

Sustainable Procurement Policy Statement

Introduction

The environment is one of Aughton Automations principal concerns and our relationship with our suppliers and local communities demonstrate this. We are committed to understanding and managing the environmental and social impacts of our operations, including the procurement of goods and services.

Ensuring sustainability is embedded across every function of our business, including procurement, is essential to our goal of making a sustainable contribution to society. This sustainable procurement policy explains how we will integrate environmental and social considerations into procurement practices. We recognise that improving our procurement performance is an ongoing process and that our suppliers, both large and small, are important partners in our journey to becoming more sustainable.

Aim

Aughton Automation is committed to ensuring the goods and services we purchase are delivered, used and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Our approach to sustainable procurement is in line with the principles contained within ISO 20400.

We are also committed to reviewing contract management processes and supply chain risk to ensure that sustainable principles are embedded within every aspect of the procurement journey.

This Policy describes our commitments to deliver sustainable outcomes through our procurement activity and applies to all directors, managers and employees of Aughton Automation in any situation where they are involved in a purchasing process, whether as requisitioners, specifiers, purchasers or negotiators; authorising expenditure or payment; and or business interactions with suppliers on behalf of Aughton Automation.

We at Aughton Automation we wish to create value for our customers by being innovative and continually improving our products / services as this helps us meet both environmental and social standards.

With regards to sustainability, we adopt the following points:

- **Recognise**
- **Embed**
- **Innovate**
- **Monitor, Measure & Report**
- **Meet**
- **Continuously Improve**

Sustainable Procurement

This is a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment.

Aughton Automation acknowledges that its procurement activities have a significant impact on the environment, society and the economy. The organisation also recognises it has a responsibility to reduce those impacts reflecting the commitments set out in the organisations Environmental Policy.

As an organisation we aim to embed sustainable procurement within our culture by committing to:

- Raising awareness and promote the best practice in sustainable procurement across the organisation making information accessible for all
- Ensuring that environmental, social and whole life cost impacts are taken into consideration in the assessment of value for money, including the impacts of procurement decisions on poverty and the consideration of fairly traded goods

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- Encourage the organisations new and existing suppliers to consider the social and environmental impacts of their services and activities and address how to reduce them
- Encourage suppliers to comply with national and international standards on environmental and human rights matters and encourage a partnership approach to sustainable progression
- Undertake sustainability risk/impact assessments of products and services to be purchased
- Manage the procurement of commodities and services in order to minimise or reduce negative impacts on the environment e.g. waste, carbon emissions, transport miles and consumption of natural resources
- Communicate the sustainable procurement policy to staff and suppliers
- Support the organisations drive to achieve its carbon emission reduction targets

Objectives & Measurement

The Sustainable Procurement Policy requires an appropriately aligned Sustainable Procurement Strategy that is systematic, measurable, facilitates continuous improvements and recognises that Sustainable Procurement must be meaningful, substantial and achievable along the supply chain.

The Sustainable Procurement Strategy requires the appropriate arrangement for pursuance of us procurement activities in line with the Policy and best practice; this will include the following objectives:

- To comply with all relevant UK and EU legislation, policy and regulatory requirements including environmental, social and health and safety policies;
- To develop sustainable procurement awareness and skills across the whole organisation
- To develop and effectively communicate a strong, positive and clearly understandable policy and strategy;
- To promote sustainability in the marketplace, engage current and potential suppliers and encourage improvements and best practice in sustainability along the supply chain;
- To measure the progress of sustainable procurement with a view to continuous improvement, to work collaboratively with other organisations and to research best practice

The Sustainable Policy will be further developed in line with our strategic objectives. To enable a process of continuous improvement in this area we will establish objectives that will be 'SMART' by nature, will be reported on and reviewed annually by senior management.

The Sustainable Procurement Policy will be subject to review and evaluation to ensure that targets are met and that progress is continual. The Policy will be reviewed regularly as progress is made.

Brian Duffy
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