Interior Plantscapes	
Not a Federal category	
Are any existing manuals/exams available?	Quite a few manuals available. While some have older revision dates, the material appears to still be relevant.
Research notes: - Anything identified in the AAPCO survey? - What did you find online? - What did you learn contacting others?	1 state listed Interior Plantscape as revision priority 11 out of 23. No other states mentioned this category. This state's Interior Plantscape manual was much more extensive than others available, may not be able to get what they need from existing options.
How many states/tribes use this category?	Around 20% of states have a designated Interior Plantscapes category.
How national, regional, or local is the training material likely to be, for this category? For example, would you expect the training material to be similar in each state, or tailored to local pests/conditions?	Material for Interior Plantscape manuals and exams is fairly standard across the US when it comes to pests, diseases, registered products, equipment, and safety concerns. Potential for slight variation in pests based on region.
How is the category lumped with other categories and/or split into several categories?	Interior Plantscapes is a subcategory of Ornamental and Turf for most states. A handful of states lump with Greenhouse.
What are some sample competencies in this category? For example, what does the table of contents include?	Common competencies include: ● Identification of disease, insect, and mite pests ● Environmental conditions that impact pest problems ● Applicator safety ● Pesticide formulations, compatibility, resistance ● Calibration

Are there emerging regulations or science in this area?	No emerging issues found in this area.
Are there opportunities to reduce duplication of effort?	It does not appear that any states currently are working on this manual/exam or have this as an upcoming priority. Sharing of existing manuals should be a sufficient way for most states with particularly old manuals to make an updates desired. The one state that did list Interior Plantscape as a “middle of the road” priority has the most detailed and in-depth manual found, so other existing manuals may not be helpful for them.
Are there critical items or methods needed to ensure accuracy/quality? Are there tripping hazards on the path to adopting the new/revised manual?	While the material for Interior Plantscape should lend itself well to national efforts, particularly sharing of existing materials, the main block that could arise is the difference in state’s level of expected knowledge for applicators.
Need or interest for workgroup?	There was some interest in forming a workgroup, but overall this was a low priority for most. Efforts to update materials would be done a ways down the road after some larger categories manuals were sorted out.
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Summary (1-3 paragraphs):

Interior Plantscape is a category that around 20% of states use to license applicators who apply pesticides to interior plantings in locations such as shopping malls, hospitals, and other corporate and public buildings. This category is not a federal category, and is comprised mostly of general use pesticide applications. States that require this category are mainly those states that require licensing for commercial applications of all pesticides, not just restricted use.

There does not appear to be much need for updates to this category amongst states. Only one state mentioned this category in their priority ranking, and even then it was only a mid-level priority. While most states with this category did not list it as a priority, it would be a straightforward category for sharing of existing materials due to similar pests, equipment, safety concerns, and other competency standard areas. Many states have manuals that are publicly available. The biggest hurdle found was the difference in the amount of detail that states want to cover. Some states' manuals are around 10 pages of basic info, and other states are 75+ pages that list tables of specific pest species, products, etc. States may find it difficult to either beef up or pare down manuals that are so drastically different in detail and length than what they are wanting.