Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Policy

Environmentally responsible purchasing (ERP) is the purchase of products and services that have a reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared to other products and services that serve the same purpose.

This policy establishes that Procurement is committed to increase the acquisition of recycled/recyclable and other environmentally preferable products and services wherever possible, while recognising that their principle requirements must be performance and economic responsibility. Users are encouraged to follow this policy in their specifications when possible. Contractors and vendors will also be encouraged to provide such products and services which:

- are produced from recycled materials
- can be recycled or re-used
- reduce waste and/or conserve natural resources

A copy of this policy will be kept with the Purchasing Department and shall be provided to the vendor as required.

- **Principle One: Include Environmental Considerations As Part of the standard Purchasing Process**
  Thermoseal Group encourages all purchasers to examine environmental considerations along with traditional factors such as product safety, price, performance, and availability when making purchasing decisions.

- **Principle Two: Consider Environmental and Cost Benefit throughout the Entire Product’s or Service’s Life Cycle**
  A product’s life cycle includes raw material acquisition, manufacturing, packaging and transportation, product use and disposal. When examining the life cycle of a service, particular focus should be placed on the use and disposal of products required to provide service.

- **Principle Three: Make Purchasing Decisions based on Accurate Information About Environmental Performance**
  Environmentally responsible purchasing decisions require accurate environmental performance information. Purchasers and end users should seek this information from manufacturers and suppliers when researching products and services. The Purchasing Department acts as a resource when assistance with evaluation of environmental performance data and information is required.
Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Policy (cont’d)

The Purchasing Department shall be responsible for the following:

- Developing and maintaining information about environmentally preferable products and services, recycled products containing the maximum practicable amount of recycled materials, and recyclable products to be purchased by buyers whenever possible.
- Informing all relevant Thermoseal Group employees of their responsibilities under this policy and provide implementation assistance;
- Disseminate information on recycled and environmentally preferable product and service procurement opportunities, specifications, and performance, to relevant Thermoseal Group employees.

Exemptions

- Nothing contained in this policy shall preclude buyers or end users from requiring recycled material content as a bid specification.
  AND
- Nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring a buyer or supplier to procure products that do not perform adequately for their intended use or are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time.

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