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Buying Low **Carbon** Food Services

Energy-using appliances are everywhere – from office kitchens to cafeterias and even labs. Buying energy efficient food service appliances can save a lot of energy, money and carbon across the tens of thousands of federal buildings.

How to buy low carbon food services

Step	Helpful links / tips
<p>Look up efficiency requirements*</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Find sample contract language</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Incorporate language in solicitation</p>	<div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSA Sustainable Facilities Tool (sftool.gov) </div> <div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOE Federal Energy Management Program (energy.gov/femp) </div> <div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENERGY STAR program (energystar.gov) </div> <hr/> <div>  <p>GSA Sustainable Facilities Tool (sftool.gov)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafeteria and Food Services page (sftool.gov/greenprocurement/green-services/9/cafeteria-food-services) </div> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify FEMP and ENERGY STAR requirements Include energy efficiency in evaluation criteria Verify contractor compliance with energy efficiency requirements

*Federal agencies are required by law ([42 USC §8259b](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-101/subpart-B/section-101.259)) to purchase products as certified by EPA or designated under DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP). These requirements apply even if someone else is purchasing food service appliances on behalf of the federal government and/or for use in a federal building.

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[FEMP's Energy Efficient Product Procurement training webpage](https://www.energy.gov/femp/energy-efficient-product-procurement-training-webpage)
[SFTool.gov/train](https://sftool.gov/train)