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Sustainable Procurement Policy

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is committed to promoting sustainable development through a procurement policy that encourages minimisation of wastage and maximisation of planetary health. This Sustainable Procurement Policy integrates environmental and social responsibilities in economic decisions. It prioritises goods, services and works that not only provide value for money but also pass through the scrutiny of ethical production process, sustainable supply chain practices and minimal environmental damage.

Purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the people involved in the procurement of goods, services and works for the University are guided by economic as well as social and environmental factors that are aligned with the University's drive to advance the achievements of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Applicability

This policy is applicable to all the staff involved in any procurement activities undertaken by the University, including the acquisition of goods, services, and works.

Definition

O.P. Jindal Global University adheres to the UN Marrakech Task Force definition of Sustainable Procurement, which is: Sustainable Procurement is a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment.

JGU's Sustainable Procurement Policy incorporates the following

- ❖ All procurement decisions will be in compliance with all relevant local, national and international legislations and regulations.
- ❖ The University will prioritize environmentally friendly products and services, promote resource efficiency, and minimize waste generation.
- ❖ The procurement decisions will aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, and support eco-friendly alternatives.
- ❖ Suppliers and contractors will be expected to comply with all applicable labour laws, ensuring the welfare of their workers and providing safe working conditions.
- ❖ Factors such as life-cycle costs, total cost of ownership, and the long-term benefits of sustainable choices will be considered in taking procurement decisions.
- ❖ The procurement team will maintain transparency in selection of suppliers.
- ❖ In addition to quality and price offerings, adherence to sustainability practices will be evaluated in the selection of suppliers.
- ❖ Whenever possible, procurement specifications will include sustainability criteria. These criteria may pertain to energy efficiency, recycled content, sustainable materials, ethical sourcing, sustainable supply chain and certifications.
- ❖ Suppliers will be encouraged to minimize excessive packaging and adopt sustainable packaging practices, such as using recycled or biodegradable materials.
- ❖ To support the local economy, reduce emissions from transportation, and strengthen community ties, local suppliers will be given priority whenever feasible.
- ❖ The University will promote awareness about sustainability practices and assessments among suppliers and contractors.

Training, Monitoring and Reporting

The University staff responsible for procurement activities will receive training on sustainable procurement practices and the importance of adhering to this policy.

To assess the effectiveness of the Sustainable Procurement Policy, the University will establish a monitoring and reporting mechanism.

Review and Improvement

The University will periodically review the Sustainable Procurement Policy to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

Conclusion

The adoption of this Sustainable Procurement Policy reaffirms the University's commitment to implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals within the University's operational framework, including SDG 12 which encourages sustainable consumption and production patterns.