

# Tips for Responsible Procurement

Selecting suppliers can be crucial to achieving your sustainability goals.

Use these guidelines to assess suppliers based on key sustainability criteria and identify partners who share your dedication to environmental responsibility.

## Material Sourcing Transparency

- Does the supplier provide clear information about where their materials are sourced from?
- Are there any third-party certifications indicating sustainable sourcing?
- Does the supplier address quality control and assurance during production?

## Recycling Process Transparency

- Is the supplier transparent about their recycling processes?
- Do they have verifiable information regarding the environmental friendliness of their recycling practices?
- Can they provide data or reports about their recycling efficiency?

## Energy Efficiency and Carbon Footprint

- Does the supplier monitor and manage energy consumption in their production processes?
- Are measures taken to promote energy efficiency and waste reduction?
- Does the supplier mitigate environmental impact beyond carbon footprint reduction?

## Product Life Cycle Management

- Are products designed with end-of-life considerations, (e.g., ease of disassembly, recyclability)?
- Does the supplier take measures to prolong the product lifespan, where necessary?

## Sustainability Goals and Achievements

- Does the supplier have publicly stated sustainability goals?
- Can they provide evidence or case studies of their progress toward these goals?
- Have they received any awards or recognitions for their sustainability efforts?

## Partnerships and Collaboration

- Is the supplier involved in any partnerships or collaborations to improve sustainability in their industry?
- Are they willing to work with clients to achieve their specific sustainability objectives?

## Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- Can the supplier demonstrate an ongoing commitment to innovation in sustainability?
- Do they invest in research and development to find new sustainable materials or methods?

## Regulatory Compliance

- Is the supplier compliant with all relevant environmental regulations and laws?
- Have there been any large-scale, recent issues or violations from the supplier?

## Client Testimonials and References

- Are there testimonials or references from other clients regarding the supplier's sustainability practices?
- Can the supplier provide contact information for references willing to discuss their sustainability contributions?