

**Northern Kentucky University**  
**ENERGY STAR Procurement Policy**  
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Responding to the growing need for energy conservation, Northern Kentucky University (NKU) adopts this ENERGY STAR procurement policy.

ENERGY STAR is a federal program helping business and individuals save money and protect the environment through energy-efficient products.

Energy-efficient products are indicated with the ENERGY STAR label, which can be found on many products, including but not limited to air conditioners, computers, appliances and office equipment (for a complete listing of ENERGY STAR qualified products, (see <http://energystar.gov>).

From this day forward, NKU shall purchase ENERGY STAR qualified products whenever they are available and the following two conditions are satisfied:

1. The quality and function of the ENERGY STAR qualified product is equal or superior to that of non-ENERGY STAR qualified products.

AND

2. The additional upfront cost of the ENERGY STAR qualified product is less than its resulting life cycle energy savings.

If it is not possible to satisfy both of these conditions, NKU shall purchase as energy-efficient products as possible.

Further, NKU shall insert the following statement into its bid documents:

*ENERGY STAR is a federal program helping business and individuals save money and protect the environment through energy-efficient products (see <http://energystar.gov>).*

*Do the products that will be purchased meet ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

*If NO, please explain why ENERGY STAR qualified products cannot meet the intended function.*

Procurement Services shall review NKU bid documents to ensure compliance with this policy.

NKU offices and departments are encouraged to establish their own internal procedures to ensure compliance with this policy when making purchases outside the bid process and/or without the assistance of Procurement Services. Please contact Procurement Services for more information about ENERGY STAR products.

NKU shall promote this policy on its website, inside its stores and within its marketing materials.