



Policy: Sustainable procurement policy for Lankaran State University

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Introduction

Lankaran State University (LSU) is committed to promoting sustainability in all aspects of its operations, including procurement. As part of our dedication to environmental stewardship, climate action, and social responsibility, we aim to integrate sustainability considerations into our purchasing decisions. This policy outlines the university's approach to ensuring that environmental, social, and economic factors are incorporated into procurement processes, contributing to sustainable development and minimizing the university's ecological footprint.

Policy Objectives

The objectives of the Sustainable Procurement Policy are to:

- Ensure that sustainability principles guide procurement decisions at LSU.
- Reduce environmental impacts associated with the products and services the university purchases.
- Support the use of eco-friendly, socially responsible, and ethically produced goods and services.
- Promote the inclusion of climate considerations in procurement practices.
- Encourage suppliers to adopt sustainable practices in their business operations.

Scope

This policy applies to all LSU departments and faculties involved in the procurement of goods, services, and works. It covers:

- The procurement of all consumables, equipment, services, and construction activities.
- Vendor selection and evaluation processes.
- Contracts and long-term supplier relationships.
- Collaboration with external stakeholders to promote sustainability.

Sustainability Criteria for Procurement

LSU will apply the following sustainability criteria when evaluating products and services for procurement:

- **Environmental Impact:** Preference will be given to products and services that have a low environmental impact across their lifecycle, including energy efficiency, water usage, waste management, and carbon footprint.
- **Climate Considerations:** Preference will be given to suppliers with measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and those offering solutions that contribute to climate change mitigation or adaptation.
- **Material Selection:** Products made from recycled, renewable, or sustainably sourced materials will be prioritized.
- **Energy Use and Efficiency:** Products and services that demonstrate energy efficiency or the use of renewable energy sources will be favored.
- **Waste Minimization:** LSU will prioritize the procurement of products that are reusable, recyclable, or compostable, and that help reduce waste generation.
- **Supplier Sustainability Practices:** Suppliers will be evaluated based on their environmental and social responsibility practices, including fair labor practices, ethical sourcing, and their efforts to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- **End-of-Life Considerations:** Products that are designed for durability, repairability, and recyclability will be prioritized, with a preference for products that can be responsibly disposed of or repurposed at the end of their life cycle.

5. Procurement Process

- **Supplier Selection:** When selecting suppliers, LSU will prioritize those with a demonstrated commitment to sustainability, including compliance with environmental regulations, use of sustainable materials, and transparent sustainability practices.
- **Product Evaluation:** All products and services will be assessed using a set of sustainability indicators, such as energy consumption, materials sourcing, and environmental certifications (e.g., Energy Star, Fair Trade, FSC certification).
- **Training:** LSU will ensure that procurement staff are trained in sustainable procurement practices, and that they have the tools to assess and apply sustainability criteria in their decisions.

Supplier Engagement and Collaboration

LSU will work with suppliers to encourage the adoption of sustainable practices and innovation. This may include:

- Providing incentives for suppliers to offer sustainable products and services.
- Engaging with suppliers to explore opportunities for sustainability improvements.
- Encouraging suppliers to disclose their environmental impact and sustainability performance.

Monitoring and Reporting

LSU will regularly monitor and assess the performance of this policy, reviewing procurement practices and outcomes against sustainability goals. This will include:

- Tracking the environmental and social impact of the university's procurement decisions.
- Reporting progress in achieving sustainability targets through annual sustainability reports.
- Evaluating supplier performance in meeting sustainability criteria.

Continuous Improvement

LSU will strive for continuous improvement in sustainable procurement. This includes:

- Regularly updating sustainability criteria based on new environmental standards and research.
- Actively seeking feedback from internal stakeholders to improve procurement processes.
- Participating in national and international sustainability initiatives and certifications.

Conclusion

Through this Sustainable Procurement Policy, Lankaran State University reaffirms its commitment to integrating sustainability into the core of its operations. By considering the environmental, climate, and social impacts of procurement decisions, LSU aims to contribute to global sustainability efforts, while fostering a responsible and future-oriented purchasing culture within the institution.