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SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

The BITS Pilani Sustainable Procurement Policy is designed to promote responsible, ethical, and sustainable procurement practices within the institution. This policy aims to integrate environmental, social, and economic considerations into the procurement process, ensuring that our purchasing decisions align with the institution's commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Core Principles

- **Environmental Responsibility:** We will prioritize products and services that have minimal environmental impact and support the conservation of natural resources.^{[L][SEP]}
- **Social Responsibility:** We will consider the social and ethical implications of our procurement decisions, aiming to support suppliers that uphold fair labor practices and human rights.^{[L][SEP]}
- **Economic Viability:** We will seek competitive pricing and value for money while prioritizing suppliers with a commitment to sustainability.^{[L][SEP]}
- **Transparency and Accountability:** We will promote transparency in our procurement processes and hold ourselves accountable for adhering to this policy.^{[L][SEP]}

3. Sustainable Procurement Guidelines

3.1. Supplier Selection and Evaluation

- We will give preference to suppliers that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability, such as having environmental certifications, social responsibility policies, and ethical business practices.^{[L][SEP]}
- Before engaging new suppliers, we will conduct due diligence to assess their environmental and social performance, as well as their financial stability.^{[L][SEP]}
- We will encourage local sourcing when feasible to support the local economy and reduce transportation-related emissions.^{[L][SEP]}

3.2. Environmentally Friendly Products and Services

- Whenever possible, we will prioritize products and services with lower environmental impacts, including those made from recycled materials, energy-efficient technologies, and eco-friendly packaging.^{[L][SEP]}
- We will explore opportunities to procure renewable energy sources and environmentally friendly office supplies.^{[L][SEP]}

3.3. Social and Ethical Considerations

- We will avoid doing business with suppliers known for violating labor laws or engaging in unethical practices.^{[L][SEP]}
- We will encourage suppliers to provide fair wages, safe working conditions, and opportunities for professional development.^{[L][SEP]}
- We will support suppliers that respect and uphold human rights, including those related to child labor, forced labor, and discrimination.^{[L][SEP]}

3.4. Ethical IT Procurement

- We will ensure that IT equipment and software comply with environmental standards and promote energy efficiency.^[1]_[SEP]
- We will prioritize suppliers that take back and responsibly recycle electronic waste.^[1]_[SEP]

3.5. Responsible Construction and Infrastructure Development

- For construction and infrastructure projects, we will prioritize environmentally sustainable building materials and designs, aiming for energy-efficient and environmentally friendly structures.^[1]_[SEP]
- We will comply with relevant environmental regulations and ensure responsible waste management practices.^[1]_[SEP]

4. Monitoring and Reporting

- We will establish a system to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Sustainable Procurement Policy.^[1]_[SEP]
- Regular reports will be published to communicate progress, challenges, and achievements related to sustainable procurement.^[1]_[SEP]

5. Training and Awareness

- We will provide training and awareness programs to procurement staff, faculty, and other stakeholders on sustainable procurement practices and the importance of adhering to this policy.

6. Continuous Improvement

- We will continuously review and improve our sustainable procurement practices, incorporating feedback from suppliers, stakeholders, and the broader academic community.

This Sustainable Procurement Policy reflects our commitment to integrating environmental, social, and economic considerations into our procurement processes. By implementing sustainable procurement practices, we can contribute to a more environmentally responsible, socially ethical, and economically viable institution while setting an example for sustainable practices within the academic community. This policy reinforces BITS Pilani's dedication to sustainability and responsible corporate citizenship while aligning our procurement decisions with our core values and mission.