

## **Green Procurement Reporting for Departments and Agencies Not Bound by the *Federal Sustainable Development Act***

**Departments and agencies bound by the *Policy on Green Procurement* but not the *Federal Sustainable Development Act* must complete mandatory reporting, in compliance with Section 7 of the *Policy on Green Procurement*.<sup>5</sup>**

### **Strategies and/or Comments**

NSERC supports the objectives of the Policy on Green Procurement, including incorporating environmental performance considerations and value for money into the procurement decision-making process. During the past year, NSERC made the following steps toward greening government operations:

- i. Promoted the usage of established standing offers for goods and furniture (established by PWGSC or internal to the department) that support the Green Procurement Policy;
- ii. Met with internal clients to review and plan their yearly needs and challenged them to reduce consumption and confirmed with them that the volume requested was actually required;
- iii. Encouraged internal client groups to consider targeting greener products, to share and disseminate documents via electronic transmission in order to reduce consumption of paper, postage and courier services;
- iv. Reinforced the purchase or the rental of recycled/reused material before acquiring goods;
- v. Advised clients to take into account the environment considerations when organizing meetings such as avoiding the use of disposable dishes and single serving containers (bottled water).
- vi. Encouraged staff and external committee members to use public transit and fuel-efficient vehicles.
- vii. Made use of newly acquired teleconference technology in order to reduce traveling expenditures.
- viii. Researching further opportunities for green procurement is a continuous process for NSERC.