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Sustainable Procurement Policy

Introduction

BNU is committed to integrating sustainability principles into all aspects of its operations, including procurement. This Sustainable Procurement Policy establishes a framework for acquiring goods and services that prioritize environmental responsibility, social equity, and economic viability.

Scope

This policy applies to all departments and individuals involved in the procurement process at BNU, covering the acquisition of goods, services, and works.

Objectives

- **Reduce Environmental Impact:** Minimize the environmental footprint of procured goods and services throughout their lifecycle.
- **Promote Social Responsibility:** Support suppliers that adhere to fair labor practices, ethical sourcing, and community engagement.
- **Enhance Economic Value:** Achieve cost-effectiveness and long-term value through sustainable procurement practices.
- **Foster Innovation:** Encourage the procurement of innovative and sustainable products and services.



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Criteria for Evaluating Suppliers

BNU will assess potential suppliers based on the following environmental criteria:

- **Environmental Management Systems:** Preference will be given to suppliers that comply with ISO 14001 or equivalent internationally recognized environmental standards. Where such certifications are less prevalent—particularly among local suppliers—BNU will prioritize those showing a strong commitment to environmentally responsible practices, including sustainable sourcing, waste reduction, and continuous improvement efforts.
- **Life Cycle Consideration:** Suppliers are encouraged to consider the environmental impact of their products and services throughout their entire life cycle—from raw material extraction to end-of-life disposal.
- **Resource Efficiency:** BNU values efforts to conserve energy and water, and will favor suppliers that integrate such practices into their operations.
- **Waste Management:** Suppliers demonstrating effective recycling programs and initiatives to reduce waste generation will be regarded positively.
- **Pollution Prevention:** Consideration will be given to suppliers that actively work to minimize emissions, pollutants, and other environmental risks.
- **Sustainable Materials:** Preference will be given to suppliers incorporating environmentally friendly materials, such as recycled, biodegradable, or renewable resources, where applicable.
- **Environmental Performance Data:** Suppliers are encouraged to provide available data on key environmental indicators, including emissions, energy consumption, and waste output, as part of a transparent and accountable approach.



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Implementation

- **Procurement Guidelines:** Development of clear procurement guidelines incorporating sustainability considerations.
- **Supplier Assessment:** Thorough evaluations of potential suppliers' environmental performance.
- **Contractual Agreements:** Inclusion of sustainability clauses in supplier contracts.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Regular assessment of supplier compliance with sustainability criteria.
- **Communication and Training:** Raising awareness among staff through training and information dissemination.

Continuous Improvement

BNU will periodically review and enhance its Sustainable Procurement Policy to align with evolving best practices in sustainability. By adhering to this policy, BNU reinforces its commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible procurement.