

PROCURING THE ENVIRONMENT

A ONE-DAY EVENT TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE VIABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN CONTRACTING



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Delivering compliant procurement

This event is designed to help all public procurement professionals understand how organisations can take into account environmental considerations, including the implications of the WEEE Directive and the latest UK regulations, and still deliver value for money procurement, while remaining compliant with the EC Public Procurement Directive.

Public authorities are under pressure to ensure that their procurement makes a positive contribution towards social inclusion, secures improvements to the environment and minimises any adverse environmental impact.

The UK has the aim of being among the leaders in the EU by 2009 in sustainable development. With a budget of some £150bn, the public sector can transform markets so that the private sector can join forces in pursuing sustainable purchasing policies.

'Speakers were very enthusiastic, knowledgeable, interesting, amusing and encouraged debate. Interesting topics.'

Sustainable procurement is good procurement

Opting for environmentally sound goods, services and works helps your organisation achieve sustainable development.

Increased demand for sustainable goods encourages sustainable production, and helps environmentally friendly technologies conquer the market. It can also help save taxpayers' money.

Practising positive social procurement

Criteria involving social considerations may be used to determine the most economically advantageous tender, where such criteria provide an economic advantage for the authority which is seeking the product or service concerned.

Integrating social, environmental and sustainability issues into your procurement

All public authorities should be developing national or regional contracts that ensure social, environmental and sustainability issues are considered from the outset. The Government has raised the profile of sustainable procurement across the public sector with a major shift in the way the public sector buys goods and services, signing up to a range of measures designed to achieve the sustainable buying of a wide variety of products.

The new emphasis on environmental standards represents a significant shift in public sector purchasing practice.

While the full benefits of social, environmental and sustainable procurement will not be achieved overnight, this event will help your organisation put in place the structures to support and encourage all involved to develop compliant practices.



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