

Solvent Systems International Adds Hero Biobased Cleaning Product Line to the USDA BioPreferredSM Online Catalog

Elk Grove Village, IL — Solvent Systems International is pleased to announce the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) BioPreferred program, a Federal purchasing program for biobased products, has approved the Hero Biobased Cleaning Product Line to be added to its online product catalog. With its searchable and user-friendly database, it is easy to find biobased products that meet BioPreferred program requirements.

Hero Biobased Cleaning Products are high-quality, plant-based cleaners, degreasers, and solvents customized for industry and commercial facilities. Hero's very low VOC emissions provide a safe indoor air environment for all building occupants. And with a Readily Biodegradable rating, Hero has long term environmental advantage. Also, Hero has passed the additional USDA ASTM Biobased Certification process necessary to display the BioPreferred Label.

Hero's unique features make it rise above other biobased cleaning products. Created from purified UPCYCLED "post-consumer vegetable oil", Hero's natural cleaning power is a second life for this valuable resource that doesn't compete with the food chain. Hero is locally sourced and produced in our Elk Grove Village Illinois Facility using the latest biobased production technologies.



This label is displayed on Hero Bio-based Rinsable Degreasing Solvent.

"Helping Industry help the environment, improve worker safety and be a respected community member as well as provide products and services that improve our clients competitive advantage has been a hallmark of Solvent Systems International's mission since our beginning over 28 years ago. Producing Hero Biobased Cleaning Products from Upcycled post-consumer cooking oil follows in that tradition," said Steve Rundell, President of Solvent Systems International.

BioPreferred is a Federal program that seeks to increase the purchase and use of biobased goods — products made from biological or renewable materials.

"Initially, the catalog was created to help Federal procurement officers identify biobased products that qualify for preferred purchasing," said Ron Buckhalt, BioPreferred's program manager. "But the BioPreferred online catalog is accessible to anyone who wants to search for biobased products. We are gratified so many find the catalog a useful tool."

[BioPreferred's online product catalog](#) is searchable by product category (i.e. construction and road maintenance, housewares and cleaning products, etc) and further by subcategory, manufacturer name or product name. Hero Biobased Cleaning Products are listed under the *Housewares and Cleaning* category and the *Industrial Supplies* category.

The 2002 Farm Bill, then reauthorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, requires all Federal agencies to give procurement preference to BioPreferred designated items, helping biobased manufacturers gain a portion of the estimated \$500 billion Federal agencies annually spend on products and services. Additional product development support for biobased manufacturers and Federal environmental purchasing mandates came in October 2009 with *Executive Order 13514: Federal Leadership in*

Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance. This Administration directive requires Federal agencies to purchase various “green” items (including BioPreferred products) in 95 percent of all applicable contracts.

Search the complete BioPreferred product catalog at www.biopreferred.gov/Catalog.aspx

About Solvent Systems International

Headquartered in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. For over 28 years Solvent Systems International has been helping industry to clean more efficiently, to use resources more efficiently, and to implement the latest innovations in pollution prevention technology that SAVE money. We help our clients improve their bottom line while improving the environment. Our work has been recognized for its achievements. We are two time winners of the Illinois Governor’s Award for Pollution Prevention and we have won a Chicago Innovation Award for our pollution prevention technology breakthroughs.

About biobased products

As defined by Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA), “biobased products” are products determined by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to be commercial or industrial goods (other than food or feed) composed in whole or in significant part of biological products, forestry materials or renewable domestic agricultural materials, including plant, animal or marine materials.

About BioPreferred

BioPreferred was created by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill), and expanded by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to increase the purchase and use of biobased products. The U.S. Department of Agriculture manages the program. BioPreferred includes a preferred procurement program for Federal agencies and contractors, and a voluntary labeling program for the broad scale consumer marketing of biobased products.

A complete list and detailed description of each BioPreferred designated item, and items for future designation, can be found at www.biopreferred.gov or follow BioPreferred at <http://twitter.com/BioPreferred>.

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