

Greening Procurement Forum

Panel Session 2

Education and training:
staff, suppliers and contractors

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Educating and training staff, suppliers and contractors on the requirements of green procurement.

“A financial services company perspective”

About VicSuper Proprietary Limited

- The company administers the VicSuper Fund
- The fund is a large public offer fund – 187,000 members
- The company is medium sized – 125 staff
- The company purchases materials and professional advice
- A range of company staff are involved with procurement

Operations administration procurement

- Paper
- Energy
- Motor vehicles
- Printing
- Office furniture
- Information Technology

Investment administration procurement

- Investment (fund) managers
- Investment advisers
- Actuarial services
- Legal advisers
- Master custody services

Education and training of staff. Steps we took in green procurement:-

1. Sustainability is our central operating principle
2. A direct report to the CEO is responsible
3. Sustainability training for all
4. Sustainability in everyone's development and performance plan
5. Staff sustainability committee

- Current weakness is lack of consistent application of green (sustainability) principles across all procurement
- Next step is to develop policy guidelines and specific green procurement training

To date we have been opportunistic in operations administration green procurement

- Paper
- Energy
- Motor vehicles
- Office refurbishment

Education and training of suppliers and contractors

- That is the most challenging aspect of green procurement
- Requires engagement
- VicSuper success stories to date:-
 - Property investment manager
 - Graphic designer
 - Waste management suppliers

Conclusion

- Sustainability as central operating principle lays the foundation
- Green procurement policies and training for all staff is required
- Engagement policies for suppliers and contractors is required