@mwkog.org or 202-962-3227.

A Sustainable Purchasing 101 and New Member Orientation Webinar was held on January 18, 2012. The webinar is now available to view at <http://responsiblepurchasing.org/webinars/>.

WHY A REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP?

The RPN Regional Membership has been established to assist COG member jurisdictions in establishing and implementing green purchasing policies and programs and to help achieve green purchasing goals outlined in the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) 2010-2012 Regional Climate and Energy Action Workplan.

WHO IS RPN?

RPN is an international network of buyers dedicated to socially responsible and environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP). RPN's membership base is comprised of over 250 institutional purchasers that represent federal agencies, state and local governments, businesses, and non-profits.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RPN MEMBERSHIP?

- Green purchasing resources and tools that assist members in reaching green purchasing goals and save staff time and money
- [Responsible Purchasing Guides](#) provide detailed guidance designed to help institutional purchasers identify and buy greener goods and services.
- RPN regularly hosts online webinars for its members to learn about specific green purchasing topics and to stay up to date in sustainable purchasing news.
- RPN offers consulting services to members such as purchasing policies, purchasing specifications, contract and vendor evaluations, product evaluations, financial and environmental cost-benefit calculations and staff trainings.