

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

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Purpose

B.I.C. Services Pty. Limited (BIC) is committed to meeting the need for products and services in a way that attains value for money and generates benefits to the organisation, to society and the economy at large, while minimising impact on the environment.

Our aim is to play a leadership role in sustainable procurement by ensuring that waste minimisation, efficiency, cost effectiveness and sustainable resource use are prioritised in procurement processes.

Principles

Our policy is underpinned by the following sustainable procurement principles:

- Adoption of strategies to avoid unnecessary consumption and manage demand.
- Selection of products and services with lower environmental footprint across their life-cycle, as compared to competing products and services.
- Preference for businesses and industry groups that demonstrate commitment to innovation in sustainability, social responsibility and ethical practices.

Objectives

Through sustainable procurement, BIC aims to promote practices that reduce the adverse environmental, social and economic impacts of purchased products and services throughout their life. In the context of these three dimensions, the objectives of this Sustainable Procurement Policy are to:

- Support industries that are socially responsible and adopt ethical practices;
- Encourage diversity, fair working conditions and other socially inclusive practices along the supply chain;
- Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements;
- Promote minimisation of waste – apply the avoid-reduce-reuse-recycle principle;
- Minimise pollution of the environment;
- Reduce whole-of-life costs to achieve value for money, including cost savings; and
- Promote job creation and ensure business continuity in the supply chain.

In order to attain these objectives, sustainable considerations are integrated into our procurement processes, including ongoing research for new and more efficient solutions and arrangements (contractual or voluntary) that encourage suppliers to move towards the provision of more sustainable products and services over time. Consideration is also given to the operational processes, including provision of training and awareness for the conduct of cleaning activities in a way that is consistent with sustainable practices.

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Review

This policy is intended to be of an evolutionary nature. It will be formally reviewed every 2 years or as deemed necessary. The review process shall include an examination of the performance indicators in consultation with the Executive Team.



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Chief Executive Officer – 04.06.2021