

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT STATEMENT

Tender No.: _____ **Bidder's Name:** _____

The City of Toronto Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy encourages bidders to also offer products/services which are environmentally preferred. Environmentally preferred products/services offered must be competitive in cost, conform to specifications, performance requirements and, be suitable for the intended application as determined by the using division(s).

Environmentally preferred products/services are those such as durable products, reusable products, energy efficient products, low pollution products/services, products (including those used in services) containing maximum levels of post-consumer waste and/or recyclable content, and products which provide minimal impact to the environment.

An environmentally preferred product is one that is less harmful to the environment than the next best alternative having characteristics including, but limited to the following:

1. Reduce waste and make efficient use of resources: An Environmentally Preferred Product would be a product that is more energy, fuel, or water efficient, or that uses less paper, ink, or other resources. For example, energy-efficient lighting, and photocopiers capable of double-sided photocopying.
2. Are reusable or contain reusable parts: These products such as rechargeable batteries, reusable building partitions, and laser printers with refillable toner cartridges.
3. Are recyclable: A product will be considered to be an Environmentally Preferred Product if local facilities exist capable of recycling the product at the end of its useful life.
4. Contain recycled materials: An Environmentally Preferred Product contains post-consumer recycled content. An example is paper products made from recycled post-consumer fibre.
5. Produce fewer polluting by-products and/or safety hazards during manufacture, use or disposal: An Environmentally Preferred Product would be a non-hazardous product that replaces a hazardous product.
6. Have a long service-life and/or can be economically and effectively repaired or upgraded.

Bidders shall if requested, provide written verification of any environmental claims made in their bid/proposal satisfactory to the City of Toronto within five(5) working days of request at no cost to the City. Verification may include, but not be limited to, certification to recognized environmental program (e.g., Environmental Choice Program [ECP]), independent laboratory tests or manufacturer's certified tests. Only proven environmentally preferred products/services shall be offered. Experimental or prototype products/services will not be considered.

For a copy of the City of Toronto Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy, contact the Purchasing and Materials Management Division at (416) 392-7303 or (416) 392-0387.

State if environmentally preferred products/service is being offered: YES _____ NO _____

State briefly the environmental benefit of the product/service offered:
