



Qassim University sustainable procurement policy



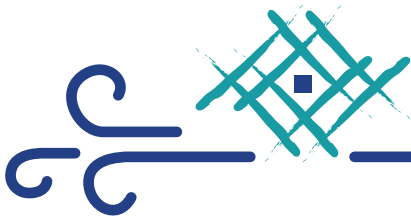
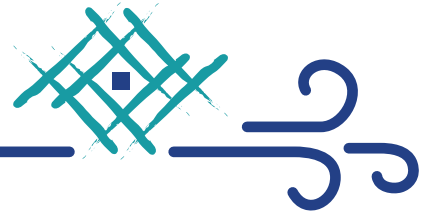


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I. Introduction

Qassim University is a public university located in Buraydah, the capital city of the Qassim Province in Saudi Arabia. Established in 2004, it is one of the leading universities in the country and offers a wide range of academic programs across various disciplines.

The university aims to provide quality education, promote research and innovation, and contribute to the overall development of the region. It offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in fields such as engineering, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, applied medical sciences, computer science, business administration, education, arts, and social sciences.

Qassim University, as a prominent institution of higher education, takes pride in its commitment to the environment, sustainability, and the fight against climate change. We recognize the importance of addressing these global challenges and taking an active role in protecting and preserving our natural environment for present and future generations.

In line with our vision of academic excellence and social responsibility, Qassim University strives to be a role model in sustainable practices and the promotion of a culture of respect and care for the environment. We are committed to implementing concrete policies and actions that reduce our environmental footprint and foster sustainability in all areas of our institutional activity.

We are committed to integrating sustainability into all our activities, including the procurement process. This Sustainable Procurement/Purchasing Policy establishes the framework for our responsible purchasing practices, with the aim of promoting sustainable development, energy efficiency, social responsibility, and proper management of natural resources.

II. Responsibility

1. Environmental Responsibility

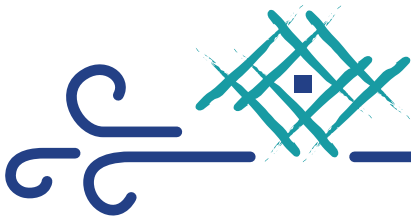
We are committed to minimizing the environmental impact of our procurement activities by promoting energy efficiency and resource conservation. We will seek products and services that meet ecological criteria, such as reducing carbon emissions, responsible water management, and waste minimization.

We will give preference to products and services that have a lower environmental impact, such as those made from recycled or renewable materials, certified with recognized sustainability standards, or that are energy-efficient. We will promote local procurement and support suppliers who demonstrate environmentally responsible practices.

2. Social Responsibility

We will foster fair labor practices, respecting human rights, and avoiding labor exploitation in our procurement activities. We will require our suppliers to comply with applicable labor regulations and promote gender equity and equal opportunities.

We will promote diversity and equal opportunities, encouraging the engagement of suppliers who demonstrate a strong commitment to corporate social responsibility. We will value suppliers with inclusive policies, support disadvantaged communities, and promote local hiring.



III. Ethics and Transparency

We will maintain high ethical standards in all procurement activities, avoiding any form of corruption or bribery. We will require our suppliers to act in accordance with ethical and legal principles in all their operations.

We will promote transparency in our procurement processes, ensuring equal opportunities for all suppliers and respecting the confidentiality of sensitive information. We will establish control and auditing mechanisms to guarantee the integrity of our transactions and prevent any conflicts of interest.

IV. Supplier Evaluation

We will establish supplier evaluation criteria that include sustainability aspects, such as environmental management, labor practices, product and service quality, and corporate social responsibility. Supplier performance will be assessed based on these criteria, giving preference to those who demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability.

We will prioritize local and socially responsible suppliers, provided they meet the requirements of quality and competitiveness. We will encourage the participation of local suppliers and small and medium enterprises, thus strengthening the local economy and promoting job creation within the community..

V. Waste Management

We will implement guidelines for proper waste management resulting from our procurement activities, promoting material separation, recycling, and the minimization of hazardous waste. We will work in collaboration with our suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of our waste and promote circular economy practices.

VI. Training and Awareness

We will provide training and awareness on sustainable procurement to our staff and suppliers, promoting understanding of sustainable principles and practices. We will seek to enhance awareness of the importance of sustainable procurement and provide guidance on best practices in responsible purchasing.

VII. Monitoring and Continuous Improvement

We will establish mechanisms for monitoring and periodic evaluation of our sustainable procurement practices, with the aim of identifying areas for improvement and developing action plans to advance toward greater sustainability. We will conduct regular reviews of our procurement processes and commit to continuous improvement at all stages of the procurement cycle.

At Qassim University, we are committed to implementing this policy in all our procurement activities and working in collaboration with our suppliers to achieve a positive impact on society, the environment, and the economy. This policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with international sustainability standards.