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Helping to Reduce our Carbon Footprint

On April 22, 2009, President Destler signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). The commitment is a pledge by academic leaders to move their campuses forward toward more sustainable programs and practices based on the concept of climate neutrality. Climate neutrality is defined as having zero net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Many of the decisions you make in **what, how** and **when** you purchase have an impact on RIT's GHG footprint. That footprint stood at a staggering **88,338 metric tons of CO₂** in 2009.

The Procurement Services Office (PSO) is actively engaged in sourcing products and services that will help the University to reduce its footprint through efforts outlined in our [Sustainable Procurement Policy](#). Contributions to sustainability are not always readily apparent to the user and PSO will assist in identifying green/sustainable opportunities when specifying your procurement needs.

Some factors to consider:

- Energy Star compliant appliances and electronics
- Recycled/sustainable content
- Reduced packaging or packaging reclamation
- Locally produced – minimizing the carbon footprint of transportation
- Pre-planning and order consolidation to minimize on-campus delivery
- Gently used recycled furniture available through PSO
(check next week's P2P)

Sustainable alternatives offered in the campus Vending Machine contract are anticipated to result in energy efficiencies from LED, insulation and cooling technologies totaling approximately 35,000 kWh/year.

PSO is working to identify vendors that will help the University reduce its CHG footprint with their products and services. The goal is to establish an internal designation of **RIT Sustainable Vendor/Contractor** with key evaluation components measuring supplier performance and commitment to partnering with the University to make long-term improvements to reduce environmental impacts. The designation will become a key evaluation criterion in all future contract awards.

