

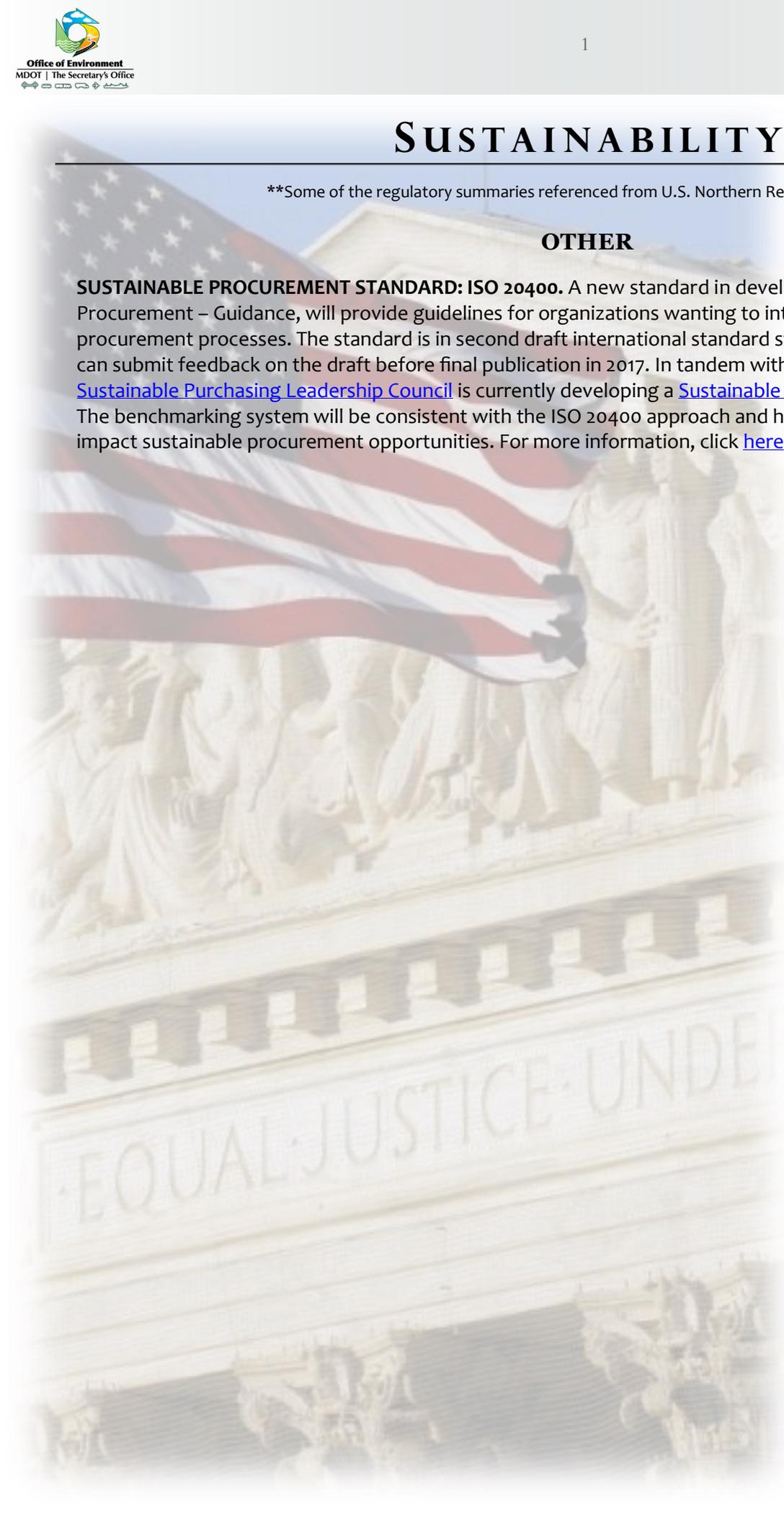


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**Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

OTHER

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT STANDARD: ISO 20400. A new standard in development, [ISO 20400](#), Sustainable Procurement – Guidance, will provide guidelines for organizations wanting to integrate sustainability into their procurement processes. The standard is in second draft international standard stage, meaning interested parties can submit feedback on the draft before final publication in 2017. In tandem with ISO 20400, the nonprofit [Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council](#) is currently developing a [Sustainable Purchasing Benchmarking System](#). The benchmarking system will be consistent with the ISO 20400 approach and help organizations identify high-impact sustainable procurement opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).



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STATE

COMPOSTING FACILITIES MDE adopted a new regulatory chapter, COMAR 26.04.11 - Composting Facilities. The new chapter establishes a regulatory program structure and requirements for composting facilities. The new chapter establishes: (1) composting facility “tiers” based on feedstock types and sizes; (2) different types of composting facility permits, along with permit exemptions; (3) siting, design, and operational requirements for facilities; (4) processes for the approval of variances, pilot programs, and research activities; (5) procedures for enforcement; (6) timeframe and procedure for existing composting facilities to come into compliance with the requirements; and (7) recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The new chapter became effective on 1 JUL 15.

FEDERAL

SUSTAINABLE FEDERAL BUILDINGS The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued updated guidance for sustainability of federal buildings. The guidance, developed to comply with EO 13693, Planning for Federal Sustainability for the Next Decade, is intended to: (1) reflect the evolution of sustainable building design, construction, and operating practices since 2008; (2) incorporate other building-related EO 13693 requirements; (3) increase the economic and environmental benefits of federal investments in facilities; (4) enhance occupant health, wellness, and productivity; (5) include climate resilience in building design, construction, and operations, and protect federal facility investments from the potential impacts of climate change; and (6) provide information on tracking agency green building performance. The revised document, Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings, replaces CEQ’s 2008 guidance, High Performance and Sustainable Buildings Guidance. CEQ has also released a companion guidance document, Determining Compliance with the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings.

OTHER

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER USE REDUCTION TOOLKIT The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Corporate Citizenship Center released a toolkit to help organizations make informed decisions about projects intended to increase energy efficiency or reduce water use. The toolkit addresses the energy/water nexus, or the interrelatedness of energy and water projects.