

clean air & contracting

Include air quality goals in contract specifications so we can all breathe easier.

Many businesses and governments in the metropolitan Kansas City area are working to improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gases, decrease stormwater runoff, recycle more, and use less energy. These efforts benefit both the public's health and the region's economy.

Your organization can also make a difference by using contract provisions to provide environmental incentives or requirements for contractors. Contract provisions can take a number of forms:



- A contract **specification** requires the contractor to adhere to certain requirements during completion of the contract. Any additional costs to meet these requirements are built into the bid.
- A contract **preference** may be given during the bid evaluation process to a contractor who commits to the specification during the job.
- A contract **allowance**, or pool of money, can be made available to the winning bidder to cover costs of adhering to the specification. This helps level the playing field for small contractors.

For more information about improving Kansas City's air quality, visit www.marc.org/airq.

Contracting Success Stories:

Kansas City

Nine city departments in Kansas City, Mo., require or encourage contractors to take ozone-reducing measures on Ozone Alert days.

New York City

New York City requires the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and the best available technology for emissions control on all off-road diesel construction equipment used in the city's contracts.

Connecticut

Connecticut's Department of Transportation requires contractors to reduce diesel emissions on construction equipment by installing emissions control devices or using cleaner fuels.

What else can you do?

Use low-emission or alternate fuel vehicles.

Develop an anti-idling policy.

Implement a vehicle maintenance program.

Retrofit or repower fleet vehicles.

Postpone mowing, painting, refueling and/or chemical use on Ozone Alert days.

Use native landscaping.

Use Green Building standards for new or retrofitted buildings.

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MODERATE

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RED ALERT



Clear Thinking. Clear Air.