

# Federal Biobased Products Preferred Procurement Program (FB4P) Process for Industry Investigation

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## Designation Item

This section details the item that has been investigated for designation in the FB4P.

### Item Investigated: Clothing

**Item Description:** Coverings designed to be worn on a person's body; coverings for the torso and limbs as well as coverings for hands, feet, and head that are made of biobased materials.

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## Industry Investigation

There are seven main sources of information used to gather data about items for designation. These include Internet search engines, the Thomas Register, industry associations, GSA and DLA federal specifications search engines, Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, and biobased industry contacts. Each of these sources provides different results. The Internet search engines and the Thomas Register provide many results when a keyword is entered. However, when investigating products through the industry associations, GSA and DLA specifications searches, Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, and biobased industry contacts, the results tend to be product or company specific. A lengthy, but thorough list of biobased companies which product the designation item can be developed best by utilizing all seven information sources.

### Internet Search Engines

When searching the Internet, each search engine utilizes a different algorithm to find related topics. To maximize results and ensure correct data, keywords are entered into several search engines. Primary search engines include Google, Vivisimo, Alta Vista, and Yahoo.

Search Engine	Keywords	Results
Google	Biobased Clothing Organic Clothing Natural Clothing	<a href="http://www.cargill.com">http://www.cargill.com</a> <a href="http://www.dupont.com">http://www.dupont.com</a> <a href="http://www.eastman.com">http://www.eastman.com</a> <a href="http://www.genencor.com">http://www.genencor.com</a> <a href="http://www.tateandlyle.com">http://www.tateandlyle.com</a> <a href="http://www.hemptown.com">http://www.hemptown.com</a> <a href="http://www.eastman.com">http://www.eastman.com</a> <a href="http://www.ecomall.com/biz/clothing.htm">http://www.ecomall.com/biz/clothing.htm</a> <a href="http://www.rawganique.com/">http://www.rawganique.com/</a> <a href="http://www.greenfibres.com">http://www.greenfibres.com</a> <a href="http://www.lotusorganics.com">http://www.lotusorganics.com</a> <a href="http://www.greenpeople.org/OrganicCotton.htm">http://www.greenpeople.org/OrganicCotton.htm</a> <a href="http://www.organicclothes.com/index.asp">http://www.organicclothes.com/index.asp</a> <a href="http://www.earthspeaks.com/">http://www.earthspeaks.com/</a> <a href="http://www.soilassociation.org/web/sa/saweb.nsf/0/0bac9bd3bcb191cd80256e2300499b5e?OpenDocument">http://www.soilassociation.org/web/sa/saweb.nsf/0/0bac9bd3bcb191cd80256e2300499b5e?OpenDocument</a> <a href="http://www.organicconsumers.org">http://www.organicconsumers.org</a> <a href="http://www.sagecreeknaturals.com/">http://www.sagecreeknaturals.com/</a> <a href="http://www.equop.com/">http://www.equop.com/</a> <a href="http://www.bluecanoe.com">http://www.bluecanoe.com</a> <a href="http://sagecreeknaturals.com/">http://sagecreeknaturals.com/</a> <a href="http://www.ahappyplanet.com/">http://www.ahappyplanet.com/</a> <a href="http://www.mapi.com/en/1-800-255-">http://www.mapi.com/en/1-800-255-</a>

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Alta Vista	See Previous	<a href="http://www.gaiam.com">http://www.gaiam.com</a> <a href="http://www.ecomall.com/biz/clothing.htm">http://www.ecomall.com/biz/clothing.htm</a> <a href="http://www.greenhome.com/">http://www.greenhome.com/</a>

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### Thomas Register

The Thomas Register, a free web service found at <http://www.thomasregister.com/>, provides a database of over 173,000 companies that can be searched by company name, product name or keyword. Each result contains contact information and may also include other useful information such as a product catalog.

Keyword	Results
Biobased Clothing	No results found
Organic Clothing	No results found
Natural Clothing	No results found

### Industry Associations

Industry associations provide a good source to identify potential manufacturers, determine additional keywords for internet searches, and provide general descriptions of products within an item. Many associations maintain official websites with lists of member organizations and in some cases catalogs of available products.

Association Investigated / Contacted	Results
Biobased Manufacturers Association United Soybean Board Organic Consumers Association Real Diaper Association Tailored Clothing Association	No results found

US Garment Contractors & Textile Association	
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**General Services Administration – Federal Specifications Search**  
(<http://apps.fss.gsa.gov/pub/fedspeccs/search.cfm>)

This search lists commercial item and federal specifications for different products.

Keyword	Results
Biobased Clothing	No Results
Organic Clothing	No Results
Natural Clothing	No Results

**Defense Logistics Agency – ASSIST-Quick Search** (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch>)

This search lists military, federal, and commercial item specifications.

Keyword	Results
Biobased Clothing	No Results
Organic Clothing	No Results
Natural Clothing	No Results

**JWOD.com – Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act** (<http://www.jwod.com>)

Products available for sale through JWOD.com are primarily items provided to the Federal Government under the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act, JWOD, a mandatory source of supply for all Federal government employees. These products are manufactured by nonprofit agencies throughout the United States that employ people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Keyword	Results
Biobased Clothing	No Results
Organic Clothing	No Results
Natural Clothing	No Results

**Biobased Company Contacts**

Company contacts come as a result of interaction with government officials, researchers, and industry representatives. FB4P staff follow-up on personal referrals or potential leads to possible biobased products.

Company	Contact Person	Results
Colorado Trading & Clothing		Micro Chenille SOYBU Tees SOYBU Chenille Robe & Throw WOMEN'S RAGLAN SLEEVE SOYBU TEE

		MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE SOYBU TEE WOMEN'S SHORT SLEEVE SOYBU TEE SOYBU MICRO CHENILLE ROBE SOYBU MICRO CHENILLE THROW
Of The Earth		Organic Cotton Clothing Organic Merino Wool Clothing Organic Cashmere Clothing Silk Clothing Linen Clothing Ramie Fiber Clothing Hemp Fiber Clothing Tencel Fiber Clothing Soy Fiber Clothing Bamboo Fiber Clothing
ReNew Apparel		Style #3288 Jersey Style #3289 Lacrosse

## Conclusion

The results from the seven information sources indicate that 3 manufacturing companies in the United States are currently producing Clothing that may be considered for inclusion in the Federal Biobased Products Preferred Procurement Program.