

Training Course on Sustainable Procurement

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Business	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. **Understand the Fundamentals of Sustainable Procurement:** Grasp the core principles and evolving definitions of sustainable procurement. (**Sustainable Procurement Basics, Responsible Sourcing Principles, Green Procurement Definition**)
2. **Identify Key Environmental Impacts in Procurement:** Recognize the environmental consequences associated with various procurement activities. (**Environmental Impact Assessment, Carbon Footprint in Procurement, Waste Reduction Strategies**)
3. **Integrate Social Considerations into Procurement:** Learn to address social and ethical issues within the supply chain. (**Ethical Sourcing, Fair Labor Practices, Human Rights in Supply Chains**)
4. **Develop Sustainable Procurement Policies and Strategies:** Acquire the skills to formulate and implement effective sustainability frameworks. (**Sustainable Procurement Policy Development, Green Procurement Strategy, ESG Integration in Procurement**)
5. **Conduct Life Cycle Assessments for Procurement Decisions:** Understand how to evaluate the environmental impact of products and services throughout their lifecycle. (**Life Cycle Assessment, Cradle-to-Grave Analysis, Environmental Footprinting**)
6. **Implement Supplier Evaluation and Selection Criteria:** Learn to assess and choose suppliers based on their sustainability performance. (**Sustainable Supplier Evaluation, ESG Supplier Assessment, Vendor Sustainability Scoring**)
7. **Manage and Monitor Sustainable Supply Chains:** Develop strategies for ongoing monitoring and improvement of sustainability practices within the supply chain. (**Sustainable Supply Chain Management, Supplier Performance Monitoring, Supply Chain Transparency**)
8. **Understand Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Sustainability:** Gain knowledge of relevant environmental and social regulations and standards. (**Sustainability Regulations, Environmental Compliance, Social Accountability Standards**)
9. **Promote Circular Economy Principles in Procurement:** Explore how to incorporate circularity into purchasing decisions to minimize waste and maximize resource utilization. (**Circular Economy in Procurement, Waste Management Strategies, Resource Efficiency**)

10. **Engage Stakeholders for Sustainable Procurement Initiatives:** Learn effective communication and collaboration strategies with internal and external stakeholders. (**Stakeholder Engagement, Supplier Collaboration, Cross-functional Sustainability Teams**)
11. **Leverage Technology for Sustainable Procurement:** Explore digital tools and platforms that can enhance transparency and efficiency in sustainable procurement. (**Technology in Sustainable Procurement, Digital Supply Chain Solutions, Procurement Analytics for Sustainability**)
12. **Measure and Report on Sustainable Procurement Performance:** Understand how to track, analyze, and communicate the impact of sustainable procurement initiatives. (**Sustainability Reporting, ESG Metrics, Impact Measurement**)
13. **Drive Innovation through Sustainable Procurement:** Identify opportunities to foster innovation and develop sustainable solutions through procurement practices. (**Sustainable Innovation, Green Technology Adoption, Circular Business Models**)

Organizational Benefits

- **Enhanced Reputation and Brand Image:** Demonstrating commitment to sustainability can significantly improve public perception and brand loyalty.
- **Reduced Operational Costs:** Implementing resource-efficient practices and minimizing waste can lead to significant cost savings.
- **Improved Risk Management:** Addressing environmental and social risks in the supply chain can enhance resilience and prevent disruptions.
- **Attracting and Retaining Talent:** Employees are increasingly drawn to organizations with strong sustainability values.
- **Compliance with Regulations:** Proactive adoption of sustainable practices can help meet evolving legal and regulatory requirements.
- **Increased Innovation:** Focusing on sustainability can drive the adoption of new technologies and business models.
- **Stronger Stakeholder Relationships:** Engaging with stakeholders on sustainability initiatives fosters trust and collaboration.
- **Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Aligning procurement practices with global sustainability targets.

Target Audience:

1. Procurement Managers and Specialists
2. Supply Chain Directors and Analysts
3. Sustainability Officers and Managers
4. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Professionals
5. Operations Managers
6. Risk Management Professionals
7. Finance and Investment Professionals
8. Anyone involved in purchasing decisions within an organization

Training Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Sustainable Procurement

- Defining Sustainable Procurement and its Importance
- The Business Case for Sustainable Procurement
- Key Drivers and Trends in Sustainable Procurement
- Overview of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Factors
- The Link Between Procurement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Module 2: Environmental Sustainability in Procurement

- Understanding Environmental Impacts of Procurement Activities
- Strategies for Reducing Carbon Footprint in the Supply Chain
- Promoting Energy and Water Efficiency through Procurement
- Waste Management and Circular Economy Principles in Purchasing
- Integrating Biodiversity Considerations into Procurement Decisions

Module 3: Social Sustainability and Ethical Sourcing

- Addressing Labor Standards and Human Rights in Supply Chains
- Promoting Fair Wages and Safe Working Conditions
- Combating Modern Slavery and Child Labor
- Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Procurement Practices
- Engaging with Local Communities and Promoting Social Value

Module 4: Sustainable Procurement Policies and Strategies

- Developing and Implementing Sustainable Procurement Policies
- Setting Sustainability Targets and KPIs for Procurement
- Integrating Sustainability into the Procurement Process
- Risk Assessment and Mitigation in Sustainable Supply Chains
- Communicating Sustainable Procurement Commitments

Module 5: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for Procurement

- Understanding the Principles and Methodology of LCA
- Applying LCA to Evaluate Product and Service Impacts
- Using LCA Data for Informed Procurement Decisions
- Identifying Opportunities for Environmental Improvement through LCA
- Tools and Resources for Conducting LCAs

Module 6: Sustainable Supplier Evaluation and Selection

- Developing Sustainability Criteria for Supplier Evaluation
- Assessing Supplier ESG Performance
- Conducting Supplier Audits and Risk Assessments
- Integrating Sustainability into the Supplier Selection Process
- Building Long-Term Sustainable Supplier Relationships

Module 7: Managing and Monitoring Sustainable Supply Chains

- Establishing Mechanisms for Monitoring Supplier Sustainability Performance
- Using Technology for Supply Chain Transparency and Traceability
- Addressing Non-Compliance and Implementing Corrective Actions
- Collaborating with Suppliers for Continuous Improvement
- Reporting on Supply Chain Sustainability Performance

Module 8: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Sustainability

- Overview of Key Environmental Regulations and Standards
- Understanding Social and Labor Laws Relevant to Procurement
- Navigating International Sustainability Agreements and Conventions
- Ensuring Compliance with Anti-Corruption and Ethical Conduct Policies
- Future Trends in Sustainability Legislation

Module 9: Promoting the Circular Economy through Procurement

- Designing for Circularity and Reducing Waste
- Sourcing Recycled and Recyclable Materials
- Implementing Product-as-a-Service Models
- Facilitating Product Take-Back and End-of-Life Management
- Collaborating with Suppliers on Circular Economy Initiatives

Module 10: Stakeholder Engagement in Sustainable Procurement

- Identifying Key Stakeholders in the Procurement Process
- Developing Effective Communication Strategies
- Engaging with Suppliers, NGOs, and Local Communities
- Building Partnerships for Sustainability Initiatives
- Addressing Stakeholder Concerns and Feedback

Module 11: Leveraging Technology for Sustainable Procurement

- Exploring Digital Platforms for Supplier Management
- Utilizing Data Analytics for Sustainability Insights
- Implementing Blockchain for Supply Chain Transparency
- Adopting E-Procurement Tools for Efficiency and Sustainability
- The Role of AI in Sustainable Procurement

Module 12: Measuring and Reporting on Sustainable Procurement Performance

- Identifying Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Sustainable Procurement
- Collecting and Analyzing Sustainability Data
- Developing Sustainability Reports for Internal and External Stakeholders
- Using Reporting Frameworks and Standards (e.g., GRI, SASB)
- Communicating the Value and Impact of Sustainable Procurement

Module 13: Driving Innovation through Sustainable Procurement

- Identifying Opportunities for Sustainable Innovation in Procurement
- Collaborating with Suppliers on Developing Sustainable Solutions
- Promoting Green Technology Adoption
- Supporting the Development of Circular Business Models
- Fostering a Culture of Sustainability and Innovation within Procurement

Module 14: Sustainable Procurement in Specific Industries (Examples)

- Sustainable Procurement in the Fashion Industry
- Sustainable Procurement in the Construction Sector
- Sustainable Procurement in the Food and Beverage Industry
- Sustainable Procurement in the Technology Sector
- Sustainable Procurement in the Public Sector

Module 15: The Future of Sustainable Procurement

- Emerging Trends and Challenges in Sustainable Procurement
- The Role of Procurement in Achieving Net-Zero Emissions
- The Increasing Importance of Scope 3 Emissions in Procurement
- Developing a Long-Term Vision for Sustainable Procurement
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development in Sustainable Procurement

Training Methodology:

This training course will employ a blended learning approach incorporating:

- **Interactive Lectures and Presentations:** Providing foundational knowledge and insights.
- **Case Studies and Real-World Examples:** Illustrating practical application of concepts.
- **Group Discussions and Collaborative Exercises:** Fostering peer learning and knowledge sharing.
- **Practical Tools and Templates:** Enabling participants to apply learnings in their work.
- **Online Resources and Materials:** Providing supplementary information and ongoing support.
- **Quizzes and Assessments:** Evaluating understanding and reinforcing learning.
- **Guest Speaker Sessions (Optional):** Featuring industry experts and best practices.

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Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
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