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Since April of 2001, Eric Friedman has been the Director of the State Sustainability Program at the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, where he is responsible for directing a comprehensive “Greening the Government” effort for all state agencies. The program focuses on internal operations at state government facilities and works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate mercury from the waste stream, expand waste prevention and recycling, promote sustainable design and construction, and establish comprehensive planning and management systems at agencies that incorporates environmental issues into day-to-day decision making. Prior to working at EOE, Eric was the Environmental Purchasing Coordinator at the Massachusetts’ central purchasing agency). During his tenure there, the Commonwealth increased its purchases of recycled products from \$2.8 million in 1992 to over \$65 million in 2000, as well as expanded purchases of a variety of environmentally preferable products within in the public sector, including those which promote waste prevention, toxics use reduction, and energy efficiency. From 1992-1994, Eric worked at the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute and Tufts University on toxics use reduction, energy efficiency and waste prevention and recycling programs. Eric received a Masters Degree in Environmental Policy from Tufts University in 1994.