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POLICY

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

A W Edwards is committed to integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into our procurement decision-making process, and reducing the environmental impact of our operations. We acknowledge that the design, services, products, materials, and equipment used in delivering a project have an impact on the environment and society.

A W Edwards' goal is to procure, where practicable, sustainable services, products, materials, and equipment when such alternatives are available, while continuing to meet its contractual requirements and obligations.

We deem a product or service to be 'more sustainable' when it (1) Improves environmental performance (2) Mitigates or reduces environmental impact(s) (3) Achieves a lower carbon footprint compared to its alternative and/or (4) Contributes positively to human wellness.

This Sustainable Procurement Policy outlines the fundamental principles applicable to procurement activities undertaken by A W Edwards.

Key Principles

- 1. A W Edwards shall, where cost effective, make every effort to procure more sustainable design, services, products, materials, and equipment when compared to other design options, services, products, materials, and equipment serving the same purpose.
 - **1.1** For our construct-only projects, preference should be given to materials that are certified through the following green purchasing preference programs: ISCA Rating, GBCA Green Star/ Green Tag, BPI Rating, LEED certification, FSC certification or other green credentials. Life cycle implications should also be considered in the decision-making process for services, products, and equipment.
 - **1.2** For our design and construct projects, A W Edwards shall promote the undertaking of a Life Cycle Costing (LCC) or Whole of Life Design.
- 2. A W Edwards will utilise the following list of qualifications as a guide when procuring its products and materials:
- Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
- Recycled content, preferably 100%
- Third-party "Eco" certification
- Low toxicity or non-toxic
- Low volatile organic content (VOC)-content
- Low carbon footprint / reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-free / low global warming potential (GWP) rating
- Locally sourced or produced
- Energy & Resource efficient
- Lead-free & Persistent bio-accumulative toxin (PBT)-free
- End-of-life disposal impacts: Bio-degradable or compostable, Reduced, recycled & recyclable materials
- Second hand if permitted (e.g. office furniture)

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- 3. Support suppliers and subcontractors who are committed to reducing the environmental impact of their operations.
- 4. Support our clients and/or building operators in ensuring they are trained in the optimised use of equipment to promote efficiency and energy savings.
- 5. Support local suppliers over international suppliers, thereby contributing to the local economy.
- 6. Mandate the provision of real-time data of materials from our suppliers.
- 7. Support suppliers who have a strong health and safety record.
- 8. Support organisations that espouse diversity, inclusion and gender equality. Work collaboratively with our suppliers and subcontractors to be in a process of continuous improvement and learning, sharing best practices and building relationships of trust.
- 9. Ensure that the suppliers and subcontractors that we engage maintain a strong labour and human rights record.
- 10. Support subcontractors and suppliers who maintain strong quality standards and who have demonstrated this in the past.
- 11. Foster a culture of innovation and encourage research and development with our suppliers and subcontractors. Governance

All employees shall exercise due diligence in selecting design, services, products, materials, and equipment that meet these principles to ensure the effective implementation of this policy.

The Leadership Team is responsible for the implementation of this policy and will make the necessary resources available to attain these principles.

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