



Procurement and Supply Chain Policy

The supply of quality goods and services to LLW Repository Ltd is a fundamental requirement if we are to achieve our business objectives and meet customer and stakeholder expectations. The selection of suppliers and the management of contracts must be delivered in a proactive and effective way, to ensure we achieve sustainability and value through principles of competition, equal treatment, non-discrimination and transparency. We attach great importance to the collaborative relationships we build with our suppliers.

LLWR commits to:

Procuring sustainably and in a responsible manner that recognises, in a proportionate way, the social, economic and environmental impact of our supply chain expenditure.

Achieving value for money from our procurement and contract management activities, using whole-life costs, with a fair distribution of risk and reward between LLWR and our suppliers.

Using a competitive approach to procurement to ensure value for money on behalf of our customers and to encourage diversity in the capability and capacity of our supply chain.

Be transparent with the supply chain and our stakeholders, to demonstrate fairness and equality in the application of our acquisition strategy with particular focus on selection and award decisions.

Building constructive and professional relationships with suppliers to ensure effective contract delivery and supply chain performance through a philosophy of mutual trust and respect.

We will achieve this by:

- Considering whole life cost, environmental impact and sustainability considerations in specifications and the evaluation of tenders.
- Developing Socio-Economic plans and SME Action plans with our major suppliers.

- Establishing evaluation criteria that balance quality, programme and cost considerations.
- Operating in a supplier friendly way by paying promptly, setting appropriate insurance requirements and liability limits.

- Competitively tendering work in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations.
- Using a lean sourcing approach and e-Sourcing tools to optimise procurement timescales and reduce supplier burden.

- Publishing a Procurement Plan to advertise future opportunities and existing contracts.
- Providing feedback on our Contract Award decisions to all participants and relevant stakeholders in our procurement activities.

- Operating a Supplier Relationship Management programme to engage at all levels of the business.
- Invest in the development of collaborative relationships with our strategic suppliers.