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Sustainable Procurement Policy

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Introduction

The University of Jordan reaffirms its commitment to promoting responsible and ethical procurement practices and fostering a sustainable future for the university and the broader society. By adopting a sustainable procurement policy, the university aims to integrate sustainable principles into all procurement and purchasing activities. The University of Jordan firmly abides by Article 8 of Jordan's procurement law no. 8 of 2022 throughout its procurement endeavors.

Policy Overview

The sustainable procurement policy of the University of Jordan establishes the objectives and guidelines for integrating the environmental, social, and governance principles into the institution's procurement and purchasing activities, while ensuring optimal use of resources. Our policy underscores our dedication to enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accountability in procurement processes while supporting sustainability practices that aligns with the university's mission and goals.

Policy Purpose

This policy aims to promote environmentally and socially responsible practices in all procurement activities while ensuring the efficient use of resources and supporting local communities. The policy is guided by international best practices and the recommendations of the University of Jordan committees, councils, stakeholders, and accreditation agencies. This policy also ensures that the University of Jordan enhances its procurement and purchasing without compromising our commitment to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all procurement activities undertaken by the university of Jordan. It extends to all departments, schools, and units within the university, as well as to any external organization or individual involved in procurement on behalf of the University of Jordan.

Sustainable Procurement Principles

The University of Jordan adheres to the following sustainable procurement principles:

1. **Environmental Responsibility:** Procure goods and services that have a minimal environmental impact, promote resource efficiency, and reduce carbon emissions.
2. **Social Equity:** Support suppliers that uphold fair labor practices, respect human rights, and contribute positively to local communities.
3. **Economic Viability:** Seek long-term value for money and support local businesses to stimulate economic growth and sustainability.
4. **Transparency and Accountability:** Ensure transparency and accountability in the procurement process, communicating sustainability criteria to all stakeholders.

Compliance with Regulations

All procurement activities under this policy must comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidelines related to public procurement in Jordan and align with the university's laws, regulations, guidelines, and sustainability objectives. More specifically, in any procurement process, the University of Jordan abides by Article 8 of Jordan's procurement law no. 8 of 2022 that explicitly demand considering the following:

1. Purchasing energy-efficient and energy-saving equipment
2. Using renewable energy
3. Promoting water conservation
4. Reducing waste and promoting recycling
5. Considering environmental, social, and health and safety aspects
6. Promoting economic development and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises
7. Giving priority to protected products (i.e., nationally manufactured products) or any other products specified by the Cabinet, if they meet the requirements specified in the procurement document.

In addition, any special requirements or conditions that must be applied to the purchased product must be disclosed in the procurement document.

Governance:

- 1- The University of Jordan appoints several committees, including the Board of Trustees, Deans, and University councils, to regulate and supervise the purchasing issues at the institution.
- 2- The University of Jordan will provide training and awareness programs to staff involved in procurement to ensure they understand and implement sustainable procurement practices.

Continuous Improvement:

The sustainable procurement policy will be regularly reviewed and updated, at least annually, to incorporate emerging best practices and ensure ongoing alignment with sustainability goals.

Policy Compliance and Accountability:

To ensure the university adherence to the sustainable procurement policy, annual internal audits and performance evaluations will be conducted. This commitment to accountability reinforces the University of Jordan dedication to sustainable practices and responsible procurement decisions.