



Procurement policy statement

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Policy statement

The Environment Agency spends approximately 55 per cent of its annual operating cost with its suppliers and contractors. Efficient procurement is therefore extremely important to our organisation. We are committed to pursuing best value for money based on whole life costs and achieving the most sustainable outcome from the contracts we place. A risk based approach to procurement identifies both commercial and sustainability risks, enabling us to mitigate these wherever possible and drive value. We will seek out procurement best practice and apply it within our business. Procurement is not just focussed on acquiring goods and services, often purchase avoidance is the most sustainable and efficient outcome.

Our suppliers are key to us achieving successful environmental outcomes and as a champion of sustainability we encourage them to adopt sustainable sourcing strategies. We expect our suppliers to take into account the lifecycle impacts of their operations including their supply chains, embracing continuous improvement in sustainability performance.

We will measure and promote our successes in delivering against our efficiency programme and in terms of sustainability through best practice case studies, encouraging others to act.



Document details



References



Feedback

Contact for queries

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Objectives

To set out succinctly our commitment to best value and Sustainability in procurement. To provide our staff and suppliers with a clear and concise position statement of our intentions in relation to procurement and sustainability.

Policy authorisation

Policy sponsor
Dr Paul Leinster.

Note

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Explanatory note

Background The Environment Agency's procurement strategy aims to deliver value for money and sustainable solutions.

Desired outcomes

- Reduced sustainability impacts from our procurement activity , and promoting 'A greener business world' aspect of our [Creating a Better Place strategy](#).

Audience Our staff, contractors and suppliers

References This policy has been developed from our procurement strategy, processes and Sustainable procurement task force flexible framework action plan.

Policy implementation plan

Who are the target audiences?

Environment Agency staff, our suppliers and contractors.

Do they require awareness training or education?

Internal stakeholders are already trained, a supplier and contractor awareness and improvement programme is in place.

What do they need to know?

That best value and sustainable outcomes are the basis of our procurement activities.

When do they need to know it?

Now

How will they be told?

Training and agreed improvement programmes

Who will tell them?

Procurement and other Environment Agency staff.

Monitoring of progress

Methods

Explain the methods for monitoring progress here.

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