

**Introduction**

As Civil Engineers, Building Contractors and Developers, GEDA have varying degrees of influence on the specification and use of materials in the construction of projects on which we work. GEDA operates its business in an environmentally sustainable manner and through the dedication of our trained staff we will strive to influence positively all people and schemes we come into contact with.

We recognise that by implementing a Sustainable Procurement Policy we can continue to buy competitively through effective supply chain management while continuing to be an environmentally and socially responsible company.

**GEDA commitments:**

- All purchasing in the company is carried out in strict accordance with the GEDA Procurement Procedure.
- Maintain and improve our environmental processes under ISO 14001 and quality systems under ISO 9001 to ensure efficient and effective procurement processes.
- To educate our work force in all aspects of environmental awareness in relation to the selection of appropriate materials through to the best practice of use on site to minimise waste.
- GEDA aim to employ only those professional service providers, subcontractors and suppliers who can demonstrate sound environmental credentials.
- Register all significant projects under the relevant body e.g. Considerate Constructors Scheme, Ecovadis, Breeam to allow the results of our actions to be publicly assessed and rated for our client's assurance.
- Employ regular meeting and inspection controls at site level to ensure standards are maintained.
- To help educate our industry through our continual promotion of all aspects of environmental and social matters through collaboration meetings with industrial groups.
- To continually monitor the environmental impacts of our activities and the results of our control measures.

**What we expect of our Supply Chain:**

- To source materials in accordance with sustainable accreditation schemes sources such as PEFC and FSC where possible.
- To deliver goods and services to us to pre agreed specifications, on time and to agreed cost with the minimum impact on the environment, minimising damage or waste. Our target is zero damage or waste.
- To deliver goods to us using operatives who are educated and aware of the direct impact of their actions on the environment in relation to their actions on site.

- To be aware of any innovations in the market place that may offer environmental improvements.

**What we expect of our professional service providers:**

- To adhere closely to the brief given and to work at all times to excel in the delivery of the service.
- Where possible to hold or be working towards achieving an accredited environmental and quality qualifications.
- To regularly review the types of materials and processes being put forward with a view to only offering the best environmental solutions.
- To maintain excellent lines of communication by responding promptly to client requests and 3rd party correspondence minimising unnecessary meeting and travel time.

GEDA will carefully balance economic and ethical issues to continue to lead, educate and inform all parties involved in the construction process in an effort to minimise environmental impacts and promote corporate and social responsibility.

This policy is collaborated with the following GEDA policies and activities:

Environmental Policy, Waste Management responsibilities, Training and Development Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy and Business in the Community pledge.

This policy shall be reviewed and revised as necessary or on at least an annual basis.



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