

Chapter 10 - Sustainable Development

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1. DWP supports the main goal set out in the UK Strategy for Sustainable Development, Securing the Future – 2005, which is to “enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations”.
2. The UK Strategy for Sustainable Development has four main aims:
 - social progress that recognises the needs of everyone;
 - effective protection of the environment;
 - prudent use of natural resources; and
 - maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth.
3. On the 1st April 2011 the UK Government brought in the [Greening Government Operations and Procurement \(GGOP\)](#) targets to replace the Sustainable Operations on the Government Estate (SOGE) targets which have been in place since June 2006. DWP, along with all other Government departments are committed to deliver these targets as a minimum and we want all of our suppliers/providers to be equally focussed to deliver a more sustainable business.
4. When delivering services outside the DWP estate, you (including your subcontractors) should, where possible, make all reasonable endeavours to comply with the principles set out in the UK Strategy for Sustainable Development and the GGOP targets.
5. When delivering services on the DWP estate (Jobcentre Plus premises) you (including your subcontractors) will work with DWP to assist in making progress towards the GGOP targets and the wider sustainable development principles (For example, by adhering to any local policies relating to the environment/sustainable development).
6. You will be required to complete a policy statement (six months after the contract start date) to demonstrate how you will satisfy and adhere to the principles of sustainable development.
7. As part of this policy statement, you will need to give an assurance that your waste is disposed of by a registered waste collector, in accordance with current regulations, and that items such as ink cartridges and toners are

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recycled or disposed of in the correct way. Assurance must also be provided that Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations are observed with regard to the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.

8. You must produce a plan relating to sustainable development (six months after the contract start date) to explain:
 - how waste produced will be minimised and the promotion of recycling within your business;
 - how energy consumption will be minimised;
 - how the use of transport will be minimised and how you will promote the use of public transport;
 - how staff awareness of sustainability will be increased; and
 - provide:
 - details of a baseline assessment of your current position in terms of waste minimisation, recycling levels and energy consumption (energy consumption will only be required if current energy usage is available); and
 - annual estimates of the progress made in your plan.

The above should form part of the plan relating to sustainable development.

9. The policy statement and plan must be provided when requested by DWP (this will be 6 months after the contract start date). Both the policy statement and plan must be contract specific and also reflect all sub contractors involved in delivery of the contract.
10. Sustainability must be integrated into services so that they are delivered through a sustainable, innovative and productive economy that delivers high levels of employment and a just society that promotes social inclusion, sustainable communities and personal well being. This will be done in ways that protect and enhance the physical and natural environment and uses resources and energy as efficiently as possible.
11. Provision will improve the employability of participants and deliver environmental or community benefits by:
 - using innovative methods (including those that reduce travel requirements) to deliver services;
 - supporting skills and jobs that will work towards improving conservation;

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- identifying skills needed in work areas that will have a positive effect on the environment;
- reducing skills gaps locally; and
- providing placements delivered through local and charitable organisations.