

Green Procurement Guidelines

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1. Introduction

SoftBank Corp. ("the Company") undertakes voluntary initiatives to contribute to the development of a sustainable society. In addition, the "Supplier Code of Conduct" is published to encourage stakeholders in the supply chain to take a CSR-based approach toward corporate management that earns the confidence of stakeholders, including customers, shareholders, employees, business partners, and society.

In addition, we established the Green Procurement Guidelines ("the Guidelines") and are promoting environmentally-conscious procurement activities based on these Guidelines. We believe that we need to further strengthen our efforts to reduce CO2 emissions from a perspective of global environmental conservation.

2. Purpose of Establishment

The Guidelines present the Company's basic philosophy on green purchasing to our suppliers. It aims to promote the introduction of products that contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions through the provision of the Guidelines.

Specific requirements and evaluation items for each procurement item shall be specified in the specifications and request documents individually presented by the Company.

3. Scope of Application

The Guidelines shall apply to IT equipment, including telecommunications equipment, servers, routers, switching hubs, and other equipment procured for use in services provided by the Company, as well as facility equipment such as power supply facilities, air conditioning facilities, office buildings, and ancillary facilities installed as telecommunication infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as "Target Equipment").

4. Definitions

(1) The terminology used in these Guidelines shall be in accordance with the provisions of ISO14001.

(2) "Supplier Code of Conduct" refers to a code that the Company requires suppliers to comply with, including the following 14 items: "Concern for the environment," "Information security," "Fair competition," "Ensure quality and safety," "Consideration for Human Rights," "Occupational safety and health," "Prohibition of child labor," "Prohibition of forced labor," "Prohibition of discrimination and inhumane treatment," "Working hours," "Fair payment," "Freedom of association," "Responsible mineral procurement," and "Coexistence with local communities."

The Company publishes the 14 items on its website to help suppliers understand the issues.

5. Policies for Initiatives

The Company conducts all purchasing activities based on its "Procurement Policy" established to maintain fair business relations with suppliers.

Procurement Policy stipulates eight items: "providing fair competition opportunities," "selecting reasonable business partners," "complying with laws and regulations," "managing confidential information," "fostering mutual confidence," "protecting the environment," "prohibiting private relations," and "engaging in CSR activities." The content of each item is disclosed on the website and disseminated to related parties inside and outside the company to gain their understanding.

<https://www.softbank.jp/corp/csr/responsibility/stakeholders/dealer/policy/>[\(Link\)](#)

(1) Positioning of the Guidelines

The Guidelines stipulate more concrete measures for environmental conservation in the Procurement Policy in accordance with the content of the Ecology Guidelines for the ICT Industry (hereinafter referred to as "Ecology Guidelines") stipulated by Ecology Guidelines for the ICT Industry Council.

(2) Operation of the Guidelines

The Guidelines are used to further strengthen efforts to reduce CO2 emissions based on Procurement Policy's environmental conservation policy, and they are applied to procurements from all suppliers.

However, when procurement activities are carried out using the Guidelines, balance with other items stipulated in Procurement Policy are considered.

(3) Requests from suppliers

The Company highly appreciates voluntary and proactive initiatives and proposals, and asks its business partners for the following:

1. Establishment and operation of an environmental management system based on ISO14001 and other certifications related to the International Standard for Environmental Management Systems.
2. Provide information and data on the energy-saving performance of the Target Equipment as requested by the Company.
3. Continuously propose and provide highly energy-efficient Target Equipment at reasonable prices.

6. Procurement Standards

(1) If listed in Ecology Guidelines

1. As a general rule, after the "approximate timeline to realize the standard values" in the Ecology Guidelines, Target Equipment that satisfies the standard values specified in the Ecology Guidelines (two-rank values of the marks shown in the five-rank rating) will be

added to the selection targets for selecting suppliers.

In selecting suppliers, we consider the energy savings as well as the performance and economic rationality required by the Company.

2. Before "approximate timeline to realize standard values" in the Ecology Guidelines

If the Target Equipment that meets the above-mentioned criteria can be procured, the purchase order destination is selected according to the same procurement criteria as in the aforementioned 1. If procurement is not possible, the Target Equipment that has more energy savings than the Target Equipment that has been purchased so far will be added to the selection target.

(2) If not listed in the Ecology Guidelines

When there are official standards, such as the Top Runner Standards stipulated in the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy, we select suppliers by applying these standards *mutatis mutandis*.

When purchasing products that do not meet the official standards described above, we will strive to procure products that have higher energy savings by referring to the information and data provided by our business partners or the data disclosed by third-party organizations.

7. Other

The Guidelines shall be reviewed periodically in light of policy trends, changes in the social environment, technological trends, and the prevalence of applicable equipment.