

# Crafting Cutting Edge Responsible Purchasing Policies

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# Portland's Sustainable Procurement Policy

## Purpose Statement

- Recognize the impact of your purchasing decisions

## Every Purchase has;

- Environmental, Economic, Social & Human Health impacts

## General Policy Statement

- Employees will incorporate the following when writing specifications for...;
  - Environmental
  - Fiscal (Economic) considerations
  - Social Equity

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- Utilize Best Practices as they evolve
- Evaluate the Toxicity of products (Precautionary Principles)
- Independent, third-party social or environmental (eco) product labels

## Implementation and Responsibilities

- Citywide application to comply with Policy
- Harmonize and improve standards
- Provide assistance, outreach & education
- Evaluate suppliers sustainable practices
- Develop “boilerplate” language for solicitation documents

# Social Equity

## Equal Benefits

- Based on the principle of parity
  - Benefits offered to one group must be offered, on equal terms, to the other group
  - Does not require contractors to provide health benefits to their employees
- Bid/Proposal Rejection
  - Debarment from being awarded a contract up to 3 years OR until Contractor is brought into compliance

## Sweatshop Free Procurement

- Use anti-sweatshop criterion in procurement decisions
  - Uniforms & clothing products have inherent social & human health impacts
  - Promote better working conditions
- Award to supplier who is 'most' compliant
  - Full – Delayed – Waivers – Sanctions - Remedies
- Point of assembly factory location information
  - Public disclosure
- Compliance verification
  - Independent monitoring
- Code of Conduct

# Procurement's Role

- Take Direct Action:
  - Put Sustainability Practices to work **(3-R's)**
  - Incorporate environmentally preferable product specs
  - Analyzing impact of procurement decisions
  - Be a resource (Become a SME for your organization)
- Lead the Way:
  - Become a sustainability leader in projects & initiatives
  - Be a knowledgeable source for sustainable tools/resources
  - Offer a sustainability-oriented perspective
  - Work with socially responsible contractors
  - Get serious about life cycle cost analysis (Cradle/Cradle)
  - Promote alternatives (energy, facilities, fleet, procurement)



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