



SOCIAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Purpose

1. This SPPN introduces guidance to public sector bodies in Scotland on how and when social issues may be taken into consideration in public procurement.

Background

2. Public sector organisations have a commitment to include the promotion of sustainable development, which includes social, economic and environmental objectives where possible in procurement activities.

Action

3. You are asked to note the guidance contained in the 'Social Issues in Public Procurement' document, a copy of which can be downloaded from the SPD website <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/116601/0053331.pdf>, and to incorporate it as part of your procurement processes when appropriate to do so.

Dissemination

4. Please bring this SPPN to the attention of all relevant staff, including those in Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies and other sponsored public bodies within your area of responsibility.

Contact

5. Enquiries about this SPPN should be addressed to Dave Cook, Scottish Procurement Directorate, telephone 0141 242 5598 or e-mail dave.cook@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

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