



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Green Purchasing Pollution Prevention Project

Organization & Contact Information

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Project Description:

The Center for Health, Environment & Justice (CHEJ) is a national, nonprofit organization that provides organizing and technical assistance to grassroots community groups. CHEJ works with the environmental health and justice movement to eliminate harmful toxic exposures. Through this project, CHEJ aimed to educate key New York City stakeholders, including purchasers and unions, about opportunities to purchase greener products and to implement New York City and State policies designed to prevent pollution and green New York City procurement contracts.

The project included:

- Development of fact-sheets and workshop content for purchasers
- *Green Purchasing for Pollution Prevention Workshops and Follow-up Assistance*
- Creation of a purchasing for pollution prevention webpage



Project Results:

CHEJ researched, wrote, designed, distributed four in-depth green purchasing fact-sheets to promote green purchasing in New York City:

- Toxic Chemicals in Products and Building Materials Commonly Purchased by NY Schools and Government Agencies: Opportunities for Purchasers to Prevent Pollution by Specifying and Promoting Safer Products
- New York and National Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Building Policies to Promote Safer Products
- Green Purchasing to Reduce Toxic Hazards and Procure Safer Products: Best Practices for Pollution Prevention in New York
- Tools and Resources for Government and School Purchasers to identify and Specify Safer Products and Building Materials

CHEJ also developed a green purchasing presentation that was delivered at 5 educational workshops, training about 135 people in total. The presentation and factsheets can be found at:

www.chej.org/greenpurchasing.

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