

County Contractors is committed to sustainable procurement in a responsible and sensible manner. By definition sustainable procurement is the process of purchasing goods and services that takes into account the social, economic and environmental impact that such purchasing has on people and their communities.

This sustainable procurement policy is achieved through consideration of what the products are made of, where they have come from, who has made them, how they are transported and how they are eventually disposed of. The specific sustainable procurement practices which County Contractors are committed to at all levels within the company are as follows:

- Procure durable goods and services, which reflect up-to-date specifications or standards for environmental sustainability.
- Promote a level of sustainability awareness amongst County Contractors supply chain partners and encourage them to adopt sustainable practices.
- Include sustainability issues as part of our subcontractors and suppliers appointment process.
- Prohibit the use of products or processes, which are potentially damaging to the environment, such as toxic materials or refrigerants with global warming potential, where a less environmentally damaging alternative is available.
- Where feasible reduce the purchases of new products by re-using existing products.
- Where possible purchase local products and services.
- Encourage and procure ethical and fair trading (e.g. Fairtrade) and employment (e.g. Ethical Trading Initiative) certified products.
- Pursue good practice in relation to the purchase of legal and sustainable timber products and timber supplies.
- Procure recycled office paper products and encourage the reuse and recycling of waste paper where possible.
- The company will ensure that its ISO 14001:2004 management standard is reviewed periodically and maintained.

We will acknowledge, respond appropriately, and take into account of the views of the public and any other interested parties with respect to our operations and make this sustainable procurement policy available to them.

In addition, this policy will be communicated to all persons working for and behalf of County Contractors.



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**Chairman**

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