



# Procurement Services The University as Corporate Citizens

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# Vendor Code of Conduct – Social & Environmental Responsibility

## Background

- University Commitment
  - <http://www.csr.uconn.edu>
    - Approved by the President's Cabinet on January 7, 2013
    - Procurement Approach
  - Transition period has started
    - Existing vendor pool vs. new contractual relationships
  - Work with OACE to manage complaints and/or concerns with vendor community

# Vendor Code of Conduct – Social & Environmental Responsibility

## Principal Expectations

- Nondiscrimination
- Collective Bargaining
- Fair Labor Standards
- Employee Health & Safety
- Environmental Compliance
- Prohibits forced or child labor

## Preferential Standards

- Living Wages
- Human Rights
- Environmentally Sustainable

## Products & Services

- Recycled Content, Recyclable, Energy Efficient, Organic, Biodegradable, etc.

# Initiative Updates and Goals

## Procurement Update

- Procurement Services Progress Status
  - **Sourcing:** bid documents contain Vendor Code of Conduct language and University's commitment
  - **Contracting and Purchase Orders:** language contains University's expectations and defines vendor's responsibilities

## Strategic Goals

### Develop Campus Empowerment Model

- Affords University campus ability to support vendors that embrace the Code of Conduct
- Encourages vendor community to embrace UConn's leadership role within Corporate Social Responsibility efforts
- Complements existing State contracting requirements
  - Non-Discrimination certification
  - Supplier Diversity with S/MBEs and CT Based business initiatives
  - Sustainability efforts

# Existing Sourcing Practices

## Environmentally Preferred Requirements - Connecticut General Statutes

- CGS 4a-67 Procedures promoting the procurement and use of recycled products and environmentally preferable projects and services by State agencies
- CGS 4a-67a Plan to increase State purchase of goods containing recyclable materials and goods capable of being recycled or remanufactured
- CGS 4a-67b Elimination of use of disposable and single-use projects in State government
- CGS 4a-67c Equipment and appliances for State use, energy standards
- CGS 4a-67d Purchase of cars and light duty trucks; Gasoline mileage ratings; Exemption; Alternative fuel vehicles required to be purchased
- CGS 4a-67e Standards for purchase of recycled paper
- CGS 4a-67f Specifications for printing and writing paper
- CGS 4a-67g Recycling and remanufacturing of laser printer toner cartridges
- CGS 4b-15a An Act concerning the use of cleaning projects in the state buildings

# Existing Sourcing Practices - Continued

## Procurement through ISO certified Consortia: The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

- UConn is procuring good and services in a socially responsible manner via TCPN consortia agreements
- TCPN's procedures (including sourcing and contracting) have been ISO 9000 Certified for the past ten years
- TCPN's procedures are independently audited twice a year
- ISO certification provides a benchmark and encourages transparency and accountability

# Existing Contract Language

- In furtherance of its longstanding commitment to fundamental human rights, to the dignity of all people, and to the environment, the University has developed the Code of Conduct for University of Connecticut Vendors (the “Vendor Code of Conduct”). Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the Vendor Code of Conduct. A copy of the Vendor Code of Conduct is available at <http://csr.uconn.edu/>. The Vendor Code of Conduct is hereby incorporated herein by reference to the extent Contractor is required to comply with the same pursuant to this section.

Contractor agrees to comply with the “Principal Expectations” described in the Vendor Code of Conduct. Contractor further agrees to comply with the “Preferential Standards” described in the Vendor Code of Conduct, to the extent a commitment to so comply, or a representation of compliance, was provided by Contractor to the University in writing. Any such commitment or representation is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Contractor agrees to provide the University with such evidence of Contractor’s compliance with this section as the University reasonably requests and to, at the request of the University, provide a comprehensive, annual summary report of Contractor’s corporate social and environmental practices.

# Challenges and Path Forward

- Empowering Choice at UConn  
[www.purchasing.uconn.edu/uconn-contracts](http://www.purchasing.uconn.edu/uconn-contracts)

