Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Peer to Peer Business Mentoring

Mary Ann Remolador

Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.

maryann@nerc.org
Scope of Project

- USDA-funded
- Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont
- One Mentoring Pair/State
Project Goal

- Promote source reduction, recycling and pollution prevention through the use of environmentally preferable products and services
Peer-to-Peer Business Mentoring Model

- Education on impact of purchasing decisions--reducing footprint with EPP
- Identifying and obtaining appropriate EPP products and services
EPP Products and Services
Selected by Businesses

- Less Toxic Cleaning Products
- Recycled Content Office & Bathroom Paper Products
- Materials Reduction
- Energy Efficient Heating & Lighting
Simple Changes Make Sense

- Heavy-duty brake springs provide controlled delivery

Tips for Success

- Team approach
- Equal number of mentors to peers
- Memo of Commitment signed by mentor and peer
EPP Resources Developed

- **Guide to EPP Peer-to-Peer Business Mentoring**

- **Green Purchasing Resources for Businesses**
  [http://www.nerc.org/documents/green_purchasing/greenpurchasing/resources.html](http://www.nerc.org/documents/green_purchasing/greenpurchasing/resources.html)