

# **2019 PWR SWATeam Recommendation #5**

Name of SWATeam: PWR

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## **Title: iBUY Catalogue Modification**

### **Specific Actions/Policy Recommended (a few sentences):**

The PWR SWATeam kindly requests that the following four improvements be made in the iBUY shopping dashboard.

- Prioritize sustainable products (e.g. office paper, cleaning products) in the catalogue.
- Prioritize sustainable and smart electronics (e.g. computers, monitors, TV's, etc), that are certified as energy-efficient (Energy Star and EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool), rated computers and electronics to reduce energy consumption).
- Develop a more logical search mechanism for the website so sustainable products are found quicker and prioritized.
- Simplify "punchout vendor" catalogs and make them emphasize sustainable products.

### **Rationale for Recommendation (a few sentences):**

If iBUY is modified in these ways, this will significantly increase the amount of people purchasing sustainably with campus funds.

### **Connection to iCAP Goals (a few sentences):**

Objective 6.1 from iCAP 2015 (By FY17, environmental standards will be applied to purchases of office paper, cleaning products, computers, other electronics, and freight/package delivery services. At least 50% of purchases in these categories will meet campus standards by FY20, and 75% by FY25). This recommendation is directly related to Objective 6.1. For example, by improving the iBUY shopping dashboard, PWR believes that the amount of recycled content paper purchased will increase without the need for constant intervention by PWR. Likewise for the purchase of sustainable electronics, computers, cleaning products, freight and delivery services, etc., will increase

### **Perceived Challenges (a few sentences):**

Working with AITS (Technical support for iBUY) and Purchasing may take some time to revise the iBUY shopping dashboard.

### **Suggested unit/department to address implementation:**

Purchasing & AITS

### **Anticipated level of budget and/or policy impact (low, medium, high):**

Budget impact: Low to medium

Policy impact: High

Individual comments are required from each SWATeam member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

Team Member Name	Team Member's Comments
Timothy D. Stark	I think this is an important recommendation and could improve our purchasing process.
Robert McKim	I think this is an excellent idea.
Macie Sinn	This is a great recommendation.
Aaron Finder	From the perspective of anyone concerned with the "P" in PWR, this is the most important recommendation to address because we are able to address our purchasing habits and comply with the statutes/policies.
Maddy Liberman	This is a good recommendation and will make purchasing sustainable products easier.
Neal Shannon	<i>Not available for comment.</i>
Sowmiya Raju	I think this is a great recommendation.

Comments from Consultation Group (if any; these can be anonymous): none

Explanation and Background (can be supplied in an attachment):

We are looking for ways to make purchasing more sustainable. This is a step towards achieving this goal.