

# RPN Webinar

## Compostable Service Ware with the Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative

May 12, 2011

# Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Brenda Platt, the Sustainable Biomaterials Collaborative (SBC)**
- **Alicia Culver, the Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN)**
- **Susan Kinsella, Conservatree and RPN**
- **Wrap-up & Q&A**

# Welcome and Introduction

## RPN Mission

“Promote and practice responsible purchasing by identifying best practices, developing effective purchasing tools, educating the market, and using our collective purchasing power to maximize environmental stewardship, protect human health, and support local and global sustainability.”

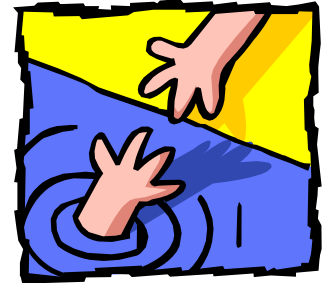
# RPN Members

**Appx. 200 members**

- **State and local governments**
- **Federal agencies**
- **Colleges and universities**
- **School districts**
- **Faith-based organizations**
- **Non-profit organizations**
- **Businesses**



# RPN Resources



- *Responsible Purchasing Guides* for 15 product categories
- Webinars on “green” procurement issues
- Monthly newsletter highlighting “green” purchasing activities and resources
- Sustainable purchasing policies and specifications
- *Model Responsible Purchasing Report*
- Calculators and other tools

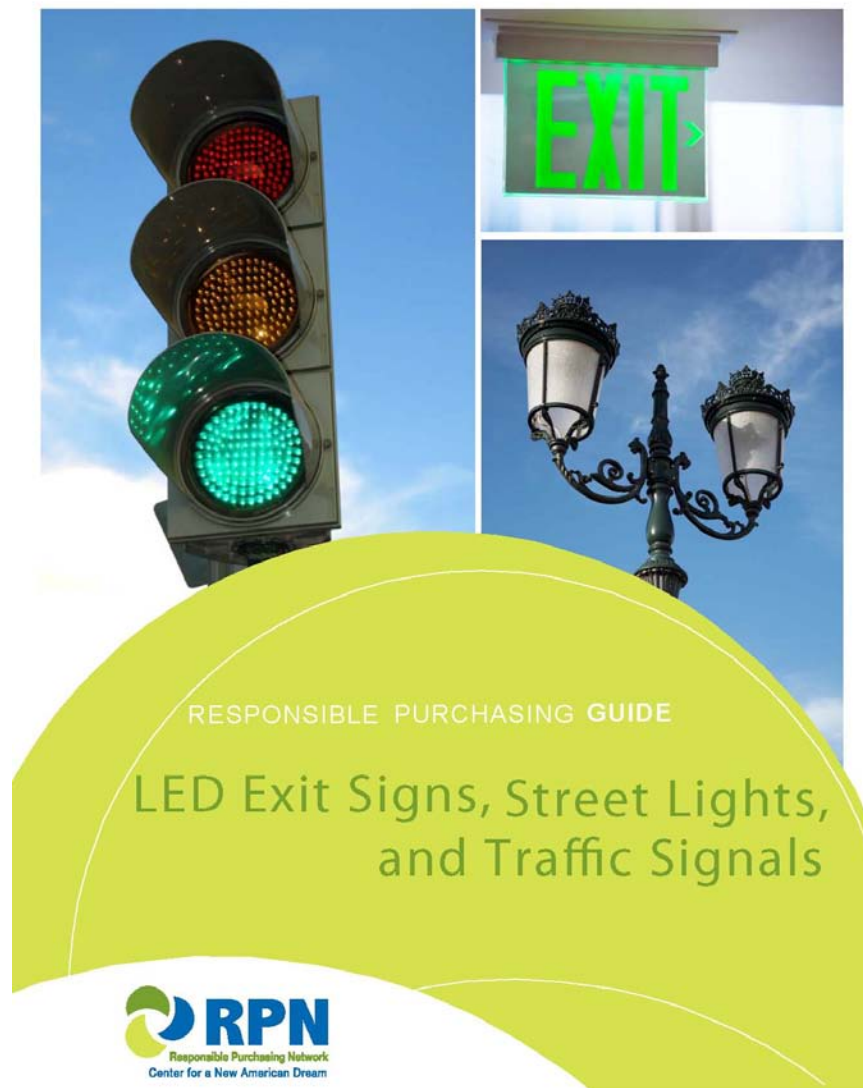


# RPN Purchasing Guides

## Contents:

- Overview
- Social and Environmental Issues
- Best Practices
- Cost, Quality, and Supply
- Policies
- Specifications
- Standards
- Definitions
- Case Studies
- Calculators





## Product Categories:

- Bottled Water
- Carbon Offsets
- Cleaners
- Computers
- Copy Paper
- Fleet Vehicles
- Fluorescent Lights
- Food Services
- LEDs
- Graffiti Remover
- Green Power
- Office Machines
- Paint
- Toner Cartridges
- Tires, Wheel Weights

# Webinars

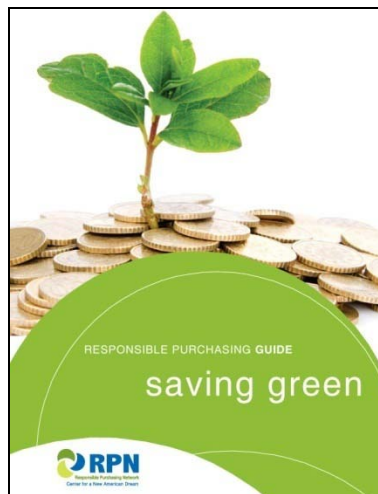
Previous:

- Purchasing for Climate Protection
- RPN Trends Report
- ENERGY STAR Certifications Changes Q&A
- Tracking and Reporting



In the works:

- Compostable Serveware
- Saving Green Guide
- Purchasing for LEED
- ... and many more!





# Other Publications

- **Purchasing for Climate Protection Factsheet**
- **Cooperative Contracts Factsheet**
- **Annual Responsible Purchasing Trends Reports**



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# Join RPN

**Because Every Purchase Matters.**

## **Membership Benefits:**

- ▶ Model policies and specifications
- ▶ Green purchasing webinars
- ▶ Certified green products database
- ▶ Expert sustainability speakers
- ▶ Responsible Purchasing Awards

## **Consulting Services:**

- ▶ Custom green specifications
- ▶ Green purchasing policies
- ▶ Life Cycle Analyses
- ▶ Green office audits
- ▶ Cost-saving green practices

