



AWE Sustainable Procurement Policy

AWE's Sustainable Procurement Commitment

AWE is committed to introducing sustainable development into all of our processes and activities, and recognises the importance of carrying out our procurement activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

In support of our commitments in the AWE Sustainability Plan, we will strive to incorporate sustainability considerations into our product and service selection processes.

Aims & Objectives

Procurement activities at AWE shall at all times be carried out to meet best value for money and quality. Within this context, AWE is committed, wherever possible, to:

Procuring more sustainable products and services

- Use of environmentally friendly products e.g from renewable sources
- Reductions in energy consumption, carbon emissions, waste etc
- Consideration of whole life cycle costs such as standardisation, maintenance, running costs, longevity and disposal

Promoting sustainability within the supply chain

- Consideration of the source of supply, e.g use of local suppliers and impact of a supplier's activities on the environment and local community
- Supplier engagement
- Use of suppliers who have adopted or are working towards an externally certified environmental management system, such as ISO 14001
- Social responsibility e.g compliance with core labour standards and equal opportunities

Integration of sustainability principles throughout AWE's supply chain management activities

- Procurement strategy – what, why, how?
- Criteria for supplier assessment and tender evaluation
- Flow down of AWE's commitments to compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, initiatives and codes and practice.
- Development of performance metrics to ensure continuous improvements in sustainable procurement