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Purpose

The City of St. John's recognizes that it consumes large amounts of material and produces large amounts of waste. This policy is to promote the purchase or acquisition of goods, equipment, services, technologies, construction projects and otherwise that are Environmentally Responsible, where deemed to be practical and appropriate. Environmentally Responsible goods, equipment, services, technologies and otherwise have a less harmful effect on human health and/or the environment, compared to other competitive alternatives which serve the same purpose. Environmentally Responsible attributes include: Biodegradable, Carcinogen-free, Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) free, Compostable, Durable (life cycle), Energy efficient (energy star rating, etc.), heavy metal free, low toxicity, created from rapidly renewable material, recyclable, recycled content, reduced greenhouse emissions, reduced packaging, refurbished, reusable, upgradable and water efficient.

Policy Statement

1. Whenever it is deemed practical and appropriate environmental considerations should be included as part of the regular purchasing/acquisition process.
2. This policy is applicable to all divisions that create specifications and requisitions and all divisions that have purchasing authority. Each department within the City will ensure that relevant employees are familiar with this policy.

Exemptions

Nothing in this policy will prevent users from requiring recycled material content as a tender specification. Nothing in this policy requires the City to specify or purchase goods, equipment, services, technologies and otherwise which do not perform for their intended use or which are unavailable at a reasonable price/time frame. Nothing in this policy requires the City to specify or purchase environmentally responsible goods, equipment, services, technologies and otherwise where the City deems the same to be impractical or otherwise inappropriate in the circumstances.

This policy shall not be construed or applied so as to conflict with the Public Tender Act R.S.N. 1990 c.P.45 as amended or any other regulation made pursuant thereto, or any other laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Engineering, all employees.

Definition

References/Appendix



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Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

Public Works and Environment Standing Committee report - July 6, 2006; Regular Meeting of Council - July 24, 2006.

Review Period

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