



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Lankaran State University (LSU) is committed to advancing sustainability across all aspects of its operations, including procurement. Recognizing the environmental, social, and economic impacts of purchasing decisions, LSU seeks to embed sustainability considerations into its procurement processes. This policy outlines the university's approach to promoting environmentally responsible, socially equitable, and economically sound procurement practices, contributing to sustainable development while minimizing LSU's ecological footprint.



POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Sustainable Procurement Policy are to:

1. Integrate sustainability principles into all procurement activities at LSU.
2. Minimize the environmental impacts associated with purchased goods, services, and works.
3. Support the acquisition of eco-friendly, socially responsible, and ethically produced products and services.
4. Incorporate climate considerations in procurement decisions, including emissions reduction and adaptation measures.
5. Encourage suppliers to adopt sustainable practices throughout their operations.



SCOPE

This policy applies to all LSU departments and faculties involved in procurement activities, covering:

Procurement of consumables, equipment, services, and construction works.

Vendor selection, evaluation, and contracting processes.

Long-term supplier relationships.

Collaboration with external stakeholders to promote sustainability objectives.



SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR PROCUREMENT

LSU will consider the following sustainability criteria when evaluating products and services:

Environmental Impact: Preference for goods and services with low environmental impact throughout their lifecycle, including energy and water use, waste generation, and carbon emissions.

Climate Considerations: Priority to suppliers implementing greenhouse gas reduction measures and offering solutions that support climate change mitigation or adaptation.

Material Selection: Products made from recycled, renewable, or sustainably sourced materials will be prioritized.

Energy Efficiency: Favoring products and services demonstrating energy efficiency or utilization of renewable energy sources.

Waste Minimization: Preference for reusable, recyclable, or compostable products, and solutions that reduce overall waste.

Supplier Sustainability Practices: Suppliers will be assessed for environmental and social responsibility, including fair labor practices, ethical sourcing, and sustainability performance.

End-of-Life Considerations: Products designed for durability, repairability, and recyclability will be preferred, with responsible disposal or repurposing considered.



PROCUREMENT PROCESS

LSU's procurement process will integrate sustainability at all stages:

Supplier Selection

Prioritize suppliers demonstrating a clear commitment to sustainability, regulatory compliance, and transparent practices

Product Evaluation

All products and services will be assessed using sustainability indicators such as energy consumption, material sourcing, and recognized certifications (e.g., Energy Star, FSC, Fair Trade).

Training

Procurement personnel will receive ongoing training in sustainable procurement practices and tools to assess and apply sustainability criteria effectively.



SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

LSU will actively engage with suppliers to foster sustainable practices, including:

Providing incentives for offering sustainable products and services.

Collaborating with suppliers to identify and implement sustainability improvements.

Encouraging transparency in environmental impacts and sustainability performance reporting.



MONITORING AND REPORTING

To ensure accountability and continuous improvement, LSU will:

Monitor and assess procurement decisions' environmental and social impacts.

Include progress updates in annual sustainability reports.

Evaluate supplier performance against defined sustainability criteria.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

LSU is committed to enhancing sustainable procurement through:

Updating sustainability criteria based on evolving environmental standards, research, and best practices.

Soliciting feedback from internal stakeholders to refine procurement processes.

Participating in national and international sustainability initiatives, programs, and certifications.



CONCLUSION

Through this Sustainable Procurement Policy, Lankaran State University reaffirms its dedication to integrating sustainability into all procurement activities. By considering environmental, social, and climate-related factors, LSU contributes to global sustainability objectives and fosters a responsible, future-oriented procurement culture within the university.