



## City of Seattle Environmental Questions for Vendors (from Laptops Purchasing Process 2001)

*Note: Web sites for the labels mentioned below are in the Northwest Product Stewardship Guide to Computer Purchasing, at <http://www.productstewardship.net>*

### **General**

1. Which of your products meet General Environmental Standards/Labeling Requirements of the following? Please specify which products meet which standards/label requirements. (Euro EcoLabel; Environmental Choice Canada; TCO; Nordic Swan; Swedish IT Organization Eco-Declaration).

### **Energy Efficiency**

2. Do your products meet U.S. EPA EnergyStar labeling requirements?

### **Toxic Materials**

3. Do you provide products or packaging which were manufactured without using and/or do not contain the following toxic materials of concern: Mercury, Cadmium, Lead, Halogenated Flame Retardants; Chlorinated Solvents (manufacturing); Chlorine-based Plastics:

4. If your products or their packaging contain any of the above toxic materials, please indicate which toxics are in which part of the product(s), and in what quantity (In plastic parts >25 grams; in display; in batteries only; in packaging; in manufacturing):

5. Are your product parts containing mercury, cadmium, and/or lead (a) labeled and/or (b) removable? Indicate separately for each product.

### **Waste Reduction/Recyclability/Recycled Content Materials**

6. Identify the recycled content materials in (a) your products and (b) your packaging. For each, distinguish the per cent of post-consumer recycled content.

7. Identify what recyclable materials are in your products, what steps are necessary to separate those materials from the product in order to recycle them, and whether they are labeled to indicate recyclability (for example, plastics identified by resin).

8. Identify what re-usable and recyclable materials are in your packaging, and what your firm does to provide re-use and recycling of packaging.

### **Extending Product Life and End-of-Life Management**

9. Are your products designed so they can be upgraded? If so, can your products be upgraded electronically?

10. Explain what your firm does to provide environmentally-sound methods for handling equipment at the end of its useful life (demanufacturing, re-building, recycling of component parts; note "donation" is not considered end-of-life management)?