



# Sustainable Procurement in Manitoba

In 2007 a consortium of public purchasers met to discuss the current initiatives to support sustainable procurement in Manitoba. The discussions identified a need for a web based tool to provide practical knowledge to public purchasers.

A Sustainable Procurement website working group was established with representatives from public sector organizations including crown corporations, local governments, school divisions, universities, colleges, health authorities and non-profit organizations. In January 2008, the working group began meeting on a monthly basis to develop the architecture and content of the website. The working group functions under a Terms of Reference with support from many provincial public purchasers.

## **Background**

It was developed in response to the needs identified by a consortium of public purchasers, who need practical information to ensure they meet the procurement requirements that are set out in the provincial Sustainable Development Act. The website is maintained by a public sector working group with expertise in public sector procurement and sustainable development.

Over the years, many private sector (non-government) businesses in Manitoba have expressed an interest in sustainable procurement and also look for practical tools to support their sustainable purchasing decisions. Further, these organizations have noted the need for a Manitoba based procurement resource that takes into consideration the environmental and social legislation important to Manitobans. This website also provides residents with information on the environmental and social considerations that may be considered by public procurers during procurement decisions.

Information specific to provincial government and public sector organizations (eg. Crown Corporations, Reginal Health Authorities, Municipalities etc.), such as notifications to upcoming meetings, are available through membership access.

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